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Welcome to Holy Trinity

We're glad you came today to join us in worshipping the one true God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He has graciously created us, mercifully redeemed us, and freely gives us all the treasures of heaven through His Word and Sacraments!

If you are a visitor with us today and want to find out more about what we teach, or are curious about church membership, please talk to our pastor. Please be sure to provide us with your contact information in our friendship register that is passed around before or after the service.

A **Parents' Room** is located at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily leave to calm a child.

Wheelchair accommodations are found halfway down the rows of pews in the center aisle of the church.

HOLY TRINITY is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), a national church body headquartered in Mankato, Minnesota. We confess that we are saved by Grace Alone (Eph. 2:8) through Faith Alone (Acts 16:31) revealed in Scripture Alone (John 5:24). Though we are totally sinful from birth, Jesus Christ paid for our sins on the cross and gives us eternal life in heaven. We subscribe to the Lutheran Confessions (the Book of Concord, 1580) because they are a faithful and accurate summary of this Biblical doctrine. The ELS has been in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) since 1872.

A Note to All Our Guests Regarding the Lord's Supper:

During this service, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. Since this sacrament is the Lord's Supper and not ours, we are careful to follow our Lord's instructions. In particular, we take to heart these important truths:

1. In the Lord's Supper, Jesus truly gives us His body and blood together with the bread and the wine. Jesus says, "Take and eat; this is my body...Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood" (Matthew 26:26-28).
2. In the Lord's Supper, we express a unity of faith with one another. "Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf" (1 Corinthians 10:17).
3. Our Lord urges us to practice this unity with great love and care. "Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Corinthians 11:27,29).

Because we take these truths seriously, we invite all communicant members of our congregation or of a sister congregation in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) or the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) to commune with us today. However, we ask that those who are not members of a sister congregation refrain from taking the Lord's Supper with us at this time. In doing this, we are not judging anyone's faith. Out of love for our Lord and all people, we simply desire to discuss the Bible's teachings with our guests before communing together. We want all who commune to receive the Lord's Supper for their benefit and in a way that follows our Lord's instructions. If you have any questions about this or any other teaching of the Bible—or if you would like information about how to join our congregation—please feel free to speak to our pastor.

THE DIVINE SERVICE
RITE TWO

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Hymn • *“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”*

[ELH 15]

1. **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!
2. **Holy, 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, 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.
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, blessed Trinity!

-- Stand --

Invocation

PASTOR: *In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: *Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.*

P: *Our help is in the name of the Lord.*

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: *I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;*

C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

P: *Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.*

C: Amen.

Psalm • 8

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P: *O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

C: You have set your glory above the heavens.

P: *When I consider your heavens,*

C: the work of your fingers,

P: *what is man that you are mindful of him,*

C: the Son of Man that you care for him?

P: *You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings*

C: and crowned him with glory and honor.

P: *You made him ruler over the works of your hands;*

C: you put everything under his feet.

Gloria in Excelsis Deo • *“All Glory Be to God on High”*

[Tune: CW93 84]

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| <p>1. All glory be to God on high!
 Your name, O Lord, we glorify;
 We praise you for your peace and grace,
 Your favor toward our fallen race.</p> <p>2. Our grateful thanks to you we bring,
 For your great glory, heav’nly King,
 For all, O Father, you have done
 Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.</p> | <p>3. O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
 Our ev’ry sin you take away.
 Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;
 From God’s right hand, your mercy share.</p> <p>4. You, Christ, are holy – Lord alone;
 The Father’s glory you made known.
 We by your Spirit sing again:
 “All glory be to God!” Amen.</p> |
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Salutation

P: *The Lord be with you.*

C: And with your spirit.

Prayer of The Day

P: *Let us pray.*

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ, in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true, immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.

C: Amen.

-Be seated-

First Reading • *Genesis 1:1-2:3*

The triune God demonstrates his power at creation.

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was undeveloped and empty. Darkness covered the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

³God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴God saw that the light was good. He separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” There was evening and there was morning—the first day.

⁶God said, “Let there be an expanse between the waters, and let it separate the water from the water.” ⁷God made the expanse, and he separated the water that was below the expanse from the water that was above the expanse, and it was so. ⁸God called the expanse “sky.” There was evening and there was morning—the second day.

⁹God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together to one place, and let the dry land appear,” and it was so. The waters under the sky gathered to their own places, and the dry land appeared. ¹⁰God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathering places of the waters he called “seas.” God saw that it was good. ¹¹God said, “Let the earth produce plants—vegetation that produces seed, and trees that bear fruit with its seed in it—each according to its own kind on the earth,” and it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth plants, vegetation that produces seed according to its own kind, and trees that bear fruit with its seed in it, each according to its own kind, and God saw that it was good. ¹³There was evening and there was morning—the third day.

¹⁴God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to divide the day from the night, and let them serve as markers to indicate seasons, days, and years. ¹⁵Let them serve as lights in the expanse of the sky to give light to the earth,” and it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷God set these lights in place in the expanse of the sky to provide light for the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. God saw that it was good. ¹⁹There was evening and there was morning—the fourth day.

²⁰God said, “Let the waters swarm with living creatures, and let birds and other winged creatures fly above the earth in the open expanse of the sky.” ²¹God created the large sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their own kind, and every winged bird according to its own kind. God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them when he said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the waters of the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³There was evening and there was morning—the fifth day.

²⁴God said, “Let the earth produce living creatures according to their own kind, livestock, creeping things, and wild animals according to their own kind,” and it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals according to their own kind, and the livestock according to their own kind, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its own kind. God saw that it was good.

²⁶God said, “Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the sky, and over the livestock, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that crawls on the earth.”

²⁷God created the man in his own image.

In the image of God he created him.

Male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” ²⁹God said, “Look, I have given you every plant that produces seed on the face of the whole earth, and every tree that bears fruit that produces seed. It will be your food. ³⁰To every animal of the earth, and to every bird of the sky, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.

³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. There was evening and there was morning—the sixth day.

2 The heavens and the earth were finished, along with everything in them. ²On the seventh day God had finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had been doing. ³God blessed the seventh day and set it apart as holy, because on it he rested from all his work of creation that he had done.

Second Reading • 2 Corinthians 13:11-14

By sharing his grace, love, and fellowship, the triune God gives us unity and peace.

Finally, brothers, rejoice. Set things in order. Be encouraged. Agree with one another. Be at peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. ¹³All the saints greet you.

¹⁴The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

-Stand-

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 6:3

P: *Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Armies! The whole earth is full of his glory! Alleluia.*

Gospel • Matthew 28:16-20

P: *The holy Gospel is written in the twenty-eighth chapter of the Gospel according to St. Matthew, beginning at the sixteenth verse.*

C: Glory be to You, O Lord!

Jesus calls us to do ministry in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some hesitated because they were uncertain. ¹⁸Jesus approached and spoke to them saying, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and gather disciples from all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and by teaching them to keep all the instructions I have given you. And surely I am with you always until the end of the age.”

P: *Here ends the Gospel.*

C: Praise be to You, O Christ!

Athanasian Creed

P: *Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith.*

C: Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.

P: *Now this is the true Christian faith:*

C: We worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.

P: *For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct,*

C: but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.

P: *What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.*

C: The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

P: *the Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;*

C: the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;

P: *yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal,*

C: just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite, but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.

P: *In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty;*

C: yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.

P: *So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;*

C: yet they are not three Gods, but one God.

P: *So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;*

C: yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.

P: *For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord, so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.*

C: The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.

P: *The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.*

C: The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

P: *So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.*

C: And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior;

P: *but all three persons are coequal and coeternal, so that in every way, as stated before, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.*

C: Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.

P: *It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation that one faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh.*

C: Now this is the true Christian faith: We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.

P: *He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and he is man, born in time from the nature of his mother,*

C: fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human flesh;

P: *equal to the Father as to his deity, less than the Father as to his humanity;*

C: and though he is both God and man, Christ is not two persons but one:

P: *one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God;*

C: one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person;

P: *for just as the rational soul and flesh is one human being, so God and man is one Christ.*

C: He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead.

P: *He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, and from there will come to judge the living and the dead.*

C: At his coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds.

P: *Those who have done good will enter eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.*

C: This is the true Christian faith. Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.

-Be seated-

Sermon Hymn • *“Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest”*

[ELH 10]

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| <p>1. Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
Vouchsafe within our souls to rest;
Come with Thy grace and heav'nly aid,
And fill the hearts which Thou hast made.</p> <p>2. To Thee, the Comforter, we cry
To Thee, the Gift of God most high;
The Fount of life, the Fire of love,
The soul's Anointing from above.</p> <p>4. Thy light to ev'ry thought impart,
And shed Thy love in ev'ry heart;
The weakness of our mortal state
With deathless might invigorate.</p> | <p>5. Drive far away our wily foe,
And Thine abiding peace bestow;
If Thou be our protecting Guide,
No evil can our steps betide.</p> <p>6. Make Thou to us the Father known;
Teach us th'eternal Son to own,
And Thee, whose name we ever bless,
Of both the Spirit, to confess.</p> <p>7. Praise we the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow.</p> |
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Sermon • *Matthew 28:16-20*

Our Triune God Is Beyond Us, With Us, and In Us

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Offertory Psalm



☐ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir-it



with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Your presence and take not Your



Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Your sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Your free Spir - it. A - men.

-Be seated-

Offering

-Organ Interlude-

An offering plate is located in the entryway in the back of the church. Offerings can be placed in the plate either before or after the service.

Please fill out the friendship register and pass it down the row. Thank you.

