



*The Three in One and The One in
Three*

Ebenezer Picnic

Trinity Sunday

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AS WE GATHER: Today the Church celebrates Trinity Sunday. It is a day to bask in the wonder of knowing the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—who has been revealed to us in the Scriptures. While we often think about the three persons of the Trinity having their own areas of expertise (the Father creates, the Son redeems, the Spirit sanctifies), the Readings for today focus on how the three persons of the Trinity work together in every task. In the Old Testament Reading from Genesis, we see all three persons are present and active in the creation of the world. In our Reading from Acts, we see all three persons active in the salvation of the world. And in the Holy Gospel from Matthew, we see that all three persons are active in the new life we have as baptized children of God.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP: Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son to be both Lord and Messiah for us. By Your Holy Spirit, keep us in the one true faith which professes the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity; through our Lord and Messiah, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

HYMN “Come, Thou Almighty King” *LW* 169

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

People: Through His Word, God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

Pastor: The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep.

People: And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

Pastor: Creation begins with the presence and activity of all three persons of the Trinity.

People: Our lives as Christians begin in Baptism in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: We are gathered to worship and glorify the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: The Trinity acts together to begin creation, to begin our Christian lives, and to begin our worship today.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Despite the perfect creation by the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we all have fallen into sin and failed to live as holy and perfect creatures. Let us confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

People: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your

glory above the heavens! Yet we have failed to proclaim Your majestic name in our communities. We have denied Your glory and sought our own glory. We see Your mighty works, wonders, and signs every day, but we often fail to find delight in them. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus. Lead us by Your Spirit.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for Your sins. Jesus Christ was crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men, but God raised Him up, loosing the chains of death. God has given all authority in heaven and on earth to Jesus, who is both Lord and Christ. He has sent the Holy Spirit, who has called, gathered, and kept you in the one true faith of your Baptism. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. We are forgiven. The Holy Trinity works together to accomplish our forgiveness and salvation.

CREED *Athanasian Creed, Part 1*

Pastor: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the Holy Christian Church's faith.

People: Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.

Pastor: And the Holy Christian Church's faith is this,

People: that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.

Pastor: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

People: But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.

Pastor: Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

People: the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

Pastor: the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

People: the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.

Pastor: And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,

People: just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.

Pastor: In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;

People: and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.

Pastor: So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

People: and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

Pastor: So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

People: and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

Pastor: Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the Holy Christian Church's religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

KYRIE

(Sung to *LW* 126)

For the peace from heav'n above,
For the Church and all we love,
As we gather 'round God's Word,
Hear our pray'r, O risen Lord: Have mercy,
Lord.

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HYMN OF PRAISE Psalm 8 “How Great Thou Art” *LW*
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1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Chorus:

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, My Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

2. When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

Chorus

3. And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Chorus

4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"

Chorus

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 1:1–2:4a* (Our triune God creates the heavens and the earth.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**
CREED *Athanasian Creed, Part 2*

Pastor: The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.

- People:** **The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.**
- Pastor: The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.
- People:** **Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.**
- Pastor: And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;
- People:** **but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.**
- Pastor: Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

SECOND READING *Acts 2:14a, 22–36* (Peter’s Pentecost sermon focuses on Jesus as both Lord and Christ.)

VERSES “Holy God, We Praise Your Name” *LW 171*

Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim,
All in heaven above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,
Everlasting is your reign.

Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name you,
Though in essence only one;
Undivided God we claim you
And, adoring, bend the knee
While we own the mystery.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 28:16–20* (Jesus sends His disciples to make disciples by teaching and baptizing in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Athanasian Creed, Part 3

Pastor: But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.

Pastor: He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:

People: perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;

Pastor: equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

People: Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:

Pastor: one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;

People: one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

Pastor: For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,

People: who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,

Pastor: ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

People: At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.

Pastor: And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

People: This is the Holy Christian Church's faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Holy, Holy, Holy" *LW* 168;

SERMON

HYMN "Create in Me" *LW* page 143

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me, Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “We Give Thee But Thine Own” (Public Domain)

1. We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
2. May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our first-fruits give!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN “The Lord, My God, Be Praised” *LW* 174

The Lord, my God, be praised,
My light, my life from heaven;
My maker, who to me
Has soul and body given;
My Father, who will shield
And keep me day by day
And make each moment yield
New blessings on my way.

The Lord, my God, be praised,
My god, the ever living,
To whom the heavenly host
Their laud and praise are giving.
The Lord, my God, be praised,
In whose great name I boast,
God Father, God the Son,
And God the Holy Ghost.

PRAAYER: Blessed Lord, who has caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24–26*

People: Amen.

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OUR MISSION AND MINISTRY

We welcome our members and guests who are here with us today. May the Lord refresh you with peace and love during our worship service on this Day of the Holy Trinity. Please join us here at Ebenezer again soon! Please sign the guest register near the front entrance with your name, address and Church affiliation. Thank you!

