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TRUE WISDOM, FOR THE WAY

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 by His Word to be 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; there is a cry room near the back of the sanctuary and a restroom with a baby changing station is located by the elevator (to the left as you exit the sanctuary). **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 plates.

As We Gather: Old Testament wisdom reveals, psalms, and confirms the eternal presence of Jesus Christ, before the foundations of the world. Wisdom allows us to peer through the lens of the New Testament and believe in the sustainable eternity Christ secures through His life, death, and resurrection. This wisdom, personified and proclaimed, provides reliable truths that eclipse the distortions of the world, captivated by sin and sorrow. Trinitarian truths are indelible and deeply rooted in the Holy Scriptures. These truths accompany our tenuous lives, providing substance, solace, and promised salvation!

VIDEO/ WELCOME DIY Father's Day, Skit Guys

Please Stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

- P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

OPENING HYMN

803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays, Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.
- 3 Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest, Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest! Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountainhead of love divine: Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Acts 2:38-39

- P Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- C For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.
- P By God's work of mercy, we are granted forgiveness. By Christ's work of suffering, crucifixion, and death, we are granted eternal life. By the work of the Spirit, we are continually sanctified in the glory of God's holy triune name—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are forgiven by the work of the Holy Trinity. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen! Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

GREETING

HYMN OF PRAISE

506 Glory Be to God the Father

- 1 Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One! Glory, glory While eternal ages run!
- 2 Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain; Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign! Glory, glory To the Lamb that once was slain!
- 4 Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings; Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings. Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting triune God, grant us abiding faith that we may steadfastly believe and confess Your divine work as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Throughout our temporal and eternal living, be our constant companion—creating and renewing, redeeming and forgiving, calling and sanctifying us. In all suffering and service, grant that we be mindful that You are the one true God, undivided, uncreated, infinite, and almighty, in whose triune name we pray.
- C Amen.

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 8

(How Majestic Is Your Name.)

8 O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. ² Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. ³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, ⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? ⁵ Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. ⁶ You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, ⁷ all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, ⁸ the birds of

OLD TESTAMENT READING (cont.)

the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. ⁹O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

HYMN

790 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
 O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
 Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near,
 Joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining. Have you not seen All that is needful has been Sent by His gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you, Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you. What need or grief Ever has failed of relief? Wings of His mercy did shade you.
- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him! Let the Amen Sound from His people again; Gladly forever adore Him!

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EPISTLE Acts 2:14a, 22–36

(Jesus has the credentials to accomplish all divine works, wonders, and signs.)

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: ...²² "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- 23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴ God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵ 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; ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' ²⁹ "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. ³⁰ 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, 31 he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. 32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. 33 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. 34 For 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." ³⁶ Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

- L This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

VERSE Isaiah 6:3b

- P Alleluia! Praise to the Holy Trinity:
- C Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL John 8:48–59

(Jesus reveals His eternal identity with God the Father before the time of Abraham.)

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁸ The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" ⁴⁹ Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰ Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." ⁵² 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.' ⁵³ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" ⁵⁴ 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.' ⁵⁵ 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. ⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." ⁵⁷ So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." ⁵⁹ So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Be Seated - Children dismissed for Children's Church

MESSAGE HYMN 507 Holy, Holy, Holy

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee; Holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessèd Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
 Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

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MESSAGE

Please Stand

ATHANASIAN CREED

- P Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.
- C Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.
- P And the catholic faith is this,
- C that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.
- P For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- C But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.
- P Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
- C the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

ATHANASIAN CREED (cont.)

- P the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- C the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.
- P And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
- C just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.
- P In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- C and yet there are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.
- P So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- C and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.
- P So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- C and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.
- P Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
- C The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.
- P The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
- C The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.
- P Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- C And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;
- P but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.
- C Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.
- P But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C 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.
- P He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:
- C perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;
- P equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- C Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:
- P one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- C one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.
- P For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- C who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,
- P 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.
- C At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.
- P And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- C This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

OFFERING (Thanks for your ongoing stewardship and support of God's mission here!)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Prayer response after each petition...*)

- P Hear us Father when we pray,
- C Through Your Son and In Your Spirit.

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9–13

+ SACRAMENT +

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Holy Trinity, the author and personification of all wisdom revealed in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Together with the Father and Spirit, Jesus is our constant companion, holding us together in life's suffering, the grave's confrontation, and resurrection's triumph. This is the true wisdom we grasp by faith. It is wisdom that sustains us in this earthly life and propels us toward the new Jerusalem. We give You thanks for these unchangeable truths, even the truth that today in the company of saints from all times and places, we receive the body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt. 26:26-28; Mk. 14:22-24; Lk. 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

Be Seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS (see pew hymnals)

798 The God of Abraham Praise 919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

Please Stand

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

507 Holy, Holy, Holy

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessèd Trinity!

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BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24–26

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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