

UNITED IN CHRIST



First Sunday After Pentecost—Holy Trinity
Living Shepherd Lutheran Church
365 W. Grand Ave Laramie, WY
June 11, 2017



WELCOME TO LIVING SHEPHERD!

A FEW NOTES BEFORE WORSHIP

- *We're so glad you joined us for worship today!*
- *Restrooms are located on your right and on your left immediately after you walk through the double doors next to the fireplace.*
- *We love having children in our worship service! However, if your child becomes restless, the café (first door on the left past the restrooms) is a great place to regroup and grab a cup of coffee.*
- *You are our guest! If there is something else we can help you with, please let any one of us know!*
- *Finally, you'll find everything you need for worship printed in this service folder. Lord's blessings on your worship!*

TODAY'S SERVICE

Unity. It's something the world has been chasing since the beginning of time. It's one thing everyone desires to have. Yet unity remains elusive. People look in the wrong places to find it. Some never find it. While others find only a temporary solution that quickly fades. Thankfully, Christians aren't among those still searching for unity. Perfect unity has been given to them as a gift. Through his perfect life and innocent death, Jesus has united Christians to their God. This morning, we'll see how this unity impacts our relationships with others!

A PRAYER BEFORE WE BEGIN

Lord, today I celebrate You, that You are Triune, the three-in-one God. I know I can never understand this with my reason—lead me to humbly put my reason aside, and lead me to simply rejoice in Your gracious love. Bless me, O God! In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

WE ENTER THE PRESENCE OF OUR TRIUNE GOD

ATHANASIAN CREED, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Athanasian Creed was written in the 4th Century, to re-state clearly what the church had always believed; that God is three-in-one, or "Triune." False teachers had begun to teach that Jesus and the Holy Spirit were somehow inferior to the Father, that they weren't really God. The church knew it was necessary to state the truth clearly and thoroughly, and did so in the Athanasian Creed. We use the Athanasian Creed on Trinity Sunday, the day we celebrate the truth that our God is really three, and really one, a mystery which goes far beyond our sinful human reason. We do NOT try to understand it; we simply praise God for who He is and what He's done for us.

(sung) **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!**

Presiding Minister: 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:

**Congregation: We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God,
Without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.**

P: 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.

C: What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.

P: The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

C: The Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

P: 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,

C: 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.

(sung) **Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you!**

P: Oh the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable His judgments, and His paths beyond tracing out!

C: **We confess, O God, that we are sinful human beings. Foolishly we've tried to use our own reason to try to discern Your majesty. Arrogantly we've failed to bow before you. Surely we deserve Your punishment now and in eternity. Have mercy on us, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!**

P: Take heart, brothers and sisters, for you are the children of the heavenly Father! In love, the Father sent His Son, Jesus, to this earth. Jesus lived, died, and rose in your place, paying for your sins. The Holy Spirit has called you to faith, convincing you that what Jesus did for all, He did for you. Your sins ARE forgiven! You stand at one with the One, True, Triune God!

(sung) **Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining?**

P: 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.

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

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

C: **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.**

P: The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.

C: **The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.**

P: The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten,
but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

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

P: And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior,

C: **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 wor-
shipped as three persons.**

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

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

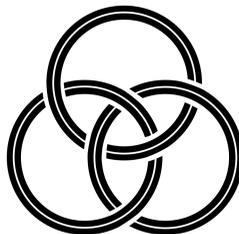
C: **Amen.**

(sung) **Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!**

All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the Amen, sound from his people again;

Gladly forever adore him!



THE TRIUNE GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

GENESIS 1:1-2:3

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² 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.

³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day. ⁶ And God said, "Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water." ⁷ So God made the expanse and separated the water under the expanse from the water above it. And it was so. ⁸ God called the expanse "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

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

¹¹ 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. ¹² 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. ¹³ And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth, ¹⁸ to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

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

²⁴ And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: livestock, creatures that move along the ground, and wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ 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. ²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.” ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

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

^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

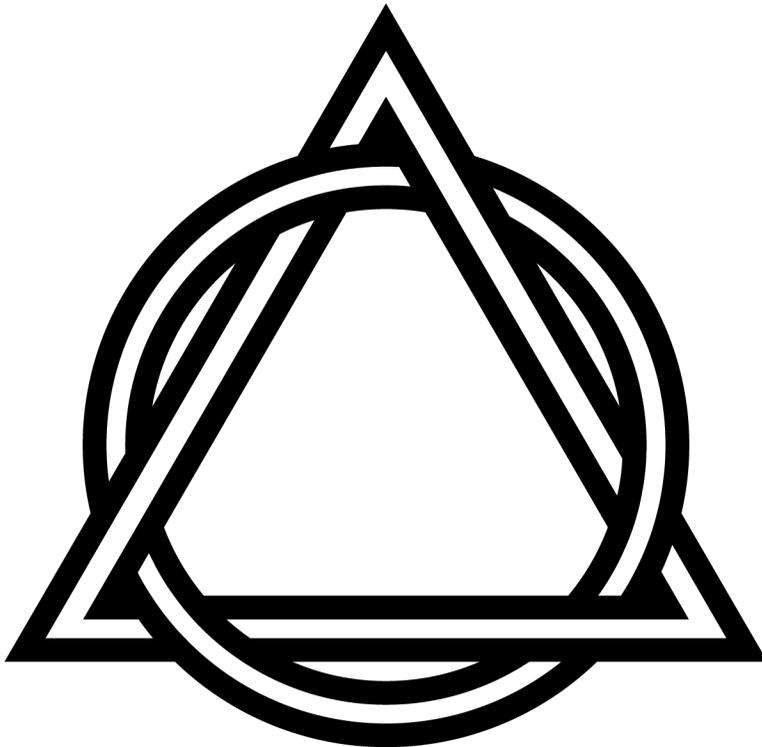
² By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. ³ And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.



