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***THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE***  
***THE FEAST OF HOLY TRINITY***

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“The only true God is the triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three distinct persons in one divine being (the Holy Trinity).” More than a mere subject in the catechism or a mystery described in the Athanasian Creed, God has revealed Himself because He loves His whole creation. True understanding therefore begins and ends with a relationship of love.

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN:**

LSB #905 ▲

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

▲ Please rise for last stanza and sing Amen

**INVOCATION**

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

**People: Amen.**

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

**People: And the catholic faith is this, that we worship one God in trinity and Trinity in unity.**

Pastor: In Jesus, God and man is one Christ,

**People: who suffered for our salvation. (*Athanasian Creed*)**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Because God so loved the world, let us confess our sins that, receiving His forgiveness, we may be enabled to love God with our whole being. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might." *Deuteronomy 6:5, ESV*

**People: Almighty God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In our brokenness we come before You begging Your forgiveness for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ who suffered for our salvation. Fill our emptiness with Your love that we may serve You in holiness and righteousness and be made a community of love all the days of our lives.**

Pastor: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." *John 3: 16, ESV.*

As a called and ordained servant of the Word, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

### COLLECT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

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.**

**THE FIRST LESSON:** (*Isaiah sees a vision of God's throne in heaven.*) Isaiah 6:1-8

In 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. Above 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. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And 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!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for. And 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."

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND LESSON:** (*Peter addresses the crowd on Pentecost.*) Acts 2:14a, 22-36

Pastor: But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "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--- this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised Him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for Him to be held by it. For David says concerning Him,

**People: I saw the Lord always before me, for He is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For You will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let Your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; You will make me full of gladness with Your presence.**

Pastor: "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. Being 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, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being 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. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

**People: The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.**

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

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE** (*Spoken together*)

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL:** (*The Father gave His Son out of love for the world.*)

John 3:1-17

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

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

Pastor: Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him,

**People: 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.**

Pastor: Jesus answered him, Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.

**People: How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?**

Pastor: Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, "You must be born again." The 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.

**People: How can these things be?**

Pastor: Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, 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. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except He who descended from heaven, the Son of

Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life.

**People: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.**

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN:**

LSB #571 ▲

“God Loves the World So That He Gave”

▲Please rise for last stanza and sing Amen

**SERMON**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH: ATHANASIAN CREED** - *(Early in the fourth century, a north African pastor named Arius began teaching that Jesus Christ was not truly God. The Church responded decisively in AD 325 with a statement of faith (The Nicene Creed), which confessed that Jesus is, in fact, true God. Toward the end of the fifth century, another creed was written that delved further into the mystery of the Trinity. Though attributed to Athanasius, a fourth-century opponent of Arius, this anonymous creed clearly came at a later stage in the debate. The Athanasian Creed declares that its teachings concerning the Holy Trinity and our Lord's incarnation are “the catholic faith.” In other words, this is what the true Church of all times and all places has confessed. More than fifteen centuries later, the Church continues to confess this truth, confident that the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has given Himself for our salvation.)* (LSB)

Pastor: Whoever desired to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

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

Pastor: And the catholic 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, and the Holy Spirit uncreated;**

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

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

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

**People: just as there are not three Uncreated nor three Infinites but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**

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

**People: and yet they are not three Almightyies but one Almighty.**

Pastor: So the Father is God, the Son is God, and 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, and 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,

**People: so also we are prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.**

Pastor: The Father is not made, nor created nor begotten by anyone. The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.

**People: The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created not begotten but proceeding.**

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

**People: And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;**

Pastor: but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

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

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 of 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 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 from the dead,**

Pastor: ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, 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 catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly, cannot be saved.**

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## PRAYERS

## OFFERING

## PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the unity in substance, of majesty coequal. 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. Prepare us joyfully to remember our Redeemer and receive Him who comes to us in His body and blood. 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**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

LSB #623

“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

LSB #680

“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

LSB #506

“Glory Be to God the Father”

## **POST COMMUNION COLLECT**

## **BENEDICTION**

“Alleluia! Let Praises Ring”

POSTLUDE

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**WELCOME TO St. Paul’s Lutheran Church:** We are glad that you are here as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you have not already done so, we ask that you would sign the guest book at the entrance to the church. If you do not have a church home and are interested in the teachings of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, or if you are interested in becoming a member here at St. Paul’s, please contact the church office.

**The Sacrament of the Altar:** In bread and wine of the Lord’s Supper, our Lord Jesus comes to us in His true Body & Blood. In this Holy Meal, one receives full forgiveness and perfect unity with each other. Scripture requires that each communicant first examine himself/herself regarding confession of sin, trust in Jesus for salvation, belief in the Real Presence, and the desire to grow in grace. We believe that Communion is a time when believers of like mind come close to the Lord and to one another. We do practice ‘close’ Communion, which means that all communicants believe as we do, and graciously receive this gift. If you are supportive of these beliefs, we welcome you to the Lord’s Supper. If, however, at this point you are unsure of your relationship with Christ or question whether your beliefs differ from those of our church, we ask that you use the communion time to meditate and pray. For these reasons, it’s best for our new (first time) guests/visitors to talk briefly before the service with the pastor or an elder. A cup with white grape juice is located in the center of the communion tray for those who are allergic to alcohol. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:**

*Please note: The names listed below will remain on our public prayer list for two weeks unless the church office is notified otherwise. Thank you.*

We pray for ...

