

ST. LUKE'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC)

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TRINITY SUNDAY

May 26, 2024

Ericka Wiechmann

10:30 am

Organist

HYMN 246 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS:

Luke 18:9-14

P: Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves

C: That they were righteous, and despised others:

P: Two men went up to the temple to pray,

C: One a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

P: The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself:

C: "God, I thank You that I am not like other men—

P: Extortioners, unjust,

C: Adulterers, or even as this tax collector.

P: I fast twice a week;

C: I give tithes of all that I possess."

P: And the tax collector, standing afar off,

C: Would not so much as raise *his* eyes to heaven,

P: But beat his breast, saying,

C: "God, be merciful to me a sinner!"

P: I tell you, this man went down to his house justified

C: Rather than the other;

P: For everyone who exalts himself

C: Will be humbled,

P: And he who humbles himself

C: Will be exalted.

HYMN 324 vv. 1, 7 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

1. Jesus sinners doth receive:
Oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin's delusions live
And from God and heaven wander!
Here is hope for all who grieve—
Jesus sinners doth receive!

7. Now my conscience is at peace,
From the Law I stand acquitted;
Christ hath purchased my release
And my every sin remitted!
Naught remains my soul to grieve—
Jesus sinners doth receive! Amen

EPISTLE: Romans 11:33-36 Paul marveled at the ways and wisdom of the Lord! In particular he was considering how the rejection of Christ by the Jews opened the door of faith to the Gentiles! The Gentiles in turn reached back to the Jews to bring them to Christ! A marvel! Today on Trinity Sunday, we similarly marvel at another unfathomable mystery, that God is three yet one! His essence, His ways, and His wisdom are beyond us!

GOSPEL Matthew 3:13-17 At the baptism of Jesus the three persons of the Triune God are in evidence. God the Son was baptized at the Jordan River for our sins. God the Holy Spirit descended from heaven upon Him, in appearance like a dove to be His counselor and aide. God the Father spoke from heaven words of divine approval. There are three distinct “*persons.*” Yet, as stated in the Old Testament, one divine “*being*”: “Hear, O Israel, the LORD, our God, the LORD, is one” (Deuteronomy 6:4). His interest and glory is your salvation!

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Note: 1. “*catholic*” with small “*c*” rightfully means “*universal, Christian*”

2. “*he, therefore, that will be saved must thus think of the Trinity*”

This Creed is a statement of the teaching of the Bible.

Explaining the Trinity so as to satisfy human logic is error.

Trusting sinful human reason damns.

3. “*and they that have done good shall go into life everlasting*”

Doing good because one has been given heaven in Christ is right

Doing good in order to get to heaven is not meant here and is wrong

HYMN 239 Come, Thou Almighty King!

SERMON: Genesis 1:1-3

BEYOND YOUR GRASP FROM THE BEGINNING!

¹*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
And the earth was without form, and void;
and darkness was upon the face of the deep.*

²*And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.*

³*And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.*

Offering and Offering Prayer

PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 250 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name!

Closing Prayer

BENEDICTION

HYMN 577 God, Bless Our Native land!

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THE ATHANASIAN CREED:

The three creeds or statements of belief of the early Christian Church were The Apostles' Creed, The Nicene Creed, and The Athanasian Creed. Christian churches still confess and hold to these three creeds today. Of the three, the Athanasian Creed is the longest and the least used. It is often read on Trinity Sunday.

The Athanasian Creed expounds the Scriptural teaching of the Trinity:

1) The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are each distinctly different, not just three names for the same identity. 2) The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit each are fully God, not just 1/3 God. 3) Yet the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are only one Being—one God—not three gods! These truths are illogical and beyond our understanding, a mystery, which we accept by faith.

The Athanasian Creed also declares a second Scriptural teaching which is beyond our understanding—that our Lord Jesus Christ is the God-man, true God and true man in one person. He is not divided into two personalities—the God Jesus and the man Jesus. He is not, by some sort of mixture, half-God and half-man. He is fully God and fully man in one person. He lived without sin (God), died for our sin (man), and rose for our salvation (God)! This also is a mystery we accept by faith.

“TRINITY” AND “TRIUNE”: Although the words “trinity” and “triune” are not found in the Bible; they are words that well express what the Bible teaches about God. He is three, yet one. Tri – une.

WHO WAS ATHANASIUS? Athanasius was one of the early church fathers who lived during the 300's AD. In the early church there was disagreement and misunderstanding regarding the essence of God. At the general church council held in 381 AD at Constantinople (Istanbul today), Athanasius led the way in bringing theologians and delegates to a correct Biblical understanding of the Godhead and the Trinity. The Athanasian Creed was written about two hundred years later and named in his honor.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

6/2 10:30 Worship with COMMUNION 9:30 Bible Class, if desired.
6/9 10:30 Worship 9:30 Bible Class, if desired.
6/16 10:30 Worship with COMMUNION 9:30 Bible Class, if desired.

SUMMER WORSHIP: This summer worship time remains at **10:30**.

PROSPECTUS FOR 2024 CONVENTION: The Prospectus for this summer's CLC Convention is available. Reports from all synod Boards are contained therein. Two binders are on the table in the entry area. Please review the copies as you wish, and return them for others to read. Forward any thoughts you may have on the Prospectus to Pastor K. Thank you!

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CHURCH CLEANING: June—Ericka W. and Autumn W. Thank you!

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