PSALM 150 (printed on the next page in your service folder)

MATTHEW 28:16-20

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."



Psalm 150

Refrain



Ho - ly is God, the Lord of hosts! Ho - ly is
God, the Lord of hosts! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of hosts!

Psalm Tone



Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Refrain

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,

praise him with tambourine and dancing,
praise him with strings and flute,

praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.
Praise the LORD.

**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.**

Refrain

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Hymn of the Day is assigned to this day because of its rich content and connection to the day's Gospel.

HYMN 177 — COME, HOLY GHOST, CREATOR BLEST

(The children may come forward during verse 4 for the children's devotion)



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make our
2 To you, the Coun - se - lor, we cry, To you, the
3 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, And shed your
4 Drive far a - way our wi - ly foe, And your a -
5 Teach us to know the Fa - ther, Son, And you, from



hearts your place of rest; Come with your grace and
gift of God most high; The fount of life, the
love in ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our
bid - ing peace be - stow; If you are our pro -
both, as Three in One That we your name may



heav'n - ly aid, And fill the hearts which you have made.
fire of love, The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.
mor - tal state With death - less might in - vig - o - rate.
tect - ing guide, No e - vil can with us a - bide.
ev - er bless And in our lives the truth con - fess.

6 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!

Text: attr. Rhabanus Maurus, 776–856, abr.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–78, alt.

Tune: KOMM, GOTT SCHÖPFER (LM) Klug, *Geistliche lieder auiffs new gebessert*, Wittenberg, 1533.

GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

2 CORINTHIANS 13:11-14

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Finally, brothers, good-by. Aim for perfection, listen to my appeal, be of one mind, 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 send their greetings. ¹⁴ May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



CONFESSION OF FAITH

P: Living in a world where people believe that the universe was formed through chance and accident, what do you believe?

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P: Living in a world where people are confronted with the guilt and punishment of sin, what do you believe Jesus did for you?

C: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Living in a world where people are without hope and certainty, what do you believe?

C: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

WORSHIP REGISTERS

*Thanks for visiting us today! We'd love to have a record of your visit!
Any information you'd be willing to share would be greatly appreciated!*

OFFERING

Moved by God's love in Christ, the people of Living Shepherd offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. To those visiting, you are our guests. While your gifts are welcome, please do not feel obligated to give. You can also support our ministry by clicking the "give" button at www.LivingShepherd.com

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*We pray on behalf of this church as well as on behalf of
God's people throughout our nation and the world.*

P: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

P: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

P: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state and local governments

C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

P: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

P: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your creation.

C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

P: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions

Silent Prayer

P: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear us and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare. For it was your only Son who taught us to pray:

C: **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.**

BLESSING

*The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years.
The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them],
and I will bless them" [Numbers 6:27].*

P: 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

HYMN 566 — WE ALL ARE ONE IN MISSION

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We All Are One in Mission



1 We all are one in mis - sion; We all are one in
 2 We all are called to ser - vice, To wit - ness in God's
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, And let our song be



call, Our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed By Christ, the
 name. Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; Our pur - pose
 heard; Now let us be a ves - sel For God's re -



Lord of all. A sin - gle great com - mis - sion
 is the same: To touch the lives of oth - ers
 deem - ing Word. We all are one in mis - sion;



Com - pels us from a - bove To plan and work
 With God's sur - pris - ing grace, So ev - 'ry folk
 We all are one in call, Our var - ied gifts



to - geth - er That all may know Christ's love.
 and na - tion May feel God's warm em - brace.
 u - nit - ed By Christ, the Lord of all.

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Tune: WEBB (76 76 D) George J. Webb, 1803-87.

WELCOME!

We welcome everyone here today and thank you for joining us for Worship! We hope that you will join us again soon. If you haven't met him yet, we encourage you to introduce yourself to Vicar Reich!

TREATS FROM SWEETS BAKERY AND COFFEE!

We hope you can stick around after worship to join us for some treats from Sweets Bakery and some freshly brewed coffee!

SUMMER BIBLE CAMP DATES

Our 2017 Summer Bible Camp will be a bit earlier this year. We'll run it here at the Lincoln Community Center June 19th through June 23rd. For those helping with our Summer Bible Camp, there will be a brief meeting after worship.

CHURCH PICNIC

The Sunday following Summer Bible Camp (Sunday June 25th) we like to invite the families who sent children to the camp to join us for worship. This year we're going to have a picnic following worship! Plan to stick around after worship on June 25th for burgers catered by Born in a Barn! Thanks to Clayton Scholl at Born in a Barn for this generous offer!

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