

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

Connected by the Spirit

May 30, 2010

Welcome to Shepherd of the Hills! We thank the Lord for this opportunity to share the joy of Jesus Christ with you as we gather together to worship Him. Our prayer is that each of us will grow in the assurance of Jesus as Savior and have the peace of a daily personal walk with Him.

If you are visiting with us today, and have no church home, we would consider it a privilege to be able to invite you to share in the fellowship of the Shepherd of the Hills family. If you have any questions about Shepherd of the Hills please feel free to ask any of our members or our pastor before you leave today – we care and are here to help. If you already have a church home, we hope you will continue to grow in faith while you are with us and will return to worship again when you have the opportunity.

AS WE GATHER

On this day we celebrate and praise the Holy Trinity, one of the most profound mysteries of the Christian faith. God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three persons and yet one God. God's Word itself does not try to satisfy our curious questions regarding the nature of the Trinity. The traditional creeds of the Church were written very carefully and faithfully, steering clear of confessing more about the Trinity than the Bible has given the Church to confess. Even the lengthy Athanasian Creed (which is customarily reserved for Trinity Sunday) says at least as much about what the Trinity is not. In so doing, it lays out buoys so that the Church might safely navigate precarious waters. On Trinity Sunday, the Church gathers not to explain or even defend the Trinitarian faith, but to worship God who created, saved, and sanctifies us, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

As we prepare to worship today, we ask that each one be respectful of others as they pray silently and meditate on the great gifts God has both given and promised to all His faithful children.

PRESERVICE MUSIC RINGING OF THE BELLS and WELCOME

(Please rise as you are able.)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PSALMODY PSALM 8

Pastor: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

People: You have set Your glory above the heavens.

Pastor: From the lips of children and infants You have ordained praise because of Your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

People: When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is man that You are mindful of him, the son of man that You care for him?

Pastor: You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

People: You made him ruler over the works of Your hands; You put everything under his feet: all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

Pastor: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

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.

ENTRANCE HYMN

O Blessed, Holy Trinity

[LSB #876]



1 O bless - ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Di - vine, e -
3 The Fa - ther's love shield me this day; The Son's pure
4 My Mak - er, hold me in Your hand; O Christ, for -
5 Lord, bless and keep me as Your own; Lord, look in



ter - nal U - ni - ty, O Fa - ther, Son, and
wis - dom cheer my way; The Ho - ly Spir - it's
giv - en let me stand; Blest Com - fort - er, do
kind - ness from Your throne; Lord, shine un - fail - ing



Ho - ly Ghost, This day Your name be up - per - most.
joy and light Drive from my heart the shades of night.
not de - part; With faith and love en - rich my heart.
peace on me By grace sur - round - ed; set me free.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Gracious Father, You know the secrets of our hearts.

All: You see the habits we try to hide, the hatred we harbor, and the sin to which we are tolerant or blind. You see that we are not the people You created us to be, nor are we the people we like others to think we are. And yet, because of Your mercy, we flee not from You but to You. We pray, forgive our many faults and failures. Set the cross of Your Son Jesus between Your judgment and our sin. Hide us by Your grace, and cover over the multitude of our sins with Your love. Enable us, by Your Spirit, to amend our sinful ways and live according to Your will and command.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection.)

Pastor: By God's grace you are a forgiven people! Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen! Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PRAISE **Glory Be to God the Father** [LSB #506]

1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
 2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each
 3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the
 4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of

God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:
 spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,
 Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;
 an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!

Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
 Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,
 Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,
 Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,

glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!
 glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!
 glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!
 glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of kings!

COLLECT

Pastor: The Lord be with you!

People: And with your spirit!

Pastor: Let us pray ... Almighty and gracious Lord, since You have given us the mystery of the Trinity to believe in and confess, give us also the grace to receive this mystery in true faith, and to adorn this confession of faith with virtuous and honorable living; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated.)

OLD TESTAMENT Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31

Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud: "To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man. ...

"The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man."

Lector: So far the readings.

NEW TESTAMENT Acts 2:14a, 22–36

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, ...

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know — this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him, “‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’”

“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. 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 yourselves are seeing and hearing. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “‘The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.’” Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please rise as you are able.)

Alleluia and Verse

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a common time signature (C) and contains the melody for the first line of text. The second staff continues the melody for the second line of text. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia."

