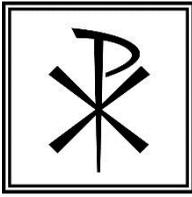


**Trinity Evangelical
Lutheran Church
of Abita Springs, Louisiana**

Holy Trinity Sunday
June 11, 2017 — God-given Gifts



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Abita Springs, Louisiana

The mission of Trinity Lutheran Church is to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ and to go and share the good news of Jesus Christ until he returns to take us home.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome! We consider it a privilege to worship the Lord with you this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful word. If you are looking for a church home, we are happy to share ours with you. Please come again and worship with us very soon!

- ❖ **Bring the kids.** Children are always welcome at our worship services. If your child is having a difficult morning, there is a speaker in the Fellowship Hall that will allow you to hear the service.
- ❖ **Restrooms** are located in the Fellowship Hall next door.
- ❖ **Don't feel obligated.** Our members give offerings to the Lord as an expression of thanks for his love. When the offering plate is passed, you're not expected to give an offering; it's your choice. While the offering is gathered, we'll ask you to sign our Friendship Register. Leave any information you're comfortable giving us—we use it simply to thank you for coming and to invite you back.
- ❖ **Make yourself at home.** After our services, we normally join together in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, snacks, and conversation. We'd be honored if you could join us!

BEFORE WORSHIP

As you prepare to worship your Lord today, spend a few quiet moments in prayer before the service. Helpful prayers, including the one below, may be found in the front section of the hymnal, pages 10-11 and 134-139.

O Lord—our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter—we are assembled in your presence to hear your holy Word. We pray that you open our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of your Word we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus, and grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

TODAY'S WORSHIP THEME

What has God done for you lately? When everything is going well, that's an easy question to answer. When we despair, it's easy to forget what he has done. Yet, every good thing we have is a gift from God. Today we explore these God-given gifts.

SERVING OUR LORD TODAY

Service Leader: Pastor Patrick Freese

Ushers: Chip Rusich and Greg Wood

Greeter: John Filipowicz

Music: Jan Blake and Karen Palliser

Fellowship Refreshments: Libby Breazeale

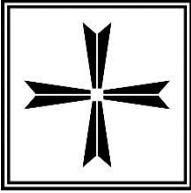
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SERVICE OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN

To God Be the Glory

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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.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me, according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.
Oh, Taste and See



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -



ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -



ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ: in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit.



BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1:1—2:3

¹In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning-- the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water." ⁷So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so. ⁸God called the expanse "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning-- the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good.

¹¹Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. ¹²The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening, and there was morning-- the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made two great lights-- the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening, and there was morning-- the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky." ²¹So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." ²³And there was evening, and there was morning-- the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

²⁹Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the

creatures that move on the ground-- everything that has the breath of life in it-- I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

³¹God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning-- the sixth day.

^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

²By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. ³And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

M: This is the Word of our Lord.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 150



Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Refrain

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,
praise him with tambourine and dancing,
praise him with strings and flute,
praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.

Refrain

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.
Praise the LORD.

**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

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 13:11-14

¹¹Finally, brothers, good-by. Aim for perfection, listen to my appeal, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. ¹³All the saints send their greetings.

¹⁴May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

M: This is the Word of our Lord.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory. Alleluia. (Isaiah 6:3b)



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

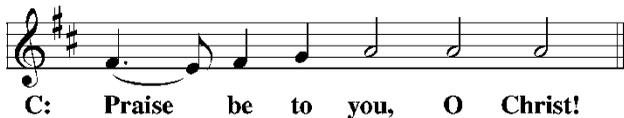
THE GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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HYMN OF THE DAY

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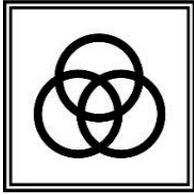
Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

SERMON

2 Corinthians 13:11-14

God-given Gifts

STAND



AN EXCERPT FROM THE ATHANASIAN CREED

- M: 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.
- C: **For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct, but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.**
- M: What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.
- C: **The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**
- M: The Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- C: **The Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;**
- M: 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.
- C: **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.**
- M: So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; yet they are not three Gods, but one God.
- C: **So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord; yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.**
- M: 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.
- C: **The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.**
- M: The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.
- C: **The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.**
- M: So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- C: **And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior, but all three 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.**

BE SEATED

THANKSGIVING

THE OFFERING

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him.

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

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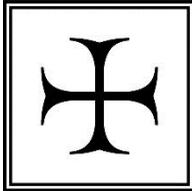
PRAYER HYMN

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We All Believe in One True God

STAND

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



WE DEPART WITH THE LORD'S 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

CLOSING HYMN

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Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

TODAY (June 11, 2017)

10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Quarterly Congregation Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY (June 18, 2017)

10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Bible Class/Fellowship

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE LAST WEEK (June 4, 2017)

Sunday Worship	30
Sunday Offering	\$2,326.00
2017 Weekly Goal	\$1,770.00
Remaining Need for Phase 2 Stain Glass	\$544.67

"Praise the Lord, and forget not all his benefits" Psalm 103:2

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT WEEK (June 18, 2017)

Service Leader: Pastor Patrick Freese
Communion Assistant: Dave Schwefel
Ushers: Bill Blake and Indy Nebeker
Greeter: John Filipowicz
Music: Jan Blake and Karen Palliser
Fellowship Refreshments: Jan Blake
Church Cleaning: Les and Karen Palliser

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **Welcome to guests and visitors!** We are glad that you are here and hope that you will join us again soon. If you have any questions about anything Trinity related, feel free to contact Pastor Freese at [freesepts@gmail](mailto:freesepts@gmail.com) or (985) 502-4021.
- ❖ **WELS Locator:** You don't need to take a vacation from God's Word if you're traveling out of town. Check out <http://wels.locatorsearch.com> to find a WELS church near you.
- ❖ **Voter's Meeting:** Trinity will have its next quarterly Voter's Meeting immediately following the service this morning. The meeting will take place in the Fellowship Hall.
- ❖ **Vacation Bible School (VBS)** will be held on July 17-21 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Children ages 3-11 are welcome to join us as we marvel at how our God is a Mighty Fortress. You can find registration information at <http://www.trinityabita.org>, or you can scan the QR Code below to register.



We need your help to promote Vacation Bible School. We have posters that can be placed in businesses and postcard invitations. If any of your friends, relatives, acquaintances, or neighbors would benefit from our Vacation Bible School, please let them know.

- ❖ **WELS Conference on Worship, Music, and the Arts:** Pastor and Sarah Freese will be attending the Synod's conference this week from Wednesday, June 13 through Friday, June 16. The conference is being held at Carthage College in Kenosha, Wisconsin.
- ❖ **LWMS Conference:** The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) Annual Convention will be held next week from Thursday, June 22 through Sunday, June 25, at the Hyatt Regency in Orlando, Florida. The convention typically begins with a communion worship service on Thursday evening and ends with a service on Sunday morning. Friday and Saturday are filled with a mixture of mission speakers, workshops, devotions and entertainment. Sarah Freese is serving as the delegate of Trinity for the convention.