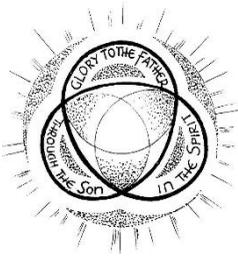


**Thursday, June 8, and Sunday, June 11, 2017**



## **Holy Trinity Sunday**

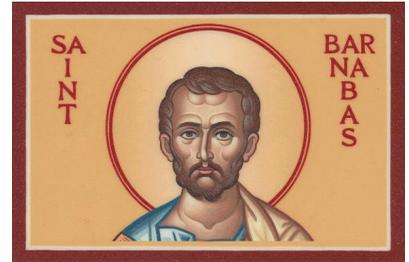
*The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost traditionally celebrates the mystery of the Holy Trinity—One God in Three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

*In order to refer to the one true God of three persons, Tertullian (a theologian during the late second and early third centuries AD) coined the term Trinity [meaning “three in unity”].*

## **Feast of Saint Barnabas**

*June 11 is the traditional day the Church has celebrated St. Barnabas. Originally from a Jewish priestly family on Cyprus, and named Joseph, the apostles named him “Barnabas” which means “Son of Encouragement.” He was the one sent by who welcomed Paul, the former persecutor, into the ministry at Jerusalem.*

*Periodically, Bethel celebrates the saints (those made holy through their faith) through whom God brought His Gospel through the generations of the Church.*



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## **'The Pathway' to Faith**

### **2017 Summer Sermon Series**



### **From Distrust to Trust** **Week #2**

**It begins with someone starting to significantly trust a Christian.**



## ***SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE***

Thursday 6:30 p.m. & Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays and the Thursday prior  
Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,  
Mandi Stilson – Choir/New Music Accompanist

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### ***WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS***

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

### ***NURSERY***

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

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### ***SERVING TODAY***

#### **Thursday 6:30 p.m.**

#### **Sunday 9:00 a.m.**

<b><i>Elder:</i></b>	Mike Bandman	JJ Jones
<b><i>Comm/Asst. Elder:</i></b>	Jack Warneke	Rich Arnold
<b><i>Acolytes:</i></b>	Joshua Leicht, Nathan Stutzman	Jay Souza, Tanner Swanson
<b><i>Ushers:</i></b>	Scott Mundrick, Diane Mundrick	John Schultz, <b>OPEN, OPEN</b>
<b><i>Lay Readers:</i></b>	Norm Balliet, Sue Bandman	David Ross, Cheryl Ross
<b><i>Greeters:</i></b>	Joan Blasko, David & Theresa Carlson	Diane Boehm, Daluga Family
<b><i>June Altar Guild:</i></b>	Sheila Bunnell	Margie Tatgenhorst
<b><i>June Counters:</i></b>	Monte Stoltzman	Bill & Kathy Schwartz

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# The Pathway to Faith

## 2017 Summer Sermon Series

### Why Learn about the Pathway to Faith? *(Evert & Schaup, p. 25)*

- *Frees us to learn about what others are experiencing*
  - *Recognizes the mysterious nature of the Spirit at work in someone*
  - *Moves us from activism (i.e.:pushy) to a humble place of wonder & prayer*
  - *Allows us to appreciate the organic, unique way God works in each person*
  - *Leads us to empathize with our friends & where they are on the pathway*
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### DAILY PRAYER

This service is based on Morning Prayer and Matins in Lutheran Service Book.

#### Opening Song of Praise

#### He is Exalted



He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on \_ high, \_ I will praise \_ Him.



He is ex - alt - ed, for - ev - er ex - alt - ed, and I will praise His name! \_



\_ He is the Lord, \_ for - ev - er His truth shall reign.



Heav - en and earth \_ re - joice in His ho - ly name. \_



He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high! \_

## Invocation Verse

LSB 816, st. 1

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's  
praise a - rise; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by  
ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## **Invocation for the Celebration of the Holy Trinity** based on LSB 604 ("Breastplate of St. Patrick")

P: I bind unto myself the name,

**C: The strong name of the Trinity**

P: By invocation of the same,

**C: The Three in One and One in Three,**

P: Of whom all nature has creation,

**C: Eternal Father, Spirit, Word.**

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## Venite Verse ("O Come, Let Us Worship")

LSB 816, st. 3

3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e - ter - nal  
Son, to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore For - ev - er and for -  
ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## Te Deum ("You are God")

LSB 939

**P:** All of you who were baptized into Christ have been clothed with Christ.

**C:** *Alleluia. You are God; we praise You. You are the Lord; we acclaim You. You are the eternal Father; all creation worships You.*

**P:** Father, of majesty unbounded; Your true and only Son, worthy of all worship; and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

When You became man to set us free, You overcame the sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

We believe that You will come and be our judge.

Come, then, Lord, and help Your people,

bought with the price of Your own blood,

and bring us with Your saints to glory everlasting.

O God, for our redemption You gave Your only Son to suffer death on the cross, and by His glorious resurrection You delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin so that we may rise to live with Christ forever; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** *Amen.*

## Verse of Praise by Those Delivered from Sin

LSB 816, st. 2

2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at -  
tends Thy Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and  
set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## ***Greeting and Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer***

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ***And also with you.***

### ***Thursday***

P: Let us pray together.

C: ***My Heavenly Father, I thank You, through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, that You have protected me, by Your grace. Forgive, I pray, all my sins and the evil I have done. Protect me, by Your grace, tonight. I put myself in your care, body and soul and all that I have. Let Your holy angels be with me, so that the evil enemy will not gain power over me. Amen.***

### ***Sunday***

P: Let us pray together.

