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		Divine Service, Setting Four		

As We Gather

We ponder today the great mystery of God—that God is one and that this one God is three persons. The liturgy in its proclamation focuses on the divine mystery of the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Holy Trinity is not so much truth to be understood as it is truth to be confessed. We confess the Father from whom all things come, the Son who is the incarnate Lord Jesus Christ, and the Spirit who proceeds from the Father through the Son. Throughout the centuries of the Christian Church, the confession of the Holy Trinity has been a hallmark of faithful believers. We sing of the Trinity and, with the profound words of the Athanasian Creed, we confess the Holy Trinity to be the one true God.

822 Alleluia! Let Praises Ring



Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- \blacksquare In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.
- \mathbf{P} Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- Im Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- **C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 16:8–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text

P	Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.*
	Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- cy to us.
С	I have set the LORD always be- fore me;*
	because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
P	Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- joices;*
	my flesh also dwells secure.
С	For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,*
	or let your holy one see cor- ruption.
P	You make known to me the path of life;*
	in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures for- evermore.
С	Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
	and to the Holy Spirit;
as it	t was in the be- ginning,*
	is now, and will be forever. Amen.
P	Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.*
	Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- cy to us.

Kyrie **C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy. Gloria in Excelsis **C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to the all earth; 2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa-ther's Son, we pray; 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly the are Lord. Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth! Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way. 0 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored; bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we We praise and singus, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt Have mer - cv on cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High, Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King. Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high-God the Fa-ther's glo-ry. "A-men!" our glad re - ply. In Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

P 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.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

R The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 6.

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

Isaiah 6:1–8

⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

⁸And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

R The Epistle is from Acts, chapter 2.

 14 Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

²²"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;
²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope.
²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, ³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool."

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

This is the Word of the Lord.

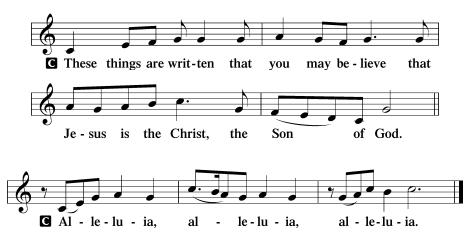
C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

R





Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Athanasian Creed

P: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic* faith.

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

P: And the catholic faith is this,

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

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

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

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

C: The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

P: The Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

C: The Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.

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

C: Just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.

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

C: And yet there are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.

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

C: And yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

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

C: And yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

P: Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord,

C: So also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords. **P**: The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.

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

Women: The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.

P: Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

<u>Men:</u> And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another; <u>Women:</u> 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.

C: Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

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

C: 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.

Men: He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages;

Women: And He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

P: 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.

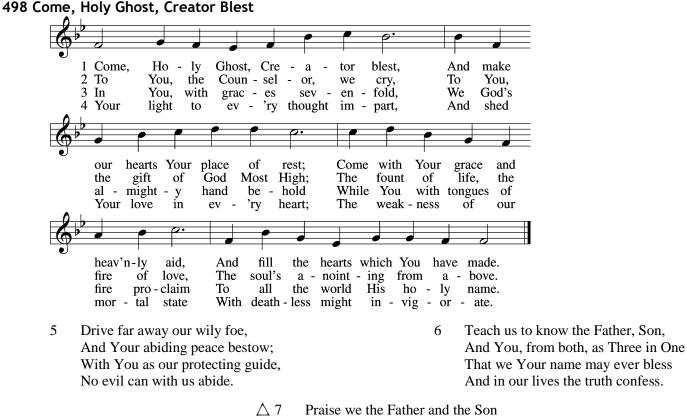
C: At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.

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

C: This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

*universal, Christian

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 △ 7 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!

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Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord of hosts, Your ways are inscrutable and Your judgments unsearchable. Through Your Word, give us an ever-growing understanding of the depths of Your riches, wisdom and knowledge, that we may glorify You forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

▶ Lord of hosts, Matthew, our Synod president; *Michael*, our district president; *Shawn*, our circuit visitor; and our pastor have heard Your voice calling them to be Your servants. Grant to them the Spirit so they can always say, "Here I am! Send me," to whatever You ask. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

▶ Lord of hosts, You delivered up Your Son according to Your definite plan and foreknowledge to be our Savior. Make our hearts glad in this faith, that our tongues may rejoice and our flesh may dwell in hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P O Lord of hosts, You sit enthroned as King forever. Bless [_______ and] all who rule us in Your stead with wisdom and understanding, that truth and justice may prevail in our land and lawlessness may be kept at bay. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

▶ Lord of hosts, we thank You for the many blessings You have bestowed upon this nation. Grant us a long memory to recall those who gave the full measure of devotion to our country's peace and security. Bring to mind the sacrifices of those who served faithfully until death in the protection of our freedom and in the defense of our land. Lord, in Your mercy,



hear our prayer.

▶ Lord of hosts, uphold [______and] all who suffer in our midst by Your truth, that since You are at their right hand, they cannot be shaken. Gladden their hearts, cause their tongues to rejoice and make their flesh dwell in hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

▶ Lord of hosts, take away our guilt and atone for our sin by touching our unclean lips with Christ's cleansing body and blood, that we may not be lost but abide in Your holy presence forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

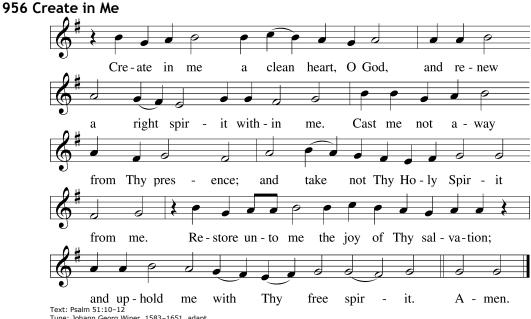
▶ O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Offering

Sit

960 Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old



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Welcome to our Visitors

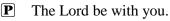
The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; and 1 Corinthians 11:17–34.