- Marjorie Huls, Patricia Krecklow, Jan McAllister, Naomi Spielman

Please call 402-228-1540by Thursday if you have a petition to be included in the prayers.

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# *In His Service*

Preacher: Rev. Robert Wiest

Organist: Arvid Wiest

## **8:00am Service**

Acolytes: Adam Riekenberg, Brandon Scheer, Sarah Scheer  
Elders: Wilferd Deke, David Trout  
Greeters: Lois Podendorf, Ruth Poppe  
Ushers: Clair Duensing, Mike Duever, Jason Duff, Doug Tegtmeier

## **10:30am Service**

Acolytes: Connor Kelley, Faith Kelley, Mackenzie Holthus  
Elders: Ken Loemker, Bob Frerking  
Greeters: Dale & Rhonda Rickers  
Ushers: Gerrad Busboom, Dale Hagemeyer, Cliff Kumm, Brad Long, Steve Schmidt

**Today's radio broadcast** is sponsored by Dottie Jurgens in honor of Jerry & Dottie Jurgen 64<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary that would have been May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING

## **Special Voter's Meeting** **Sunday, June 10, 2018** at 1:30pm in the church basement

Items on the agenda are:

1. Hiring a Child Care Director
2. Hiring a Child Care Lead Teacher
3. Voting on two new members to the Board for Parish Education
4. Project Lead the Way
5. Salaries for Child Care Staff

**DORCAS BOUTIQUE:** Just a reminder: The Card Boutique has a large variety of lovely greeting cards. It is in the fellowship hall. Stop by on Sunday's between services or during the week days the church office will assist you. Single cards can be purchased for \$0.60 and a box of cards sells for \$6.00.

**SALT DOG TICKETS:** The youth attending the National Youth Gathering are selling tickets to a Salt Dogs game that will be on Wednesday, June 20, at 6:45 pm. The opponents will be the St. Paul Saints. The tickets are at the club level and will cost \$18 each. This event is open to anyone, not just St. Paul's members. So, get a group of friends together, enjoy an evening at a Salt Dogs game and support the youth. You may purchase tickets from the following: Olivia Aden, Ashton Sandman, Sydney Southwick, Logan Glynn, Natalie Klaus, Sarah Scheer, Brandon Scheer, Alex Holle, Olivia Hatzenbuehler, Faith Kelly, Billy Kelly, Connor Kelly, Shelbi Ankersen, or Carla Loemker. Also, an advance warning, the pink flamingoes will be making visits again beginning mid-July!!! And you can have your cars washed in August. Thank you in advance for your support!!

**DOOR OFFERING:** We have an opportunity to share our Christian love and gifts. Dan Leseberg, Jessica Leseberg's father, is on a waiting list for a liver transplant. Jessica is one of our St. Paul's teachers. The Stewardship Committee will be hosting a freewill door offering on Sunday, June 10. Thank you for supporting our teacher and her family. The money will go to Dan for medical expenses.

**COFFEE CREW:** Share your smile and great cooking by being part of the Coffee Crew! Evangelism is looking for people to serve coffee hour between services. Evangelism will provide the coffee and supplies; you provide the treats and a smile. If you have questions, please see a member of the board. There is a sign-up sheet next to the window in the basement. Thank you for your help!

## *Our Weekly Birthdays & Anniversaries!*

**Birthdays:**

27	Natalie Doering Michelle Poling Kody Smith	31	Colton (Cole) Blythe Bonnie Workman
28	Kathleen Gonderinger	1	Todd Lineweber June Martin
29	Jan Busboom Dustin McAllister	2	Hunter Hopkins Jackson Huls
30	Karl Boerger Cassandra Mohling Marlene Seckel		Leah Malchow Alan Mentgen

**Anniversaries:**

30	Wynn & Betty Reiman, 43 yrs.
31	Kenneth & Carla Loemker, 38 yrs. Robert & Naomi Schroeder, 15 yrs.
1	Michael & Amy Duever, 16 yrs.

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# *Gifts of Time and Treasure*

Attendance & Contributions Last Week		
8:00 AM Service	75	\$3,419.00
10:30 AM Service	65	\$848.20
Monday Night Service	16	Not Counted Yet

**COINS FOR CHRIST:** All loose coins in Sunday offerings during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter are designated to Camp Luther. Total amount collected so far \$36.43.

## *The Lord's Week*

Today      8:00 Divine Service  
              9:15 Youth/Adult Bible Class  
              10:30 Divine Service  
Monday      CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  
              No Worship Service – Memorial Day  
Tuesday    12:00 Ladies Quilting  
Thursday   12:00 Ladies Quilting  
Sunday      8:00 Divine Service  
              9:15 Sunday School/Youth/Adult Bible Class  
              10:30 Divine Service

### **Church office hours are**

9:00am-12:00pm and 1:00pm-4:00pm, Monday thru Friday  
The office may be closed on occasion, so please call ahead.

Pastor Wiest will be in the church office on Wednesday's from 10:00am-12:00pm and 1:30-2:30pm. Anyone needing / wishing to visit personally with pastor, please contact the church office. Pastor Wiest can also be reached at [revmeisterorlcs@gmail.com](mailto:revmeisterorlcs@gmail.com).

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