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Trinity Sunday – June 11, 2017

The Opening Hymn – 244 *(Red Hymnal)*

"Glory Be to God the Father"

The Order of Service – Supplement page 12ff. *(Brown Hymnal)*

The Scripture Lessons: *(Printed on the back page of this bulletin)*

The First Lesson: (Ephesians 1:3-14) On this Trinity Sunday we focus our attention on the triune nature of our God. Though you will not find the word "triune" in the Bible, God's Word clearly teaches us that our God is in fact one God and yet three persons. Most of the proofs that we find in the Bible simply refer to each of the three Persons as separate and distinct. So also in this reading note how God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are all listed as separate but distinct persons that together exist as One God.

The Psalm of the Day – Psalm 45 (Page 32) *(Read Responsively)*

The Second Lesson: (Matthew 28:16-20) Our second reading is yet another proof of the Trinity. Note especially how all three Persons are not only listed, but are presented as equal. We would not here be told to baptize "***in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit***" if all three were not fully and equally God. Rather than doubt or deny what we cannot fully grasp, we simply acknowledge that God's wisdom is superior to our own and trust what he tells us.

The Confession of Faith -

The Athanasian Creed – Part 1. *(See Bulletin Insert)*

The Pre-Sermon Hymn – 246 *(Red Hymnal)*

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

The Sermon – Text: Numbers 6:22-27 *(Printed on the back page)*

The Triune God says, "Bless You!" *(Pastor Wayne Eichstadt, Guest Speaker)*

1. An old blessing that is new
2. A simple blessing that is full
3. A public blessing that is personal

The Offertory – (Supplement page 16 insert)

The Offering followed by the Prayers

The Pre-Communion Hymn – 312 *(Verses 1-3) (Red Hymnal)*

"Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread"

The Preparation for Holy Communion *(Brown Hymnal page 17)*

The Distribution

The Nunc Dimittis and Thanksgiving *(Brown Hymnal page 20)*

The Benediction

The Closing Hymn – 50 *(Red Hymnal)*

"Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

Silent Prayer

Welcome! - We warmly welcome any visitors worshipping with us this morning and invite you to join us each Sunday at this time. We are glad you are here! **To our Visitors seeking an altar at which to commune** – Since we desire to follow the words of our Savior, we practice "Close Communion" – a practice that is not new to confessional Lutherans. This practice stresses both our concern for others, not wanting them to receive the sacrament to their harm (1 Cor. 11:27-30) and the importance of unity in confession and faith (1 Cor. 10:16-17). For this reason we ask that anyone who has not established this unity through membership in a CLC congregation please first meet with the pastor to discuss this Scriptural doctrine before communing. This is a practice that we follow out of love and concern for you, and out of obedience to God's Word.

Attendance - Sunday (44) Average (47)

This Week at St. Paul:

Today	-10:00 a.m.	– Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	-11:15 a.m.	– Fellowship and coffee time
Tues-Thurs	-9:00 a.m.	– CLCGPC in Eau Claire
Saturday	-4:00 p.m.	– Schoon/Gullickson Wedding in Lemmon
Next Sunday	-10:00 a.m.	– Sunday Worship Service
	-11:00 a.m.	– Fellowship and coffee time

CLC News – Carly Meyer has returned the teaching call to Messiah of Eau Claire. Neal Bernthal has returned the teaching call to Faith of Markesan. Pastor Roehl has returned the call to Immanuel of Mankato. Pastor David Koenig has returned the call to St. Luke's of Lemmon.

CLC General Pastoral Conference – Pastor Roehl is scheduled to attend the CLC General Pastoral Conference in Eau Claire this week, which will also include a family wedding anniversary (parents' 60th) on Monday. He is scheduled to leave this afternoon, returning on Thursday.

Our Thanks – Our thanks to Pastor Wayne Eichstadt for bringing us the Word of God this morning. Pastor Eichstadt currently serves Gethsemane of Spokane and also serves as the Secretary of the CLC.

Call – As noted in the CLC News above, Pastor Roehl has returned the call to Immanuel of Mankato to serve as co-pastor there. Having been convinced that it would be in harmony with the Holy Spirit's will that he continue to serve St Paul of Bismarck, we should all take this as a reminder to redouble our kingdom work here – to "work while it is day."

^{ESV} **Ephesians 1:3-14** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

^{ESV} **Matthew 28:16-20** Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

^{ESV} **Numbers 6:22-27** The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²³ "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, ²⁴ The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵ the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; ²⁶ the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. ²⁷ ¶ "So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."