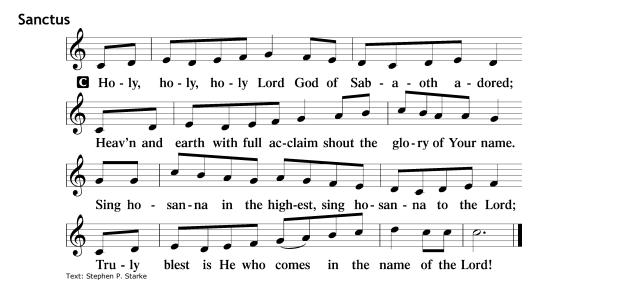
Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface



- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

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You once revealed Your name to Moses in the burning bush; and through Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, You unveiled the mystery of Your holy name in the Trinity of persons and the Unity of being.

Grant that we, who have been baptized and instructed in the triune name, may faithfully eat and drink of Your Son's body and blood and worship You in spirit and truth, O Father, through Your Son in the Holy Spirit.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

 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 Words of Our Lord

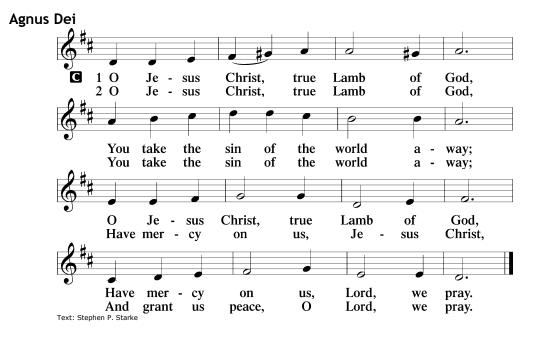
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



Distribution

0 Ι Thee 1 Here, my Lord, see face to face; 2 Here would Ι feed up on the bread of God, _ 3 This the of ban hour quet and of is song; 4 I help Ι have but Thine; do need no nor ø • Ø . Here would Ι touch and han _ dle things un - seen; Here drink with Thee the of heav'n; roy _ al wine This the heav'n ly ble spread for ta is me; oth but Thine An - er arm to lean up - on. Here grasp with firm er hand the e ter - nal grace, _ -Here would Ι lay side each earth - ly load, а _ Here let feast and, feast me ing, still pro - long Lord, It is e nough, my e nough in - deed; --• And all my wea ri ness up on Thee lean. fresh calm Here taste a the of sin for - giv'n. The brief bright hour of fel low ship with Thee. strength is Thy might, Thy My in might a - lone.

631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

- Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
 Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
 Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
 Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
- Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear; The feast, though not the love, is past and gone; The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here; Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
- Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above, Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,

The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love. Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, alt. Tune: Henry Lawes, 1595-1662 Text and tune: Public domain 948 All Glory Be to God Alone 0 1 All be God For - ev - er - more the glo - ry to a - lone, 2 We And wor-ship You in praise You, God; Your name we bless 3 Lord God, our King on heav-en's throne, Our Fa - ther, the Altake the whole world's sin a - way; on - lv are the Ho - ly One 4 You Have mer - cy on us, Ho - ly on - ly o - ver 5 You the And all are are Who high - est one, did ful race be - friend And our sin hum - ble - ness; day From day glo-ri - fy The to we 0 Lord, the sole - be got - ten One, might - y One. Lord take the whole world's sin a - way; 0 Lord, we pray. You 0 Lord a - lone. Je - sus Christ, we glo-ri - fy You A may His grace and peace to us ex - tend. mong us ev - er - last - ing God on high. Of Your great glo - ry Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's Son, True God from all e -Lord, re - ceive our prayer this day. From God's right hand Your and the Spir - it, Lord Most High; With Him You ev - er -0 . ο gra - cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv fill. ing Your throne our bring. we sing, And to thanks we do ter - ni - ty, 0 Lamb of God, to You we flee. mer - cy send, То all the world Your grace ex tend. more shall be One the Fa - ther's in maj es ty. Text: attr. Martin Luther, 1483-1546, abr.; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890-1950, alt. Tune: Gesangbuch . . . Psalmen, Geistliche Lieder, 1541, Strassburg, alt. Text: © 1941 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110017219

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Nunc Dimittis



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

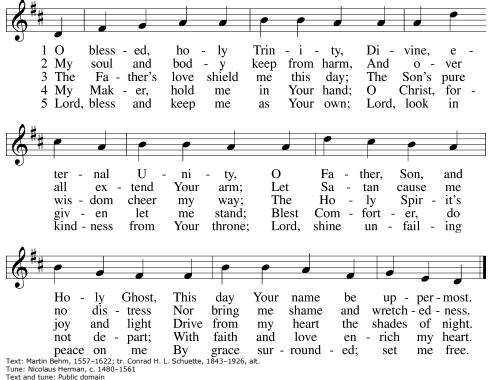
Benediction

P 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.

C Amen.

876 O Blessed, Holy Trinity



Announcements

Adult Sunday School at 9am on Sunday mornings is studying Numbers.

The Flowers that beautify our altar this morning are given to God's glory.

The Ladies Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 10am, studying the book of 1 Kings.

Church Council next meeting is June 9 at 8am.

Acknowledgments

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