

**First Sunday after Pentecost**  
*The Holy Trinity*

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*Today we gather for worship on Zoom. The Service will be spoken. We will mute all participants, but please join the Cantor in speaking the Congregation parts.*

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

**TODAY'S THREAD:** *Our God is an awesome God. His people live to confess him to the world.*

### OPENING HYMN

**Come, Now, Almighty King | 193**

*Come, now, almighty King; Help us your name to sing;*

*Help us to praise.*

*Father all-glorious, O'er all victorious,*

*Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.*

*Come, now, incarnate Word; Put on your mighty sword;*

*Our prayer attend.*

*Come and your people bless, And give your Word success;*

*Grant us your righteousness, Savior and Friend.*

*Come, holy Comforter; Your sacred witness bear*

*In this glad hour.*

*Your sev'nfold gifts impart; Now rule in ev'ry heart;*

*Never from us depart, Spirit of Pow'r.*

*To the great One in Three Eternal praises be*

*Forevermore!*

*His sov'reign majesty May we in glory see*

*And to eternity Love and adore.*

**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:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### SONG OF PRAISE

**Holy God, We Praise Your Name | 278:1, 4**

*Te Deum*

*Holy God, we praise your name;  
Lord of all, we bow before you.  
All on earth your scepter claim;  
All in heav'n above adore you.  
Infinite your vast domain,  
Everlasting is your reign.*

*Holy Father, holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, three we name you;  
Though in essence only one,  
Undivided God we claim you,  
Then, adoring, bend the knee  
And confess the mystery.*

### 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.

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

**Genesis 1:1-2:3**

*Heads up! This is the only eyewitness account of Creation. Vividly listen, seeing these awesome events in your mind's eye. Here you meet God, the only One who preexisted the beginning of all things.*

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

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

<sup>6</sup> And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." <sup>7</sup> So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. <sup>8</sup> God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

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

<sup>11</sup> Then 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. <sup>12</sup> The 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. <sup>13</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

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

<sup>20</sup> And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” <sup>21</sup> So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> God 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.” <sup>23</sup> And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God 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.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created mankind in his own image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

<sup>29</sup> Then 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. <sup>30</sup> And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

<sup>31</sup> God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

<sup>2:1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

<sup>2</sup> By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. <sup>3</sup> Then 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 the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 150

*Moved by God's awesome creative and saving acts which reveal his surpassing greatness, his people live to praise him, confessing his revealed reputation, so everyone may know and praise the true God.*

**C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**M: Praise God in his sanctuary;**

**C:     **praise him in his mighty heavens.****

**M: Praise him for his acts of power;**

**C:     **praise him for his surpassing greatness.****

**C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**M: Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,**

**C:     **praise him with the harp and lyre,****

**M: praise him with tambourine and dancing,**

**C:     **praise him with strings and flute,****

**M: praise him with the clash of cymbals,**

**C:     **praise him with resounding cymbals.****

**C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**M: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.**

**C:     **Praise the LORD.****

**All: 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.**

**C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 13:11-14 EHV

*Our brotherhood is not the brotherhood of man! It is the communion of saints – those who know and confess the grace, love and fellowship created by and in the Holy Triune God through Christ Jesus.*

<sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers, rejoice. Set things in order. Be encouraged. Agree with one another. Be at 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 the saints greet you.

<sup>14</sup> 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 the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Isaiah 6:3b cf.

**M: Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory. Alleluia.**

## GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20 EHV

*Followers of Jesus Christ find great comfort and a clear purpose for their lives in these words spoken by their Risen Lord Jesus. See the glory of the one God, whose name reveals he is three Persons.*

**M:** The Gospel, Matthew Chapter 28

<sup>16</sup>The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some hesitated because they were uncertain. <sup>18</sup>Jesus approached and spoke to them saying, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and gather disciples from all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and by teaching them to keep all the instructions I have given you. And surely I am with you always until the end of the age.”

**M:** This is the Gospel.

**C:** Praise be to you, O Christ!

## HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest | 177

*Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, And make our hearts your place of rest;  
Come with your grace and heav'nly aid, And fill the hearts which you have made.*

*To you, the Counselor, we cry, To you, the gift of God most high;  
The fount of life, the fire of love, The soul's anointing from above.*

*Your light to ev'ry thought impart, And shed your love in ev'ry heart;  
The weakness of our mortal state With deathless might invigorate.*

*Drive far away our wily foe, And your abiding peace bestow;  
If you are our protecting guide, No evil can with us abide.*

*Teach us to know the Father, Son, And you, from both, as Three in One  
That we your name may ever bless And in our lives the truth confess.*

*Praise we the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, with them One,  
And may the Son on us bestow The gifts that from the Spirit flow!*

**SERMON** – *See the separate sheet for the Sermon Road Map.*

## THE 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. The Athanasian Creed continues to serve the Christian Church as a standard of the truth. It declares that whoever rejects the doctrine of the Trinity and the doctrine of Christ is without the saving faith.*

**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 worshiped as one God  
and one God worshiped as three persons.  
Whoever wishes 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, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and he is man, born in time  
from the nature of his mother, fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human flesh,  
equal to the Father as to his deity, less than the Father as to his humanity;  
and though he is both God and man, Christ is not two persons but one,  
one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God;  
one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person;  
for just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being,  
so God and man are one Christ.**

**He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty,  
and from there will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**At his coming all people will rise with their own bodies  
to answer for their personal deeds.**

**Those who have done good will enter eternal life,  
but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.**

**This is the true Christian faith.**

**Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.**

## THANKSGIVING

**OFFERING** – *The mail at church is being collected. Offerings may be mailed to:  
Peace Ev. Lutheran Church, 200 E. Beidler Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406*

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M:** Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.
- C:** **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**
- M:** You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.
- C:** **We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**
- M:** Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.
- C:** **Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**
- M:** Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.
- C:** **Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**
- Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*
- M:** ... Lord, in your mercy,
- C:** **Hear our prayer.**
- M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.
- Silent prayer.*
- M:** We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.
- C:** **We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

- All:** **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 temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**



**M:** Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

**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.

**C:** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

## Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty | 195

*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!*

*Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Who was and is and evermore shall be.*

*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.*

*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!*

### *Silent prayer - Announcements after the close of Service*

After our *Silent prayer*, we will unmute everyone. We invite you to hang around for a little while to greet one another, like we do when gathered for worship. Pastor will invite each one to share how you are doing and how Jesus has blessed you in this unplanned time at home. ...**encourage one another.** *1 Thessalonians 5:11*