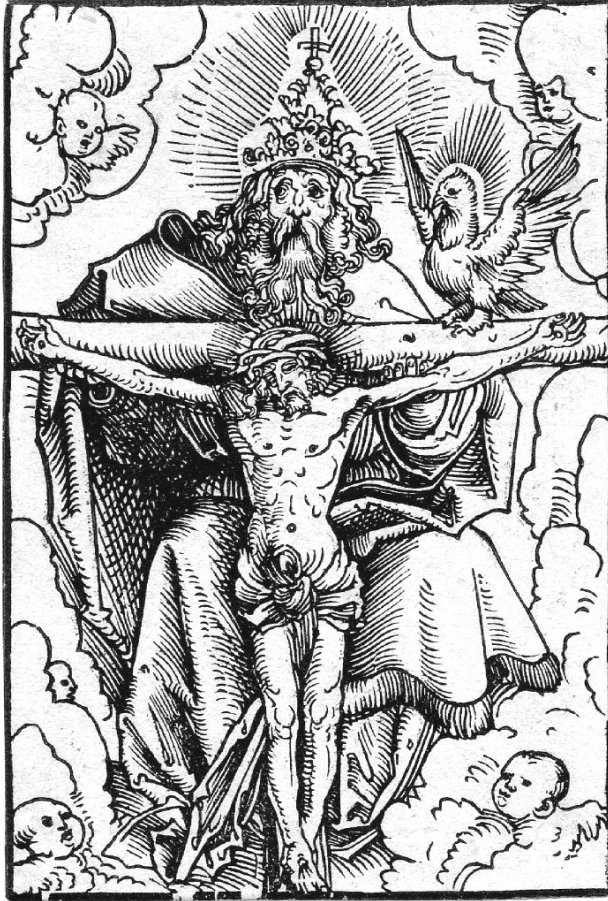


HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

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SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Hymn ----- Come, Now, Almighty King

CW 193

1. Come, now, almighty King; Help us your name to sing;
Help us to praise.
Father all-glorious, O'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.
2. Come, now, incarnate Word; Put on your mighty sword;
Our prayer attend.
Come and your people bless, And give your Word success;
Grant us your righteousness, Savior and Friend.
3. Come, holy Comforter; Your sacred witness bear
In this glad hour.
Your sev'nfold gifts impart; Now rule in ev'ry heart;
Never from us depart, Spirit of Pow'r.
4. To the great One in Three Eternal praises be
Forevermore!
His sov'reign majesty May we in glory see
And to eternity Love and adore.

Stand.

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSON OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and

penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of 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.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O Lord, Our Lord



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;



you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the



King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

Prayer of the Day

M: 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.



Be seated.

THE WORD

First Lesson ----- Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each one had six wings. With two they covered their faces. With two they covered their feet. With two they flew. One called to another and said,

Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of Armies!
The whole earth is full of his glory!

The foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of the one who called, and the temple was filled with smoke.

Then I said, "I am doomed! I am ruined, be-

cause I am a man with unclean lips, and I dwell among a people with unclean lips, and because my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of Armies!"

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, carrying a glowing coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. He touched my mouth with the coal and said, "Look, this has touched your lips, so your guilt is taken away, and your sin is forgiven."

Then I heard the Lord's voice, saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"

Then I said, "Here I am. Send me!"

Refrain

I will praise your name forever, my King and my God.

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

You have set your glory above the heavens.

When I consider your heavens,*

the work of your fingers,

what is man that you are mindful of him,*

the Son of Man that you care for him?

Refrain

You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings*

and crowned him with glory and honor.

You made him ruler over the works of your hands;*

you put everything under his feet.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*

and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning,*

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and
knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are his judgments
and how untraceable his ways!

“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his adviser?”

“Or who has first given to God
that he will be repaid?”

For from him and through him and to him are all
things.

To him be the glory forever! Amen.

Verse of the Day

Isaiah 6:3

M: Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Armies! The whole earth is full of his glory! Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Stand.

Gospel ----- John 3:1-15

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these miraculous signs you are doing unless God is with him."

Jesus replied, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can

he?"

Jesus answered, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God! Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh. Whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be surprised when I tell you that you must be born from above. The wind blows where it pleases. You hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

"How can these things be?" asked Nicode-

mus.

“You are the teacher of Israel,” Jesus answered, “and you do not know these things? Amen, Amen, I tell you: We speak what we know, and we testify about what we have seen. But you people do not accept our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No

one has ascended into heaven, except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven.

“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Hymn of the Day ----- Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

CW 177

1. Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, And make our hearts your place of rest;
Come with your grace and heav'nly aid,
And fill the hearts which you have made.
2. To you, the Counselor, we cry, To you, the gift of God most high;
The fount of life, the fire of love, The soul's anointing from above.
3. Your light to ev'ry thought impart, And shed your love in ev'ry heart;
The weakness of our mortal state With deathless might invigorate.
4. Drive far away our wily foe, And your abiding peace bestow;
If you are our protecting guide, No evil can with us abide.
5. Teach us to know the Father, Son, And you, from both, as Three in One
That we your name may ever bless And in our lives the truth confess.
6. Praise we the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, with them One,
And may the Son on us bestow The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

Sermon ----- John 3:1–15

Heavenly Things for Eternal Life

Stand.

Confession of Faith ----- The Athanasian Creed

CW p.132-133

Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith.

Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.

Now this is the true Christian faith:

We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.

For each person—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—is distinct, but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.

What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.

The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

The Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

The Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;

yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal,

just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite,

but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.

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

yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.

**So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
yet they are not three Gods, but one God.**

**So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.**

**For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord,
so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.**

The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.

The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.

**The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten,
but proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons;
one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.**

And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior,

**But all three persons are coequal and coeternal,
so that, in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshiped as one God
and one God worshiped as three persons.**

Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.

It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation truly to believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh.

Now this is the true Christian faith:

**We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son,
is both God and man.**

He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and he is man, born in time from the nature of his mother, fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human flesh,

equal to the Father as to his deity, less than the Father as to his humanity;
and though he is both God and man, Christ is not two persons but one, one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God;
one indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person;
for just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being, so God and man are one Christ.

He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty,
and from there will come to judge the living and the dead.

At his coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds.

Those who have done good will enter eternal life,
but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.

This is the true Christian faith.

Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.

Be seated.

Offering

Stand.

Prayer of the Church

*The minister calls for the petitions and the congregation prays with “**Lord, have mercy.**”*

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

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of the Gospel here and around the world.



- M: For an ever-growing understanding of the depths of God's riches, wisdom and knowledge through His Word, that we may glorify Him forever, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: For all pastors, that they would patiently teach the faith to all who question the way of salvation, in this and every generation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: For parents and children, that they would be given the courage to love as God has loved us and be united in their common life by the Holy Spirit to know Jesus and serve Him; and that the Lord would bless the single with chastity, protect the orphan and defend the helpless, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: For [_____ and] all who rule us, that the Lord, enthroned as King forever, would bless them with wisdom and understanding, that truth and justice may prevail in our land and lawlessness may be kept at bay, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: For [_____ and] all who suffer in our midst, that the Lord of hosts would uphold them in the truth that, since He is at their right hand, they cannot be shaken; and that He would gladden their hearts, cause their tongues to rejoice and make their flesh dwell in hope, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: For faith to hear the word of Jesus; to trust in His death on the cross; and to receive His body and blood for forgiveness, life and salvation, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: Lord God, heavenly Father, we poor sinners confess that in our flesh dwells no good thing. If we are left to ourselves, we will die in sin, since that which is born of flesh is flesh and cannot see the kingdom of God. Grant us, we implore You, Your grace and mercy and, for the sake of Jesus Christ, send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts to regenerate us, that we may firmly be-

lieve the forgiveness of sins according to Your promise in Baptism and daily increase in Christian love and good works, until at last we obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In perfect unity with his Son and the Holy Spirit, he is the source, guide, and goal of our lives now and always.

