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Today

Service Elder - Richard Thalheim
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Greeters - B. Dupre & C. Shroyer
Offering Stewards - Joseph & Brigitte
Altar Guild - J. & P. Wegner
Ushers - G. Fitzgerald, D. Akins
D. Armstrong, & J. Souther

Next Sunday

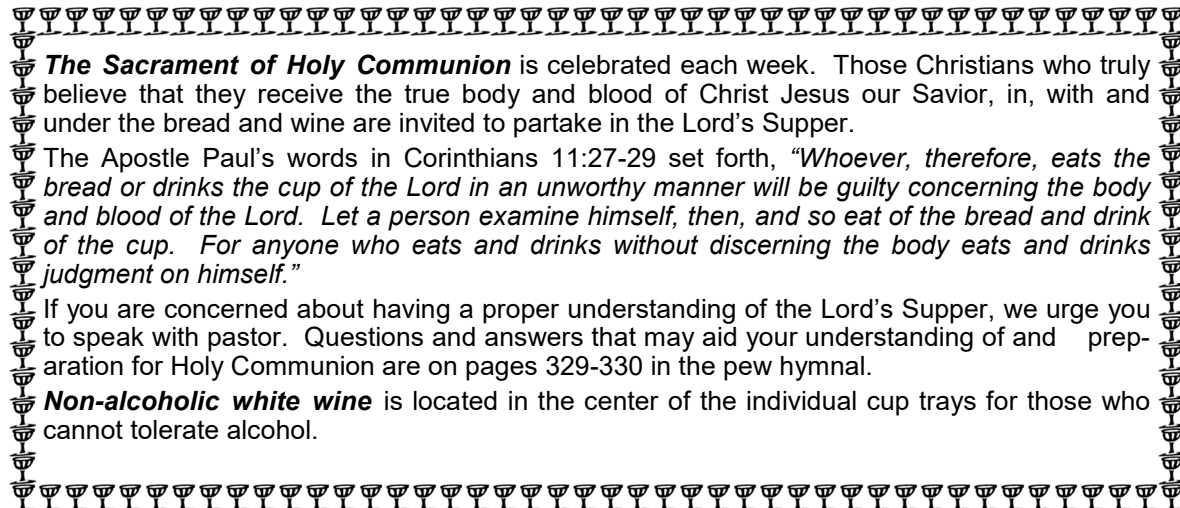
Richard Thalheim
Dale Boger
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G. & J. Fitzgerald
Brigitte & Jeannie
Mary Lou & Donna V.
G. Fitzgerald, B. Domangue,
& D. Domangue

The Holy Trinity

May 27, 2018

Welcome to God's house! Please allow us to keep in touch with you by signing the register in the foyer/narthex. Thank you!

Altar Flowers are placed today to the glory of God in remembrance of Paul Gerken's wife, Joelle, as they would have celebrated 43 years of marriage on June 1st.



The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each week. Those Christians who truly believe that they receive the true body and blood of Christ Jesus our Savior, in, with and under the bread and wine are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper.

The Apostle Paul's words in Corinthians 11:27-29 set forth, *"Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself."*

If you are concerned about having a proper understanding of the Lord's Supper, we urge you to speak with pastor. Questions and answers that may aid your understanding of and preparation for Holy Communion are on pages 329-330 in the pew hymnal.

Non-alcoholic white wine is located in the center of the individual cup trays for those who cannot tolerate alcohol.

This Week at Grace

Today	9:00 a.m. Worship Coffee and Fall Fest Muffins to follow with fellowship	Saturday	10:00 a.m. VBS meeting
	10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages	Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship Coffee & Youth biscuits to follow with fellowship
Wednesday	9:30 a.m. Bible Study Sugar Mill Point		
	4:30 p.m. Confirmation class		
	6:00 p.m. Potluck Fellowship		
	6:45 p.m. Prayer & Praise		

For the week of May 20 - 26 2018

Birthdays	Baptismal Anniversaries	Wedding Anniversaries
May 29 John Wegner	May 30 Jacob Cinnater	May 29 JP & Aimee Cima
31 Oscar Mertink		
June 1 Mari Tabor		

In the palm of God's Hands...

HEALTH CONCERNS: Ann Perryman, Clayton Hannusch, Camille Adams, Catherine Schutte, Connie Oswald, Heidi Guidry, Jackie Myers, Jeff Jones, Jerrie Fitzgerald, Jerry Ledet, John Lewis, Joy Stegall, Mary & R.C. Quarlls, Mike Fish, & Richard LaCour

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Allen & Betty Carpenter, Edna Marie Sevin, Laura Naquin, Linda Meyer, Myra Thalheim, & Paul Gerken

MOURNING A LOSS: the families of John Ellerman & Retina Roday.

SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES: Allen Trahan, Chandler Crawford, Dave McClellan, Doug Mandel, Heather Darce, Jack Hansen, Kyle Turcott, Leo Lampinen, Matthew Spolarich, Nigel Koorie, Ronnie Joe Ojeda, Timothy DeSoto, Todd Mueller, Tom Hemminger, & Victoria Shroyer

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Alec Cunningham, Connor Cuneo, Hannah Cuneo, Jacob Cinnater, Jared Moise, Kara Kraus, Karly Kyzar, Michael Thalheim, Ross Reaves, & Satin Ursery

Stewardship News

Attendance last Sunday: 57

Last Sunday GF Offerings: \$2,476.00

General Fund offerings YTD: \$55,810.25

Weekly 2018 Budgeted Expenses: \$3,089.69

2018 Budgeted Expenses YTD: \$64,883.48

Portals for Prisoners

A GLC member has offered funds to purchase Portals of Prayer for distribution to inmates at the local prisons as we have done in years past. In order to purchase 100 copies for the year costs \$430 so that's the goal we're trying to reach. If you'd like to help, make a check out to the church with "Prisoner Portals" in the memo line or put cash in an enveloped marked the same. Thanks for your generosity.

**HE IS ALIVE!
THE RISEN LORD CAN BE YOUR COMPANION EVERY DAY.**

AGNUS DEI (p. 198 in hymnal)

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“The Lord, My God, Be Praised” LSB #794
“All People That on Earth Do Dwell” LSB #791
“Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest” LSB #498

Stand

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray,

God, the gracious giver of all blessings, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. Sanctify us by the working of Your Holy Spirit that we continue in this faith and fellowship and do the good works which You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom, with You and the same Spirit, be all honor and glory, forever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

Numbers 6:24–26

People: **Amen.**

HYMN “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” LSB #643

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Grace’s Mission
Building one body in Christ through Worship, Witness,
Stewardship, Service, Love, Teaching and Fellowship

THE HOLY TRINITY

AS WE GATHER

The Festival of the Holy Trinity gives us an opportunity to stretch our faith. At its center is a careful delineation of doctrine. At the heart of the liturgy is the Athanasian Creed, which is challenging not only for its length but for its content as well. As he writes to Titus, Paul has special words of encouragement, writing, “But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine” (Titus 2:1). Through the Lessons we hear and the Creed we speak, we faithfully join in expressing the doctrine that is our heritage.

+ PREPARATION +

Stand

OPENING HYMN “Glory Be to God the Father” LSB #506

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Isaiah 6:3b, Psalm 38:21–22; 43:3–4; 41:13*

Pastor: Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;

People: **the whole earth is full of His glory!**

Pastor: Do not forsake me, O LORD! O my God, be not far from me!

People: **Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!**

Pastor: Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;

People: **let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!**

Pastor: Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,

People: **and I will praise You with the lyre, O God, my God.**

Pastor: Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,

People: **from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.**

Kneel

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 Thessalonians 5:23–24*

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Let us with true hearts confess together that we, through sinful thoughts, careless words, and loveless deeds, have transgressed God's righteous Law and deserve His punishment now and eternally.

People: **Almighty God, merciful Father, we acknowledge our sinful nature and repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. For the sake of Jesus, grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we be fit places for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and serve You in time and in eternity.**

Pastor: 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. Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

People: **Amen.**

+ WORD +

Stand

INTROIT *Psalm 16:8–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

Pastor: Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity
People: **Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.**

Pastor: I have set the Lord always before me;

People: **because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

Pastor: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

People: **my flesh also dwells secure.**

Pastor: For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

People: **or let your holy one see corruption.**

Pastor: You make known to me the path of life;

People: **in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forever-more.**

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

People: **and to the Holy Spirit;**

Pastor: as it was in the beginning,

People: **is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

People: **Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.**

KYRIE *(p. 186 in hymnal)*

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

HYMN OF PRAISE "Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing" LSB #584

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: 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."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9–13)*

People: **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.**

PAX DOMINI

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

People: **Amen.**

OFFERTORY

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” LSB #781, verses 1 & 2

+ SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*
People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*
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. You have called us as followers of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taken upon Himself the sins of the world and has, by His rising from the grave, opened to us the very gates of heaven. 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 laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *(p. 195 in hymnal)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: 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.

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.

People: **Amen.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 6:1–8*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Acts 2:14a, 22–36*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Pastor: Alleluia, alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty.
People: **The whole earth is full of His glory. Amen! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Amen, amen!**

HOLY GOSPEL *John 3:1–17*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CREED *Athanasian Creed (Part 1)*

Pastor: As an expression of our faith, we confess the words of the Athanasian Creed, the longest and most recent of the three Ecumenical Creeds of the Church. Because of its length, we will be dividing the Creed into two sections and will be assisted by readers in speaking it.

People: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith. Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.

Pastor: And the catholic faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance. For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another. But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.

Lector: Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit: the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated; the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite; the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.

People: And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal, just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.

Pastor: In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty; and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.

Lector: So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; and yet there are not three Gods, but one God. So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord; and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

People: Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we 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. The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.

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

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

Lector: 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.

People: Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity. But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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 from the substance of His mother in this age: perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;

Lector: 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 the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God; one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

Lector: For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ, who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead, 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.

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

Lector: 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.

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "Alleluia! Let Praises Ring" LSB #822

SERMON

MEDITATION

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition;

Pastor: Triune God in mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Sit

OFFERING

Stand