Prayer of the Church

-Stand-

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

Preface for the Season

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns forever in perfect unity with you and the Holy Spirit as one God and one Lord. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Sanctus • “*Holy, Holy, Holy*”

[Tune: CW93 131]

1. O holy, holy, holy

**Lord God of pow’r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven
in countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us,
Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy
Receive our fervent cry.**

2. Hosanna in the highest!

**How truly blest is he
Who in God’s name is coming
To set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation
And with his blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage—
Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

Lord’s Prayer

C: 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.

Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: “Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: “Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My + blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

P: *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei • “O Christ, Lamb of God”

[Tune: CW93 106]

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| <p>1. Dearest Jesus, loving Savior,
Christ, who takes all sin away.
Lamb of God, the world’s Redeemer,
hear us as we humbly pray:
in our dire and desp’rate need,
for your mercy, Lord, we plead.</p> | <p>2. Dearest Jesus, loving Savior,
Christ, who takes all sin away,
Lamb of God, the world’s Redeemer,
hear us as we humbly pray:
let your mercy still increase;
grant us pardon, grant us peace.</p> |
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-Be seated-

Distribution

Guests, please read and take note of the explanation of our Communion practice on page 2 in this service folder.

Hymn • “How Great Thou Art”

[CW93 256]

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
“How great thou art! How great thou art!”
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
“How great thou art! How great thou art!”

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze,
(Refrain)

3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.

(Refrain)

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!"

(Refrain)

Hymn • *"Baptized into Your Name Most Holy"*

[CW21 680]

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| <p>1. Baptized into your name most holy,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
among your saints, your chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,
your Spirit now shall live within.</p> | <p>3. My faithful God, you fail me never;
your promise surely will endure.
O cast me not away forever
if words and deeds become impure.
Have mercy when I come defiled;
forgive, lift up, restore your child.</p> |
| <p>2. My loving Father, there you took me
to be henceforth your child and heir.
My faithful Savior, there you let me
the fruit of all your sorrows share.
O Holy Spirit, comfort me
when threat'ning clouds around I see.</p> | <p>4. All that I am and love most dearly—
receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely;
help me your faithful child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own
serve any will but yours alone.</p> |

Hymn • *"Go Forth and Preach the Gospel"*

[CW21 908]

1. Go forth and preach the gospel to all who are in need.
As witness to the Savior, go teach by word and deed.
The Spirit is upon us, and sends us to declare
good news of God's forgiveness to people ev'rywhere.

2. Go forth and preach the gospel to all who live in fear,
and share the joyful message that God is always near.
The Spirit is upon us, and sends us forth in peace
to bring the poor glad tidings, that mercy may increase.
3. Go forth and preach the gospel; go spread the news abroad!
Proclaim to ev'ry nation the greatness of our God.
The Spirit is upon us, that all may understand
the promise of salvation revealed to ev'ry land.

-Stand-

Nunc Dimittis • *“Song of Simeon”*

Tune: CW93 368]

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. O Lord, now let your servant
Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen your promised
Incarnate, saving Word—
A Light that will enlighten
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory
Of those in Israel! | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever three in one;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity. |
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Communion Verse

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: And His mercy endures forever.

Collect of Thanksgiving

P: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in lovingkindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: *The Lord bless you and keep you.*

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace +.

C: Amen.

-Be seated-

Closing Hymn • *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

[CW93 334]

**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!**

A HISTORY OF THE ATHANASIAN CREED

The Athanasian Creed is named after St. Athanasius, a staunch defender of the Christian faith in the fourth century. It was prepared to assist the Church in combating two errors that undermined Bible teaching. One error denied that God's Son and the Holy Spirit are of one being or Godhead with the Father. The other error denied that Jesus Christ is true God and true man in one person.

Athanasius was born in Alexandria in Egypt in A.D. 295. He served as a church leader in a time of great controversy and ecclesiastical disagreements. At the Council of Nicaea in 325, he defended Christian orthodoxy against the proponents of the Arian heresy, which denied the full divinity of Jesus Christ. During his 45-year tenure as bishop of Alexandria, Athanasius wrote numerous works that defended the orthodox teaching. His enemies had him exiled five times; on two occasions he was almost murdered. Yet Athanasius remained steadfast and ended his days restored fully to his church responsibilities.

The Athanasian Creed, though not composed by Athanasius, is named in his honor because it confesses the doctrinal orthodoxy he championed throughout his life. It continues to serve the Christian Church as a standard of the truth. It declares that whoever rejects the doctrine of the Trinity and the doctrine of Christ is without the saving faith.

The creed also briefly speaks of the necessity of good works in the life of the Christian. The good works God produces in us and through us are the natural consequence of the faith hidden in the heart. The creed's reference to doing good calls to mind Jesus' words in John 5:28,29 and his declaration to the sheep and the goats on judgment day in Matthew 25:31-46. Good works do not contribute to our salvation. However, good works demonstrate our faith in Christ and testify to others that we are Christians.

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