

from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For 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. ¹⁷Indeed, 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 worshipping with us! †

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† Sunday Morning Worship †

May 31st 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: ³The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters. ⁴The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. ⁷The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. ⁹The 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)

¹In 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. ²Seraphs 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. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke.

⁵And 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!" ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The 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." ⁸Then 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)

¹⁴But 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. ²²"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— ²³this 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. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For 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; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷For you will not

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

²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' ²⁹"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. ³⁰Since 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. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses. ³³Being 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. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, ³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.'" ³⁶Therefore 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

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He 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." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus 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?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The 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." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹"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. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended