

Shut-in/Encouragement List Emily Kuehne suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain. Patti Meno continues to receive regular dialysis and is awaiting a kidney transplant. Bill Issitt III remains mostly housebound due to poor health. Johanna Jaehnigen remains mostly housebound. Crystal Shaw recently had a heart operation recently and is recovering. Bill Hartmann's health is deteriorating quickly. Loye Issitt is receiving regular dialysis. Bob Doriot recently underwent hip replacement and is awaiting another hip surgery. Jo Ann Sedberry's health is deteriorating. Paulette Galstad is suffering through bad back pain.

Deuteronomy 6:4 "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!"

I Believe in the Triune God

There is a legend about the ancient church father Augustine of Hippo and his desire to comprehend the Triune God. The story goes that he was walking down the beach contemplating the Trinity, when he saw a young boy running back and forth from the ocean carrying water in a shell and dumping the water into a small hole. Upon being asked what he was doing, the boy replied he was trying to "pour the entire ocean into this hole." Augustine informed the boy that it is impossible to fit the ocean into a tiny hole. The boy is supposed to have then responded, "And you cannot fit the Trinity in your tiny little brain."

While this may likely be only a legend, the lesson remains sage advice for us to heed. There is no way for us to comprehend everything about the Triune God while we are stuck in these earthly bodies. Moses declares, "The Lord is one," and yet at creation, God says, "Let Us make man in Our image." There is one Jehovah God, yet He is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. How can this be? I do not know.

What I do know is that this Triune, All-Powerful God, has concerned Himself with me. The Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of the world has coordinated all things together to ensure my salvation. And when God gives me the victory over death and raises me to be with Him, then "I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known." (1 Corinthians 13:12)

Prayer: Glory to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One! To Thee, O blessed Trinity, be praise now and eternally! Amen.

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Trinity Sunday

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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Ps. 29

¹ Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. ² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness. ³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters. ⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. ⁶ He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. ⁷ The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. ⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. ⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!" ¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. ¹¹ May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: TLH #36

"Now Thank We All Our God"

- 1. Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.**
- 2. Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.**
- 3. All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven:
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heaven adore!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.**

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

Lutheran Spokesman Renewals are due at the end of the month. If you **have been** receiving this magazine and would like to no longer receive it, please speak with pastor. If you **have not been** receiving this magazine and would like to start receiving it, please speak with pastor. Renewals and new subscriptions are \$14 for 12 issues; you can pay simply by including the \$14 in your offering, marked "Lutheran Spokesman." Your decision is due by June 30th!

The 2020 CLC Convention has been postponed until June 2021.

Mission Prayers - As much of the world has spent the past several weeks in mandatory coronavirus lockdowns and quarantines, many in developing nations have not had the advantage of the high-speed internet connections that most of us take for granted to provide opportunities for home worship, Bible study, and Christian fellowship. Also, many of the people do not have the financial means to own their own Bibles and/or are unable to read so they depend upon weekly worship and Bible studies to hear, learn, and be strengthened by God's saving word.

Pastoral training has also come to a halt for those who are training around the world. Options for online classes, correspondence, etc. just are not possible as most of the students have very weak and limited data available on their phones, if at all, and virtually none have internet in their homes. **Pray** that the Lord will bring a quick end to this pandemic that He people may return to worship and Bible study at their churches. Pray that the Lord will lead and strengthen all of us to be reminded of His great love and the truths of His saving grace that we have learned from His word and rejoice always, even in the midst of such uncertain times.

Leaders from our sister church bodies in Liberia, Togo, Nigeria, D.R. Congo, Zambia, Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, India, Nepal, Myanmar, and Bangladesh, along with contacts in several other countries, have reported that much of the population in these developing nations is struggling to provide the basic necessities of life. Most of the pastors and those they serve in these nations provide for their families through day-labor. For this type of laborer, you are paid for your work each day. If you do not work, you do not get paid. The coronavirus lockdowns have caused much physical suffering. **Pray** that the Lord will provide and that He will bless the CLC Project Kinship aid that has been sent that it will go much further than expected in providing for the sheep of His flock who are suffering.

✠ Announcements ✠

History of the Athanasian Creed Early in the fourth century, a new teaching appeared which claimed that Jesus was not true God. Arius, the north African priest who first proposed this theory, was extremely persuasive, and soon the controversy was so widespread that a church council was called to settle the matter. Out of that meeting in A.D. 325 came the Nicene Creed, which clearly confesses Jesus to be true God. That creed, which was expanded in A.D. 381 in order to defend the divinity of the Holy Spirit, is still widely used today as a confession of the triune faith.

Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Today:** Elder's Meeting
- ✠ **June 14:** Board of Ed
- ✠ **June 21:** Trustees and Council
- ✠ **July 5:** Voters' Meeting

Despite the clarity of the Nicene Creed, the controversy continued for some time. Toward the end of the fifth century, another creed was written that marveled at the mystery of the Trinity in a way that no creed had ever done. 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 proclaims that its teachings concerning the Holy Trinity and our Lord's incarnation are the universal faith. In other words, this is what the true church of all times and all places has confessed. More than 15 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.

KINSHIP Disaster Relief - The COVID-19 epidemic has affected many of us in a variety of ways. We've also been learning of the suffering our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world have been facing in the current epidemic. Between COVID-19 Aid and cyclone relief, monetary aid has been sent overseas from KINSHIP. There remain additional needs among our various sister synods. The CLC Board of Missions is requesting that you consider offering your financial support to replenish the KINSHIP funds, so we can be ready to respond when the next need comes along. You may send your offerings to CLC KINSHIP, 501 Grover Rd., Eau Claire, WI, 54701, or through your local congregation. Please mark your donation "KINSHIP."

CLC Call News Pastor Chad Seybt, Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY has been called by Bethel, Morris, MN.

CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION:

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

- P** God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.
- G** **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- G** **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** Let us pray.
- G** **Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.**
- P** Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. 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.
- G** **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.**

INTROIT

Ps. 8:1ff; Liturgical Text

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

- P** Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity. Let us give glory to Him because He has shown His mercy to us!
- G** **O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!**
- P** You have set Your glory in the heavens. Out of the mouth of babes and infants, You have established strength.
- G** **When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place,**
- P** What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?
- G** **Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.**

Response: TLH #644 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

- 1. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

- 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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Ezekiel 18:30-32 "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways," says the Lord GOD. "Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin. 31 "Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel? 32 "For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies," says the Lord GOD. "Therefore turn and live!"

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.



- P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C** ♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your
bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

THE BENEDICTION:

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.
- C Amen!**

HYMN: TLH #248

"Father of Glory, to Thy Name"

- 1. Father of glory, to Thy name Immortal praise we give,
Who dost an act of grace proclaim And bid us rebels live.**
- 2. Immortal honor to the Son, Who makes Thine anger cease;
Our lives He ransomed with His own And died to make our peace.**
- 3. To Thine almighty Spirit be Immortal glory given,
Whose teachings bring us near to Thee And train us up for heaven.**
- 4. Let men with their united voice Adore the eternal God
And spread His honors and their joys Through nations far abroad.**
- 5. Let faith and love and duty join One grateful song to raise;
Let saints in earth and heaven combine In harmony and praise.**

THE DISTRIBUTION

Approach at the usher's direction.

P Take and eat. This is the true body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take and drink. This cup is the true blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

May this body and blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith, unto life everlasting. Depart in peace. Amen.

Please Note: The Lord's Supper is described in 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 as a most precious medicine for the soul. Like all medicines, of course, it must be used at the right time for the right purpose by the right person, lest it do more harm than good. That is one reason we ask our visitors...please speak to the pastor before you commune with us. Thank you!

C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For
light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Athanasian Creed (Excerpts)

The Athanasian Creed proclaims the Bible's teachings about the Trinity.

Whoever will be saved must hold to the true Christian faith. Now this is the 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, yet 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 – infinite, eternal, almighty. So the Father is God, the Son God and the Holy Spirit God – Yet they are not three Gods, but one God. And within this Trinity none comes before or after; None is greater or inferior, but all three Persons are coequal and coeternal. Whoever will 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, divinely existing from all eternity, and He is Man, born of His mother in time – fully God and fully Man. Yet Christ is not two Persons but One – One not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God. He suffered for our salvation, rose from the dead, ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. All who believe in Him will enter eternal life and all who do not will enter eternal hellfire. This is the true Christian faith in which all who believe this will be saved.

HYMN: TLH #250:1,4

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

1. Holy God, we praise thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in heaven above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.
4. Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one, Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee While we own the mystery.

SERMON – 2 Corinthians 13:11-14 Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. ¹³ All the saints greet you. ¹⁴ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Mystery of Unity

- I. "How can I have peace with the Triune God?"
- II. "How can I have peace with *anyone else*?"

OFFERTORY

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In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

- C** ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

HYMN: TLH #246

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

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,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt 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 power, 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!

The Offering plates are located near the doors.

PRAYER and the LORD'S PRAYER



Order of Holy Communion



- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts!
- C** **We lift them up to the Lord!**
- P** It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God: In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:
 - C** ♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabbaoth, adored; Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Lk. 22:19-20; Mt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose
blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -
tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.