C: ***I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.***

**Scripture Hymn****Come, Thou Almighty King**

LSB 905



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy  
 2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy  
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred  
 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -  
 might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy  
 wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -  
 prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
 peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,  
 might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,  
 maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
 And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.  
 And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
 And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

**Holy Gospel****Matthew 28:16–20(ESV)**

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Confession of Faith**

## **Portions of the Athanasian Creed**

*This ancient creed defends the teaching of the Trinity (One God in three persons).*

P: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the [one Christian] faith.

**C: The [one Christian] faith is this,**

P: that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity,  
neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.

**C: The Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.**

P: But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one:  
the glory equal...

**C: the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**

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: The Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;**

P: and yet there are not three Almighty, but one Almighty.

**C: The Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;**

P: and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

**C: The Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;**

P: and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

**C: This is the [one Christian] faith. Amen.**

## **Collect (Prayer of the Day – Holy Trinity)**

P: Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Refrain for the Trinity Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow** LSB 805



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all



crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly



host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## **Old Testament Reading**

## **Selection of Proverbs (Various Translations)**

<sup>3:29</sup>Do not plan evil against your neighbor,  
who dwells trustingly beside you.

*English Standard Version (ESV)*

<sup>11:13</sup>Whoever gossips gives away secrets,  
but whoever is trustworthy in spirit can keep a secret.

*GOD'S WORD to the Nations (GW)*

<sup>13:17</sup>Unreliable messengers cause trouble,  
but those who can be trusted bring peace.

*Good News Translation (GNT)*

<sup>14:22</sup>Those who make evil plans will be ruined,  
but those who plan to do good will be loved and trusted.

*New Century Version (NCV)*

<sup>20:6</sup>Many people declare themselves loyal,  
but who can find someone who is really trustworthy?

*(GW)*

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Reading from the Early Church**

## **Acts 11:19–30; 13:1–3 (ESV)**

<sup>19</sup>Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. <sup>20</sup>But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. <sup>21</sup>And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. <sup>22</sup>The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. <sup>23</sup>When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, <sup>24</sup>for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. <sup>25</sup>So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, <sup>26</sup>and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

<sup>27</sup>Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. <sup>28</sup>And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). <sup>29</sup>So the disciples determined, everyone according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. <sup>30</sup>And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul...

<sup>1</sup>Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. <sup>2</sup>While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." <sup>3</sup>Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

## Collect (Prayer of the Day – Feast of St. Barnabas)

P: Almighty God, Your faithful servant Barnabas sought not his own renown but gave generously of his life and substance for the encouragement of the apostles and their ministry. Grant that we may follow his example in lives given to charity and the proclamation of the Gospel; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.           **C: Amen.**

## Hymn of the Day

## By All Your Saints in Warfare

LSB 517 sts. 1–2, 17, 3; tune: 915



1 By all Your saints in war - fare, For all Your saints at rest

*Verse 2 about St. Barnabas*

2 For Bar - na - bas we praise You, Who kept Your law of love

3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther, And wor - ship God the Son



Your ho - ly name, O Je - sus, For - ev - er - more be blest!

*Verse 2 about St. Barnabas*

And, leav - ing earth - ly trea - sures, Sought rich - es from a - bove.

And sing to God the Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One,



For You have won the bat - tle That they might wear the crown;

*Verse 2 about St. Barnabas*

O Christ, our Lord and Sav - ior, Let gifts of grace de - scend,

Till all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the throne,



And now they shine in glo - ry Re - flect - ed from Your throne.

*Verse 2 about St. Barnabas*

That Your true con - so - la - tion May through the world ex - tend.

As - crib - ing pow'r and glo - ry And praise to God a - lone.

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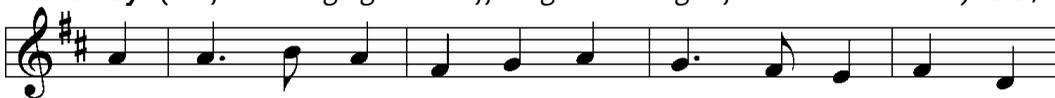
## “From Distrust to Trust”

Acts 11:19–30; 13:1–3

## Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

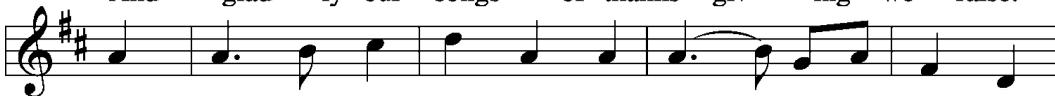
**Offertory** (we join in singing as the offerings are brought forward to the altar) LSB 785, sts. 1&3



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;  
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.  
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

## Prayers

### The Lord's Prayer

P: 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.**

### Concluding Te Deum ("You are God")

LSB 939

P: We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.

**C: All the earth now worships You, the Father everlasting.**

P: To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs therein.

**C: The glorious company of the apostles praise You.**

P: The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise You.

**C: The noble army of martyrs praise You.**

(continues) 

P: The holy Church throughout all the world does acknowledge You.

C: **You are the king of glory, O Christ;**

P: You are the everlasting Son of the Father.

C: **O Lord, save us, Your people.**

P: Govern us and lift us up forever.

C: **Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.**

P: O Lord, have mercy upon us,                   C: **have mercy upon us.**

P: O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us       C: **Amen.**

**Benediction**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
bless and preserve you.                   C: **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn           Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise           LSB 946**



1 Glo - ry to God,           we give You thanks and praise;  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ,   the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
3 A - lone, O Christ,    You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You,           to You our hearts we raise,  
O Lamb of God,           Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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