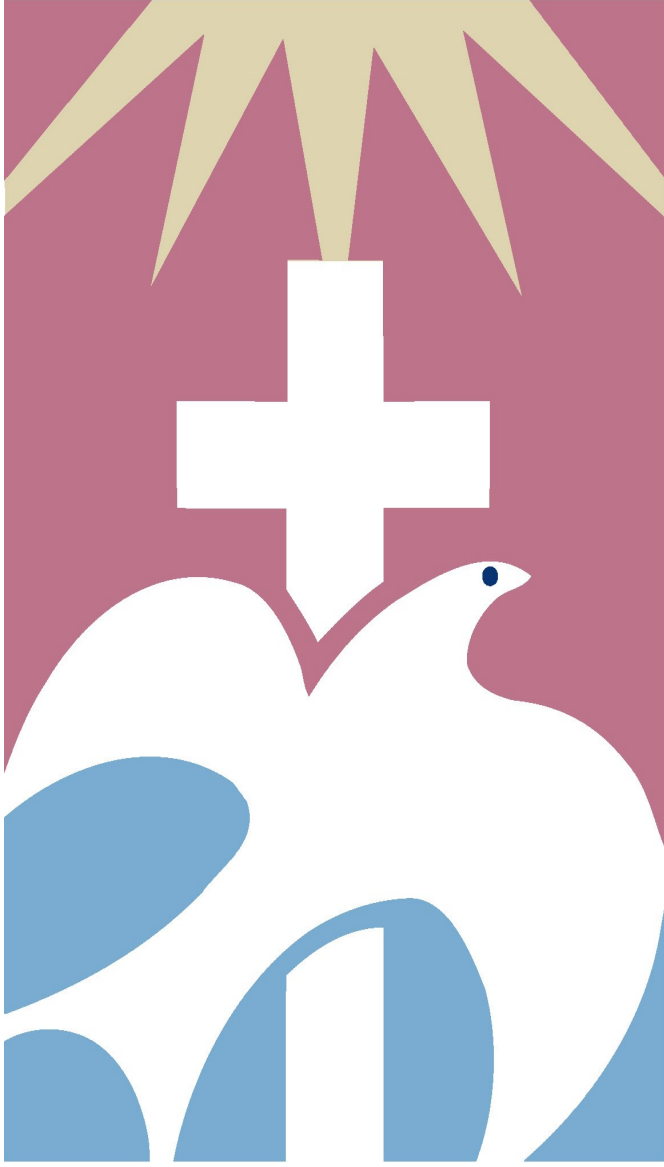


Holy Trinity Sunday (Salem Graduation)

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TRINITY SUNDAY



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## Holy Trinity Sunday

*God in Three Persons, Blessed Trinity*

**W**elcome! Thank you for joining us for worship today. In our services we gather before our almighty God to receive his gifts and to offer him our worship and praise. Through God's powerful Word and sacraments he renews our faith and strengthens us to serve in joy.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, united in will and work, we praise you for your grace and mercy. Thank you for revealing to us your plan of salvation. Fill our hearts as we worship today with peace and hope. Amen.

**THEME OF THE DAY:** In the first half of the Church Year (Advent through Pentecost) we look at the life of Christ. In the second half of the year, we look at the teachings of Christ. We begin with one of the greatest mysteries: God is triune.

In the first chapter of the Bible we read, *"Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image..."* (Genesis 1:26). Note the singular "God" and the plural "us." Scripture teaches us that there is only one God but that he exists as three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is triune (three-in-one). This teaching is not some logical exercise or philosophical excursion. The doctrine of the Trinity is central to our salvation. The triune God is our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Lose this doctrine, and as the Athanasian Creed says, you lose it all. A Jesus who is less than God is also less than a Savior.

**ABOUT THE ATHANASIAN CREED:** While we use a creed in worship most weeks, the Christian church reserves the Athanasian Creed for Trinity Sunday. This creed is one of the three confessional creeds of the Christian Church. While its exact author and origin are unknown, it was written in the 5th or 6th century to defend two main truths of the Bible. The creed teaches the Holy Trinity, that God is revealed in Scripture as three distinct Persons yet one God. The creed also affirms the dual nature of Jesus as true God and true Man.

The name Athanasian was attached to the Creed in later history, bringing to mind St. Athanasius, a staunch defender of both these doctrines. We speak only part of the Creed in worship. Find the full text and a more detailed description of this special statement of faith in the hymnal on pages 284-285.

