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## PRAISE ABLAZE

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HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

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**Welcome!** We're excited you're here. In our service, we gather before Almighty God to offer Him our worship and praise. We come together to be strengthened through the study of God's Word and empowered to live as His witnesses.

**Families**, if you brought your children with you today, we want you to know that the spiritual well-being of your child is very important to us. Many families wish to teach and encourage their younger child(ren) to be in church and get what they can out of it. If you feel that you need to take your child out for whatever reason; a small area is set up in the atrium for children with "wiggles"; and a restroom with a baby changing station is located by the rear parking lot entrance to your left as you exit the atrium doors of the Multi-Ministry Center (MMC). **Guests**, we welcome you. If you will, please help us to get to know you by filling out the *Guest* side of the *Welcome Card* found in the pews/chair backs and place it in the offering baskets.

**As We Gather:** We ponder the great mystery of God—that God is one and that this one God is three persons. The Holy Trinity is not so much truth to be understood as it is truth to be confessed. We confess the Father from whom all things come, the Son who is the incarnate Lord Jesus Christ, and the Spirit who proceeds from the Father through the Son. Soul care comes when we remember all the ways God has shown His care in faithful ways and in how we thank Him for it. Today we sing of His praise and, with the profound words of the Athanasian Creed, we confess the Holy Trinity to be the one true God.

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### A HUGE "Thank you" to those that served to make worship happen today...

Pastor .....	Rev. Jason Hoerth	Reader .....	Linda Geisselbrecht
Children's Message .....	Chris Graves, DCE	Elder .....	Dan Hamilton
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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Video/ Welcome**

*The Fallen, Skit Guys*

**Opening Worship**

*We Believe  
Revelation Song*

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Sentences, Confession and Absolution**

**Children's Message**

**God's Word** *(see opposite or screens)*

*Psalm 30  
Acts 2:14a, 22-36  
John 3:1-17*

*(Children excused for Children's Church.)*

**Offering** *(Thanks for your support of God's mission here.)*

**Today's Message**

*(Children return from Children's Church.)*

**What We Believe**

*Athanasian Creed*

**Prayers & Lord's Prayer**

**Words of Our Lord/ Reception**

*King of Kings*

**Song / Blessing**

*This is Our God*

**Dismissal**

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Psalm 30*

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me. <sup>2</sup>O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. <sup>3</sup>O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit. <sup>4</sup>Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. <sup>5</sup>For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning. <sup>6</sup>As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved." <sup>7</sup>By your favor, O LORD, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face; I was dismayed. <sup>8</sup>To you, O LORD, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy: <sup>9</sup>"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? <sup>10</sup>Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my helper!" <sup>11</sup>You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness, <sup>12</sup>that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

## EPISTLE

*Acts 2:14a, 22–36*

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>22</sup>"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—<sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup>God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup>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; <sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. <sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. <sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'" <sup>29</sup>"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. <sup>30</sup>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, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his

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## **EPISTLE** (cont.)

flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all 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 yourselves are seeing and hearing. <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>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*John 3:1-17*

<sup>3</sup> Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, 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 the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And 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. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."