Welcome – We welcome all who are here to attend our Annual Church Picnic. We hope you will enjoy! Please have ice cream and participate in our silent auction.

Note on the Silent Auction - There will be a copy of the list of auction items received on the table in the back of church. Bid numbers will be available.

Thrivent Financial - The year to date income for the church from Thrivent Choice money is \$10,314. Thank you for taking the time to direct your Choice dollars and keep up the good work.

Stewardship Thoughts for Trinity Sunday - Matthew 28:19-20 “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” Behold the threefold Name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is the Name we are baptized into. We have been made a part of God’s family. And so we are now called to live lives that are in harmony with our new family: we are to be godly, to live in God’s image. As God is loving, and kind, and generous – so are we called to be.

Correction: In the letter sent out for our Vacation Bible School to the community had the wrong web address a colon was omitted. The correct web address is:
<http://vbsmate.com/EbenezerLutheranPortHudsonMissouri>

Bible Study on Lutheran Worship Starts this Thursday morning June 15 at 10:00 AM. Worship - The Lutheran Difference Series by Rev. Steven Mueller with contributions by Rev. Edward Engelbrecht (former member of Ebenezer) The following is an introduction to the Study:

“I’m having trouble understanding you Lutherans.”

“Why’s that?”

“Well, you preach and pray like Baptists but your worship services are just like the Roman Catholics.”

“I’ve always thought our worship tradition was unique.”

“Well, why should tradition matter at all? Shouldn’t we just follow the Bible?”

As Lutherans interact with other Christians, they often find themselves struggling to explain their beliefs and practices. Although many Lutherans have learned the “what” of the doctrines of the church, they do not always have a full scriptural foundation to share the “why.” When confronted with different doctrines, they cannot clearly state their faith, much less understand the differences between denominations. Because of insecurities about explaining particular doctrines or practices, some Lutherans may avoid opportunities to share what they have learned from Christ and His Word. The Lutheran Difference Bible study series will identify how Lutherans differ from other Christians and demonstrate from the Bible why Lutherans differ. These studies will prepare Lutherans to share their faith and help non-Lutherans understand the Lutheran difference.

VBS - It is almost Vacation Bible School time! Our theme for VBS this year is “**Mighty Fortress – In Jesus the Victory Is Won!**” Kids confidently celebrate that Jesus, their champion, has won the victory over sin, death, and Satan; that He acts through His Word and keeps His promises. God’s victory is shown in the Bible accounts of the fall of Jericho, God’s rescue of King Hezekiah’s kingdom, King Josiah’s reading of God’s Word, the Savior King’s triumphal entry, and Jesus’ victory through His death and resurrection.

Our mission projects for this year are Grace’s Place in Washington, MO, Otis Woodard’s Lutheran Outreach of St. Louis, and backpacks loaded with school supplies for area

public schools. If anyone would like to donate toward the mission projects, we are accepting nonperishable food, hygiene supplies, and new school supplies (see the supply list in the newsletter).

In order to remember our 2017 VBS the children will be designing a T-shirt. Each child should bring a prewashed t-shirt (without fabric softener) on Monday, July 24, 2017.

Registration can be done online at:

<http://vbsmate.com/EbenezerLutheranPortHudsonMissouri>

Closing program will be Friday, July 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

New School Supply Collection List VBS 2017

The following is a list of items that we are collecting for distribution to the local public schools in our area.

Pencil Sharpeners

#2 Pencils (Pack of 12) Dixon or Ticonderoga Brand

Pens – Black or Blue ink Pentel RSVP or Papermate Brand

Tissues – Rectangular box

Dry Erase Markers – Expo Brand

Small pencil case or pouch

Back Pack – Elementary School Size

Crayola Brand Crayons 24 count box

Wet Wipes

Crayola Brand Wide Tip Markers Packs of 8

Crayola Brand Fine Tip Markers Packs of 10

Wooden Rulers

Spiral Notebooks – Wide Lined

Child Scissors

Beveled erasers

Glue Sticks – Elmers or Scotch Brand

Those Serving Today

Organist Saturday	Jolene Schultz
Organist Sunday	Jennifer Huellinghoff
Head Usher Saturday	Tracey Bade
Head Usher Sunday	Wilbert Baumann
Altar Guild	Barb Gilbert and Mary Adams
Acolytes	Confirmation Class
Bell Ringer	Jeff Hohlt

Offerings and Attendance
June 3 & 4, 2017

Weekly Contributions	\$2,496.00
Plate	251.00
Sunday School	14.66
Biblesticks	<u>25.00</u>
	\$2,786.66

Attendance:	Saturday Worship	20
	Sunday Worship	59

Sunday School Attendance:	Children	3
	Adults	14

This Week at Ebenezer

Tuesday	Pastor to St. Louis
Thursday	Bible Study 10:00 AM
Saturday	Worship with Holy Communion 5:00 PM