### ***SERVING GOD, SERVING US:***

Worship Leader: Pastor Ryan Wolfe

Piano: Madison Boerner (Saturday), Lauren Shult (Sunday)

Saturday Preservice Piano: Maia Gumbrill


# Order of Worship




## HYMN: Oh, How Good It Is

CW 731


(9:30am) Salem students sing verses 1 and 3. The congregation sings verse two and joins the students at "When we live as one" in verse three.




1 Oh, how good it is when the fam - 'ly of God dwells to -  
2 Oh, how good it is on this jour - ney we share to re -  
3 Oh, how good it is to em - brace his com - mand to pre -



geth - er in spir - it, in faith and u - ni - ty. Where the  
joyce with the hap - py and weep with those who mourn. For the  
fer one an - oth - er, for - give as he for - gives. When we



bonds of peace, of ac - cept - ance and love are the  
weak find strength, the af - flict - ed find grace when we  
live as one we all share in the love of the



fruits of his pres - ence here a - mong us.  
of - fer the bless - ing of be - long - ing.  
Son with the Fa - ther and the Spir - it.

### *Refrain*



So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,



and with one heart we'll live out his word,



till the whole earth sees the Re - deem - er has come,



for he dwells in the pres - ence of his peo - ple.

Please stand.

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS OF SINS

M: If we claim to be without sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

*(1 John 1:8-9)*

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## Hymn Response: Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

CW 481 st. 4

4 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! Un - to our tri - une  
God we sing; blest be his name for - ev - er!  
With an - gel hosts let us a - dore and sing his

prais - es more and more for all his grace and fa - vor.  
 Sing - ing, ring - ing: ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;  
 spread the sto - ry of our God, the Lord of glo - ry!

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**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, living and reigning, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

**First Reading**

*Psalm 91:1-2, 9-12*

*God promises shelter and rest to those who seek refuge in him. Verse two was chosen by the 8th graders as their class verse.*

<sup>1</sup>Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
 will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

<sup>2</sup>I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress,  
 my God, in whom I trust."

<sup>9</sup>If you say, "The LORD is my refuge,"  
 and you make the Most High your dwelling,

<sup>10</sup>no harm will overtake you,  
 no disaster will come near your tent.

<sup>11</sup>For he will command his angels concerning you  
 to guard you in all your ways;

<sup>12</sup>they will lift you up in their hands,  
 so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-14

*Paul closes his inspired letter with a three-part blessing reminding us of our Triune God's gifts of grace, love, and fellowship.*

<sup>11</sup>Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

<sup>12</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. <sup>13</sup>All God's people here send their greetings.

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

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **(9:30am) Jubilate Choir Anthem**

*Work While It Is Day*

### *Stanza 1*

So many eyes that cannot see. So many hearts to be set free.  
So little time for you and me, to help them find the way.  
So much to share about God's grace, how he's prepared a heav'nly place.  
Surely we can't give up the race; We must work while it is day

### *Refrain*

Work while it is day; Soon the night is falling.  
Christians, don't delay; Heed the Savior's calling  
Do not worry if you're ready; God will guide your way;  
Just simply work while it is day.

### *Stanza 2*

So many lives that still walk dead. So many souls that must be fed,  
Needing to hear Christ's blood was shed; Their ransom has been paid.  
We've got a treasure in our hands; We can't ignore the Lord's command  
To spread his love to ev'ry land, to work while it is day. (*Refrain 2x*)

### *Coda*

Answer quickly when he calls you,  
Here am I, send me, send me!

*Please stand.*

*Jesus calls us to do ministry in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

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

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Be seated.*

## Children's Devotion

### Hymn of the Day: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty CW 483



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

*“God’s got this!”*

*Please remain seated after the sermon.*

## **Offering**



 **Connect Card**

Our members give offerings to support God’s work in our church. Offerings can be put in the basket or made online by scanning the code. Visitors may give, but aren’t expected to.

We ask members and visitors alike to fill out the connection card and place it in the basket now or as you leave. Please share your prayer requests that we can pray for you.



 **Give Online**

## **(9:30am) Presentation of Diplomas to 8th Grade Graduates**

Mr. Ryan Klatt, Salem Principal  
Mr. Karl Paulsen, Salem School Board Chairman  
Pastor Ryan Wolfe

### **Eighth Grade Graduates**

Noah Xavier Hansen  
Gideon John Paulsen  
Aiden Kurt Sames  
Michael Patrick Thompson  
Levi Marvin Wolfe

## **(9:30) Class Hymn**

*Speak, O Lord*

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy Word;  
Take your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and fashion us in your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of  
faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow’r that can never fail, let their truth prevail over unbelief.



Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds, help us grasp the heights of your plans for us, Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till your Church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory.

## **Athanasian Creed**

*This creed is named after St. Athanasius, a staunch defender of the Christian faith in the fourth century. It was prepared to assist the Church in combating two errors that undermined Bible teaching. One error denied that God's Son and the Holy Spirit are of one being or Godhead with the Father. The other error denied that Jesus Christ is true God and true man in one person. Learn more about this creed on the first page of the bulletin and in the hymnal.*

**Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith.**

**Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.**

**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.**

**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.**

**What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.**

**The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**

**the Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;**

**the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;**

**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.**

**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.**

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

**So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord; yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.**

**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.**

**The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.  
The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.  
The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created, nor begotten, but proceeds from  
the Father and the Son.**

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

**And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior,  
but all three persons are coequal and coeternal, so that, in every way, as  
stated before, all three persons are to be worshipped as one God, and one  
God worshipped as three persons.**

**Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.**

*Please stand.*

## ***Prayer of the Church***

### ***Lord's Prayer***

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your  
will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us  
our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into tempta-  
tion, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are  
yours now and forever. Amen.**

### ***Blessing***

**M: The Lord bless you and keep you.**

**The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.**

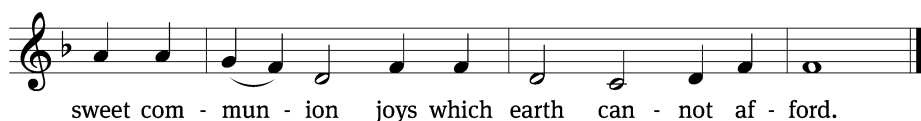
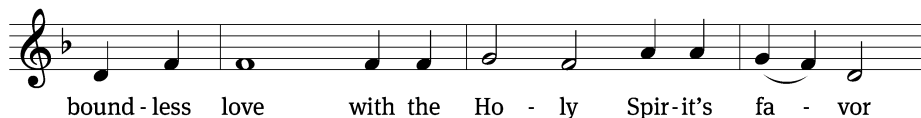
**The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.**

**C: Amen.**

*Be seated*

## Hymn: *May the Grace of Christ Our Savior*

CW 928



## *Silent Prayer and Announcements*

### **Acknowledgments**

Setting One from Christian Worship

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### **For Worship Next Week**

Worship theme: The Holy Ministry...is filled with sinners called by God

Bible Readings: Exodus 3:1-15; 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Matthew 9:9-13

Hymns: 738, 578, 575, 615

# *Welcome to worship!*

## FOR OUR GUESTS

We are glad that you joined us to worship our Savior today. If you have questions about our church or service simply ask an usher or someone near you. We're happy to help. Please take note of a few helpful things:

- † **Restrooms** are located straight down the hall opposite the sanctuary entrance. Both men's and women's restrooms are equipped with **diaper changing tables** for your convenience.
- † Our sanctuary is equipped with an amplified "loop" system for **hearing assistance**. Please set hearing aids to the "T" position.
- † You will find a **connection card** in your pew. We ask members and guests to share their names and contact info, and invite you to share requests for contact or prayers.
- † Salem members give an **offering** to support the work we do for the Lord. Guests are not expected to give anything, but if you wish to make a donation you can place it in a basket as it's passed during the service or give online.

## FOR THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We love to see families worship together and we welcome children to sing and pray and grow with us in our services. Please note these special worship aids and helps for families:

- † Children's bulletins & "*quiet bags*" for your child's use in worship are available in the entry, just to the left of the office hallway. Ask an usher if you need help finding them.
- † If your child needs to be nursed or quieted for a few moments you can use our "*cry room*" down the hallway across from the restrooms. The service is shown live on a TV in the room.
- † Sunday mornings, before the hymn of the day and sermon, children of all ages are invited to come to the front of church for a short devotion on God's Word. Parents may accompany their children as they wish.

Salem Lutheran Church exists to glorify God  
by teaching his timeless Truth, that all may  
grow in grace and faith to share tomorrow's eternity.