GOSPEL John 8:48–59

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Jews answered [*Jesus*], “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would

be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE ATHANASIAN CREED

Early in the fourth century, a north African pastor named Arius began teaching that Jesus Christ was not truly God. The Church responded decisively in AD 325 with a statement of faith (The Nicene Creed), which confessed that Jesus is, in fact, true God. Toward the end of the fifth century, another creed was written that delved further into the mystery of the Trinity. Though attributed to Athanasius, a fourth-century opponent of Arius, this anonymous creed clearly came at a later stage in the debate.

The Athanasian Creed declares that its teachings concerning the Holy Trinity and our Lord's incarnation are "the catholic faith." In other words, this is what the true Church of all times and all places has confessed. More than fifteen centuries later, the Church continues to confess this truth, confident that the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has given Himself for our salvation.

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Pastor: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

People: Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.

Pastor: And the catholic faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.

People: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

Pastor: But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal. Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

People: the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated; the Father infinite, the Son infinite, and the Holy Spirit infinite; the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.

Pastor: And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal, just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.

People: In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty; and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.

Pastor: So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

People: So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord; and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

Pastor: Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also we are prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

People: The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone. The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten by the Father alone. The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.

Pastor: Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

People: And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another; but the whole three persons are coeternal with each and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in the Trinity is to be worshipped.

Pastor: Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think about the Trinity. But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.

Pastor: He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages;

People: and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:

Pastor: perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;

People: equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

Pastor: Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ: one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God; one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by the unity of the person

People: For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man in one Christ, who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead, ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.

People: And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

Pastor: This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

(Please be seated.)

SERMON HYMN

Father Most Holy

[LSB #504]



1 Fa - ther most ho - ly, mer - ci - ful, and ten - der; Je - sus, our
2 Trin - i - ty bless - ed, u - ni - ty un - shak - en, Good - ness un -
3 Mak - er of all things, all Thy crea - tures praise Thee; All for Thy
4 Lord God Al - might - y, un - to Thee be glo - ry, One in three



Sav - ior, with the Fa - ther reign - ing; Spir - it of com - fort,
bound - ed, ver - y God of heav - en, Light of the an - gels,
wor - ship were and are cre - at - ed; Now, as we al - so
per - sons, o - ver all ex - alt - ed! Glo - ry we of - fer,



ad - vo - cate, de - fend - er, Light nev - er wan - ing;
 joy of those for - sak - en, Hope of all liv - ing,
 wor - ship Thee de - vout - ly, Hear Thou our voic - es.
 praise Thee and a - dore Thee, Now and for - ev - er.

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SERMON *“Unity, Diversity and Equality”*

OFFERING

The offering is an act of worship for members and friends of Shepherd of the Hills Church, moved by God's love, to support this ministry.

Guests should not feel obligated, but we thank you for your gifts as well.

However, we do ask at this time that each member and guest kindly complete the attendance folder that is found at the end of each pew. Thank you.

CHORAL ANTHEM *“Jesus is the Song”*

(Please rise as you are able.)

OFFERTORY

Voices Raised to You We Offer

[LSB #795]



1 Voic - es raised to You we of - fer; Tune them, God, for



songs of praise. Hearts and hands we bring in trib - ute



For Your gifts through all our days. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Tri - une God, to You we sing!

5) How can any praise we offer Measure all the thanks we owe?
 Take our hearts and hands and voices — Gifts of love we can bestow.
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to You we sing!

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PRAYERS

Choral Refrain ... "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

Pastor: Dear Father in heaven, we thank and praise You for Your wonderful creation. We see Your fingerprints in the beauty and wisdom of the world around us. We are grateful for

our bodies which You knit together; we are fearfully and wonderfully made. We pray, forgive us for our poor stewardship the earth. Forgive us for being crass usurpers of Your gifts, rather than the vigilant caretakers You have called us to be. Through wise leadership and the cessation of all war, make for a better distribution of Your abundant resources throughout the world, that none would go hungry, homeless, or naked. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident and terrorism. Spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic. Sustain Your creation, Lord, for all living things look to You. You give them their food at the proper time. You give it, we gather it. You open Your hand, we have our fill. Give us that due sense of all Your mercies, that our hearts may ever be deeply grateful.

Choral Refrain ... "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

Pastor: Dear Jesus, we thank and praise You for taking on the frailty of our flesh, and all that it means to be human, in order to save us. In Your dying and rising, You redeemed us and gave us new life. Though we do not fully understand this great work, preserve us from rushing to speculate, and move us to get on bended knee before You in adoration and praise. When the Law has condemned us, Lord, when the thunder rumbles from Mt. Sinai and we are filled with dread, grant, dear Savior, that we may hear also Your gentle voice telling us we are Yours. Move us to flee to You, for You are the only hiding place to which a sinner may flee. Look with compassion, Lord, on those who do not know You or love You, that hearing Your Word they may believe, and believing they may have life and salvation. Raise up for the work of Your Church faithful young men and women who shall count it all joy to spend and be spent for the sake of Your Gospel, and for the souls for whom You shed Your life-blood on the cross.

