

# St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School

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Trinity Sunday

Today's Focus:

## FAITH IN THE ONE TRUE GOD - THE HOLY TRINITY

OPENING HYMN 36 (Red Hymnal)

Now Thank We All Our God

**THE ATHANASIAN CREED** – Read Responsively (updated from TLH p. 53)

P: Whosoever will be saved, before all other things it is necessary that he hold to the Christian faith;

**C: The one faith that unless every one keep whole and undefiled, without doubt he will perish forever.**

P: And the Christian faith is this: That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.

**C: For there is one person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Spirit.**

P: The Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is all one, in glory equal, in majesty coeternal.

**C: Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit.**

P: The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, and the Holy Spirit uncreated.

**C: The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, and the Holy Spirit incomprehensible.**

P: The Father eternal, the Son eternal, and the Holy Spirit eternal. And yet they are not three eternal but one eternal.

**C: As also there are not three uncreated nor three incomprehensible, but one uncreated and one incomprehensible.**

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

**Deuteronomy 6:4-9** (on back) *The Old Testament Lesson proclaims that in contrast to the so-called gods of Egypt and other pagan lands, the true God is One, and Israel (the Church) is His people. The mark of their being His is His Word which is to be held in high honor among them.*

- Reception into membership of: **Steve Morrow**



### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

P: Therefore, beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness:

**ALL: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

### THE ATHANASIAN CREED – Conclusion

P: Furthermore it is necessary to everlasting salvation that he also believes rightly the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. For the truth faith is that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and man.

**C: He is God, of the substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; and He is man of the substance of His mother, born in the world.**

P: He is perfect God, and perfect man having both soul and flesh.

**C: He is equal to the Father as in His Godhead, and inferior to the Father as in His humanity. Who, although He is God and man, yet He is not two, but one Christ.**

P: One, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh, but by taking of that manhood into God.

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

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

**ALL: Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead; He ascended into heaven, He sits on the right hand of the Father, God, Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. At whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies; and shall give account of all their thoughts, words, and actions.**

P: And they that have done good according to God's Word will go into life everlasting, and they that have done evil into everlasting fire.

**ALL: This is the true Christian faith, which except one believes faithfully he cannot be saved. Lord, grant this true Christian faith unto us all. AMEN.**

### OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD

**CHOIR – All for Thee** (Take My Life and Let It Be) Jack Schrader

Take my **life** and let it be; Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;

Take my **hands** and let them move, at the impulse of thy love.

Take my **lips** and let them be, filled with messages for thee;

Take my **voice** and let me sing, always, only for my King.

Take my **love**, my God, I pour, at thy feet its treasure store;

Take **myself** and I will be, ever, only, all for thee, ever only, all for thee.



### GENERAL PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER - THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Individual PRE/POST Communion Prayer – In the front of Red Hymnal pg. 118

The Lord's Supper is a gracious way in which our Savior comes to us to strengthen our faith in Him. By taking the Lord's Supper together, the members of this church proclaim that we are "of one mind" together in Christ. As the scripture says: "Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment," and "For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread" (1 Cor. 1:10; 10:17). Out of love for God's Word it is for this reason we ask that communicant members of St. Stephen or a sister church of the "Church of the Lutheran Confession" come forward at this point at the direction of the ushers. (Pastor is happy to speak with you after the service if you have any further questions.)

### BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN 644 (Red Hymnal)

Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow

Welcome visitors! Please sign our guest book. Questions about our church and school? Please ask!

-TODAY: Voters meeting following the service- No Bible Class this week

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the LORD, our Triune God.

**ALL: 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.**

**Romans 8:14-17** (on back) *The Epistle to the Roman Christians reminds us that belonging to the family of God is not restricted to Jews only, it is open to all who have faith in Jesus Christ*

***THE ATHANASIAN CREED – Continued***

P: So likewise the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, and the Holy Spirit almighty. And yet they are not three almighties, but one almighty.

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

P: So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord, and the Holy Spirit Lord; And yet they are not three Lords but one Lord.

**C: For as we are compelled by the Christian faith to acknowledge every Divine Person by Himself to be God and Lord; so therefore we are forbidden by the Christian faith to say; there are three Gods or three Lords.**

P: The Father is made of none, neither created nor begotten. The Son is of the Father alone; not made nor created, but begotten. The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son; neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding.

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

P: And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another. But the whole three persons are coeternal, and coequal; so that in all things, as has been said, the Unity in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshipped.

**C: He therefore that will be saved will believe these truths about the Trinity.**



**HYMN 748 vs. 1, 3, 5** (*Tan Worship Supplement*)

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

**SERMON – NKJ John 14:25** These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. **26** But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. **27** Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.



**DEPART IN THE PEACE OF THE TRIUNE GOD!**

- 1. He Teaches us NOT to be Troubled
- 2. He Reminds us NOT to be Afraid

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**SERMON NOTES**

**Theme: DEPART IN THE PEACE OF THE TRIUNE GOD!**

**Introduction:** (Examples in attempts to define the Trinity)

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**Background:**

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Scripture references:

**2. He Reminds us NOT to be Afraid**

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