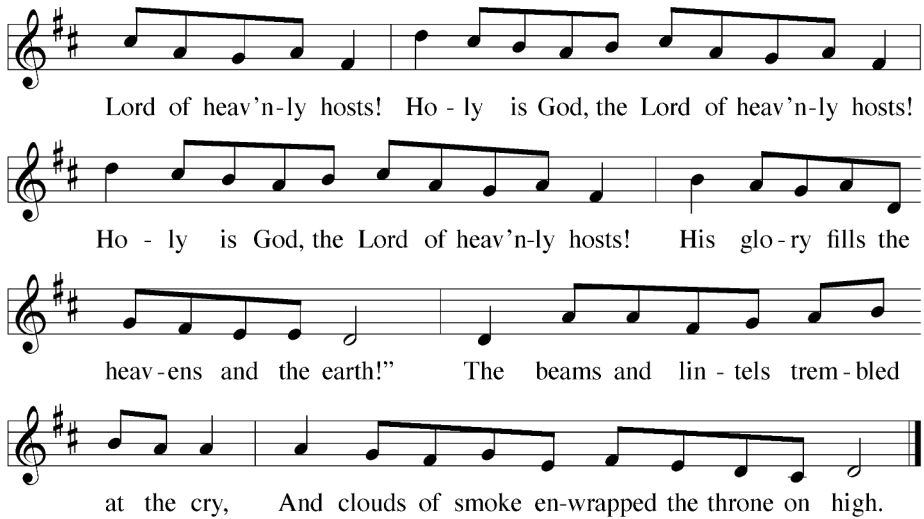
Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old

CW 267

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is a simple, flowing line with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The text is as follows:

I - sa - iah, might-y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir-it
did be-hold High on a loft - y throne, in splen-dor bright,
With robes that filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were
flam-ing ser - a-phim; Six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of him.
With two they veiled their fac-es as was right, With two they hum-bly
hid their feet from sight, And with the oth-er two a - loft they soared;
One to the oth-er called and praised the Lord: "Ho - ly is God, the



Lord of heav'n-ly hosts! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of heav'n-ly hosts!

Ho - ly is God, the Lord of heav'n-ly hosts! His glo-ry fills the

heav-ens and the earth!" The beams and lin - tels trem - bled

at the cry, And clouds of smoke en-wrapped the throne on high.

Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



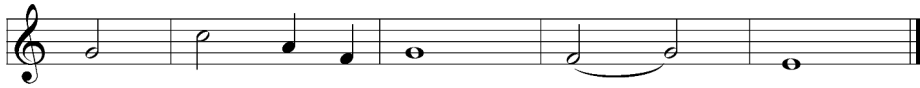
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

Be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

In Holy Communion we believe that Jesus gives us his own body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins. We ask that, in keeping with God's Word, only confirmed members who are in confessional unity with our church (WELS and ELS) would come forward to receive this sacrament. If you have any questions or are interested in communicant membership, please speak with the pastor.

During the distribution, the congregation sings the following hymns:

Hymn ----- Glory Be to God the Father

CW 239

1. Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit, Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory While eternal ages run!
2. Glory be to him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to him who bought us, Made us kings with him to reign!
Glory, glory To the Lamb that once was slain!
3. Glory to the King of angels, Glory to the Church's King,
Glory to the King of nations; Heav'n and earth, your praises bring!
Glory, glory To the King of glory sing!
4. Glory, blessing, praise eternal!—Thus the choir of angels sings;
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion!—Thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!

Hymn ----- Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices

CW 194

1. Oh, that I had a thousand voices
To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,
Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be, What great things God has done for me.
2. Dear Father, endless praise I render For soul and body, nobly joined;
I praise you, Guardian kind and tender, For all the daily joys I find
So richly spread on ev'ry side And freely for my use supplied.

3. I praise you, Savior, whose compassion
 Has brought you down to ransom me.
 Your pitying heart sought my salvation; You bore the cross triumphantly,
 Brought me from bondage full release,
 Made me your own, and gave me peace.
4. Glory and praise, still onward reaching, Be yours, O Spirit of all grace,
 Whose holy pow'r and faithful teaching
 Give me among your saints a place.
 Whatever good by me is done Is worked by grace divine alone.
5. Shall I not then be filled with gladness? Shall I not praise you evermore
 And triumph over fear and sadness, Although my cup of woe runs o'er?
 Though heav'n and earth shall disappear, Your endless love is ever near.

THANKSGIVING

Stand.

Thank the Lord



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Blessing

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



Be seated.

Hymn ----- Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

CW 195

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who was and is and evermore shall be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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