Choral Refrain ... "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

Pastor: Holy Spirit, we thank and praise You for working faith in us. You know that of our own reason or strength, we cannot believe in Jesus Christ our Lord, nor come to him. Keep calling us by the Gospel. In Baptism, enlighten daily the darkness of our hearts. Sanctify and keep us in the true faith. In You, Lord, is calmness, peace and concord. Heal whatever might divide us from one another and keep bringing us back into that fellowship that bears the same likeness to Your divine nature. Preserve us from the mouthing of our prayers. Give us lips to sing Your glory, tongues that proclaim Your mercy, throats that shout the hope that fills us, and mouths that speak Your holy name. Dear Comforter, strengthen the weak, lift up the fallen, heal the sick, and in those who grieve, renew the joy of salvation. Come, O Holy Spirit, come! Come as the wind and cleanse; come as the fire and burn! Convert and consecrate our lives to our great good and Your great glory!

Choral Refrain ... "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, go in peace!

And the blessing of Almighty God,
Father, † Son and Holy Spirit be with you always.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy

[LSB #507]



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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Pause for silent reflection and prayer.

(Please be seated.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS and WELCOME OF GUESTS POSTLUDE

Following the service, all are invited for coffee and treats in our Fellowship Hall
(across the parking lot as you leave the Narthex).
It is good to gather together in the joy of the Lord.

ADULT SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES

Beginning at 9:15 a.m.

2 Peter and Jude	Bob Neff	Fellowship Hall
Family Talk	Danny Holder	Church classroom
(Parenting Class will not meet in June or July)		

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR
Sunday June 6th ... Second Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 17:17-24 +++ Psalm 30 +++ Gal. 1:11-24 +++ Luke 7:11-17

+ WEEKLY SCHEDULE +

Monday	Office Closed in observance of Memorial Day Men's Golf 8:00 a.m. Bridge 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Property Maintenance 8:15 a.m. Lydia Sisters 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	K.I.C.K. Youth Group @ Cumberland Mtn. State Park 4:30 p.m.
Thursday	Genesis Bible Study 10:00 a.m. FFG Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Friday	Neff Bible Study @ Fellowship Hall 1:00 p.m. KICK Youth Group @ Wilderness at the Smokies, Pigeon Forge, TN.
Saturday	KICK Youth Group @ Wilderness at the Smokies, Pigeon Forge, TN.
Sunday	Holy Communion

The flowers today are the gift of Curt & Toni McCarty in celebration of their 45th anniversary on June 7th.

"Worship Attendance Sunday, May 23, 2010" - Church: Early 78 Late 109 = 187

+ NOTES AND NEWS +

Elder: Bill Hinterman	Reader: 8:00 a.m. Ken Allan 10:30 a.m. Gayanne Nelson
Altar Guild: Doris Smith, Betty Tuggle, Linda Baehr, Karan Wedlund	
Greeters:	8:00 a.m. Bob & Eivor Neff, Sue Cox 10:30 a.m. Gene & Audrey Hinzman, Rose Nitschke

TALK TO CHUCK – find out how to invest ... what funds are hot or at least promising. Better yet let Jesus talk to you (Matt. 6:19ff) (CHOSEN)

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE – "God has not promised to spare us from all pain and suffering. We see that as our loved ones lie in hospitals and hospices awaiting death. However, they do not wait alone,

for God has promised us grace to endure until the end of our earthly journey, and then a home in heaven. All this can be ours, because Christ has died for our sins and given us a promise that, if we trust Him, all is well. We are in our Father's hands." Rev. Homer Larson, speaker on the Christian Crusaders radio program **This "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life - www.lutheransforlife.org**

WORSHIP SERVICE – On June 13th at 9:30 a.m. there will be only one worship service. Following our worship service we will proudly carry the Stars and Stripes, the Christian Flag and the Service Flags during the Change Of Flags ceremony in respect to Flag Day and Veterans. For more info, please contact Gunny Gigg (459.2139) or Don Guckenberger (456.9878)

VOTER'S MEETING - Due a scheduling conflict for the Fellowship Hall, we will hold the June Congregational Meeting on June 26th starting at 9:00 instead of June 19th.

THANK YOU – to the lovely person that donated all the beautiful material to the Lydia Sisters. Joanne Matheson