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Sunday, May 30th, 2021
Holy Trinity Sunday

Prelude
 Tower Bells and Welcome
 Announcements

Visitors are encouraged to note their attendance by filling out the "Welcome" side (blue print) of the pew cards and putting the card into the offering plate near the entrance doors.

Worship Notes: Face covering must be used at all times. We will stop using face coverings on June 2 as advised by Gov. DeWine. The congregation is invited to speak and sing the parts in bold type through a face covering.

Opening Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy

LSB 507

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!

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 pow'r, in love, and purity.

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.

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!

Invocation (*stands.*)

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

Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,
C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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.
C: Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit Psalm 91

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
2 I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”
3 For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.
4 He will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
5 You will not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
6 nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.
7 A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.
8 You will only look with your eyes
and see the recompense of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—
10 no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.
11 For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
12 On their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
13 You will tread on the lion and the adder;
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.
14 “Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him;
I will protect him, because he knows my name.
15 When he calls to me, I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.
16 With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation.”

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

All: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

All: 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. Amen.

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 6:1-7 (*Congregation sits*)

1 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. 2 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. 3 And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 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!”

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading Romans 11:33-36

33 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

34 “For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?”

35 “Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?”

36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "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." 3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8 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."

9 Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" 10 Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? 11 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. 12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 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."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

God Loved the World So That He Gave

LSB 571

1 God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.

3 God would not have the sinner die;
His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.

2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone.

4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood,
Your Baptism grants the highest good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
That is the firmest ground of faith.

6 (*stand*) Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

Sermon “The One God for All to Know. The One Savior to Depend Upon.”

Athanasian Creed

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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;

equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:

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.

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.

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

And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

Offerings Brought Forward and Prayer for Offering

Responsive Prayer for Armed Forces (*see insert*)

Hymn

God Bless Our Native Land

LSB 965

1 God bless our native land;
Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night.
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might.

2 So shall our prayers arise
To God above the skies;
On Him we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye,
To Thee aloud we cry:
God save the state!

Prayer of Zion Lutheran Church

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For the faithful proclamation of Christ's saving name, that God's people may be strengthened in the true faith and His kingdom extended, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the holy Christian Church throughout the world and for all who confess the name of Christ, that God would guard and defend us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the educational institutions of our synod: for our preschools, our day schools and high schools, our colleges and universities, and for our seminaries, that those who teach and those who learn in them would be transformed by the wisdom of Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have wandered from the faith, that the Holy Spirit would use us to call them home to the Father, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the government and all who have been set into positions of leadership, that they may use the authority entrusted to them honorably and for the good of the people, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who serve in worthy occupations, professions, arts, medicine, education, agriculture, military and sciences, that God would grant them skill and integrity in the performance of their responsibilities and valued service through their vocations, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who suffer from hunger, homelessness, poverty, or unemployment, that God's great mercy and love would preserve and relieve them, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For all the faithful, that the Spirit would lead them to cheerful, generous giving from the bounty the Lord provides, to support the Church and to help those in need, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are sick (especially _____), that God would grant healing to their bodies and strength to bear their infirmities with patience and grace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who rejoice in the rich blessings of God, that they may always remember the Giver of every gift and give Him heartfelt thanks, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Contact Pastor Rockrohr for changes to prayer list.

Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Bless we the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Before You, Lord, We Bow (stand)

LSB 966

1 Before You, Lord, we bow,
Our God who reigns above
And rules the world below,
Boundless in pow'r and love.
Our thanks we bring
In joy and praise,
Our hearts we raise
To You, our King!

2 The nation You have blest
May well Your love declare,
From foes and fears at rest,
Protected by Your care.
For this bright day,
For this fair land—
Gifts of Your hand—
Our thanks we pay.

3 May ev'ry mountain height,
Each vale and forest green,
Shine in Your Word's pure light,
And its rich fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue
Be tuned to praise
And join to raise
A grateful song.

4 Earth, hear your Maker's voice;
Your great Redeemer own;
Believe, obey, rejoice,
And worship Him alone.
Cast down your pride,
Your sin deplore,
And bow before
The Crucified.

5 And when in pow'r He comes,
Oh, may our native land
From all its rending tombs
Send forth a glorious band,

A countless throng,
With joy to sing
To heav'n's high King
Salvation's song.

Silent Prayer and Extinguish Candles

Postlude and Depart in His Peace

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Thoughts on Being A Navy Chaplain
by Navy Chaplain Paul Rockrohr, May 27, 2021

One of the great privileges of being a Navy Chaplain is the ability to speak the Word of comfort and peace to Marines and Sailors, especially in times of danger and distress. I say the Word, not a word, because platitudes rarely bring us peace or comfort. But the Holy Spirit gives the peace beyond understanding when he points us to Christ and the love of God in the victory of the cross. Sometimes it is the fear of death when enemies who desire to kill and maim present danger. Other times despair leads to thoughts of death and suicide. In both cases, the answer is Life and the One who brings it. We were blessed on the deployment to CentCom [September 2020 – April 2021] to have no deaths and no life-altering injuries. Yet there were a number of trials, hardships, and troubles. More often than not, I was able to speak about the Mighty God and Prince of Peace who is our Lord Jesus. I was asked to pray even with those that did not believe but sought aid. The wonderful thing about being a Christian is that our Father hears our prayers for the unbeliever as well as the believer.

I've no doubt that God protected us through many things, and I can attest that my prayers were heard on numerous occasions and relief was granted. When those that serve, believer or unbeliever, go forward into harms' way, it is our duty as Christians to intercede for them. First, because they serve our Lord through His reign in the kingdom of the left. Second, because as Christians our Lord Jesus has called us to love our neighbor which includes our prayers.



Chaplain Paul Rockrohr leads Christmas Eve worship on deployment.



Chaplain Rockrohr leads prayers with Marines deployed in Kuwait on November 10, 2020, the birthday of the USMC

As a Chaplain it is my honor and duty to serve in prayer, preaching, and counseling. And our Lord hears and commands His angels to protect us. Coincidentally, I deployed with the Ugly Angels (VMM-362), which was a constant reminder to me about whose hand we were in despite the dangers all around. I found myself often singing LSB 666.

1 O little flock, fear not the foe Who madly seeks your overthrow;
Dread not his rage and pow'r. And though your courage sometimes faints,
His seeming triumph o'er God's saints Lasts but a little hour.

2 Be of good cheer; your cause belongs To Him who can avenge your wrongs;
Leave it to Him, our Lord. Though hidden yet from mortal eyes,
His Gideon shall for you arise, Uphold you and His Word.

3 As true as God's own Word is true, Not earth nor hell's satanic crew
Against us shall prevail. Their might? A joke, a mere facade!
God is with us and we with God—Our vict'ry cannot fail.

4 Amen, Lord Jesus, grant our prayer; Great Captain, now Thine arm make bare,
Fight for us once again! So shall Thy saints and martyrs raise
A mighty chorus to Thy praise Forevermore. Amen.

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Note from Pastor Carl Rockrohr about the LCMS's Ministry to the Armed Forces:

During my two years serving on the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's Board for International Mission, and through my son's Navy Chaplain service, I have learned much and come to greatly appreciate a hidden missionary gem of the LCMS: our Ministry to the Armed Forces (MAF). With a staff of only 3 people, our LCMS MAF staff recruit, certify, and support LCMS military chaplains and reach out to LCMS service men and women. The MAF staff have to fund-raise their own salaries and ministry budget from individual donors; they receive no funds from any Synod budget. Our MAF staff vigorously defends our LCMS chaplains' freedom of religious beliefs to preach Scripture and Jesus Christ alone; guides them through the military chaplain intake process; supports them with ministry supplies; and even raises funds for tuition for required additional academic degrees our LCMS Chaplains need to advance in rank. We support a lot of good causes at Zion Lutheran, but LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces is really doing a great job. If you are inclined to support them, see the literature distributed today and on display in the narthex.