

from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**Leader: The Word of the Lord**

**ALL: Praise to You, O Christ**

**Sermon by Pastor Nicole**

**HYMN OF THE DAY      PEACE      PRAYER CIRCLE**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

***Please take this opportunity to reflect in your heart how this Means of Grace—Christ actual presence feeds and restores your soul. As St. Paul would say: Listen with your heart wide open. Then, TASTE, SEE & DELIGHT that the Lord is Good!***

**LORD'S PRAYER: Please recite what version is comfortable for you.**  
*(Please be seated)*

**The Athanasian Creed** ***Please refer to pages 54-55 in the LBW. We will read antiphonally starting from the 3rd paragraph and stopping before the Last***

### **Prayer for Spiritual Formation**

**Leader:** Dear Lord, God Father and Holy Spirit,  
Set a fire in our hearts to love and serve in Your kingdom  
May we truly and truthfully live into the Gospel imperative  
May Grace peace and mercy be with Us all our days  
For through You we know Your reigning glory

**ALL: AMEN**

*(Please observe a moment of Silence)*

### **BENEDICTION**

**Scattering Proclamation** *(Inspired from Luther's prayer #126—For a More Charitable Feeling Toward Neighbors)*

Leader: O Dear God, change me by Your Grace... In the name of the Father,

† Son & Holy Spirit

ALL AMEN *(Please make the sign of the Cross)*

† Thank you for worshiping with us! †

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## *The Grace Hub*

† Sunday Morning Worship †

May 31<sup>st</sup> 2015

**HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY**

**PRELUDE MUSIC**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**GATHERING WE CONFESS**

*(inspired by 'We Believe' Article 25's Collect & Personal Prayer, Psalm 29 & Martin Luther's Prayer #75b—For Protection and Extension of God's Kingdom & Setting 3 from the LCMS hymnal)*

*(Please stand if able)*

**Leader:** <sup>3</sup>The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters. <sup>4</sup>The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. <sup>7</sup>The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. <sup>9</sup>The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

**ALL: Lord Jesus, May we hear Your voice whenever the absolution us spoken, so that our sins, then removed, are removed forever, and we may joyfully begin our lives again, free and unencumbered by guilt. Amen**

**Leader:** Lord Jesus, help me replace my need for self-esteem with the more powerful and beautiful God-esteem, which You gave me when I was baptized and adopted as Your child—

Let us confess with Luther—

**ALL: "Dear Lord, God and Father, convert them and defend us. Convert those who are still to become children and members of Your kingdom so that they with us and we with them may serve You in Your kingdom in true faith and unfeigned love that from Your kingdom which has begun, we may enter into Your eternal kingdom. Defend us against those who will not turn away their might and power from the destruction of Your kingdom so that when they are cast down from their thrones and humbled, they will have to cease from their efforts. Amen."**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Leader:** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a 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.

**ALL: AMEN** *(Please make the sign of the Cross) †*

**Scripture Lessons for the Morning** *(please be seated)*

### **A Reading from The Prophet Isaiah**

*(Don't read this aloud: Isaiah 6:1-8)*

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." <sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

<sup>5</sup>And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" <sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." <sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

**Leader: The Word of the Lord** **ALL: Thanks Be to God**

### **A Reading from The Book of Acts**

*(Don't read this aloud: Acts 2:14a, 22-36)*

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>22</sup>"You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup>this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup>But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; <sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. <sup>27</sup>For you will not

abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption.

<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' <sup>29</sup>"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup>Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you both see and hear. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, <sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies your footstool.'" <sup>36</sup>Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

**Leader: The Word of the Lord** **ALL: Thanks Be to God**

### **A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John**

*(Don't read this aloud: John 3:1-17) Please Stand*

**Leader: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John**

**ALL: Glory to You, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended