



**Elisha**  
June 14

**Time Period** 9th–8th century BC

**Who was he?**  
A prophet to the northern kingdom of Israel.

**Did you know?**

- Elisha refused to leave the side of his mentor, the prophet Elijah, when he was taken up into heaven.
- After seeing Elijah depart, Elisha assumed the prophetic office and received a double portion of his master's spirit.
- He performed many miracles throughout his ministry, such as curing the leper Naaman (2 Kings 5:1–27) and reviving the son of a Shunammite woman (4:8–37).

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## **2025 THEME FOR BEREIA & ZION**

### **COME AND SEE!**

*"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1*

Come and experience the faith that ties us together and keeps us at Berea and Zion. In a world of increasing uncertainty, you and I are encouraged to live and share the basics of our faith that keeps us here. It is vital, life and eternal life changing, to know Jesus, our Saviour who lived, suffered, died, and rose, for us, to set us free from the control of evil.

Our faith is grounded in the Good News that Jesus lives... the victory is won. Living the victorious life means that Jesus is an ever-present source of peace, comfort and hope in our lives. This year let's open doors for the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts and minds of our families, friends and community by warmly inviting them to... "COME AND SEE"!

### ***BEREA & ZION GUESTS***

*At the end of worship we would like to invite you to please take a moment to sign our guest book in the foyer.*

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Welcome! It's great to have you with us today! If you're here because you're looking for a church family, we're always excited to unite brothers and sisters in Christ.

Talk to Pastor John for more info.



In the name of the Father and of the  
Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Invocation

**Holy Trinity Sunday ~ June 15, 2025**

*As We Gather*

*The Holy Trinity presents profound complexities. The church wrestles to dissect and sync together the identities and the activities of the Father, Son, and Spirit. The Athanasian Creed is the treatise that sews together the equality and uniqueness of the three persons of the Trinity. With faith's assurance, the church confesses trinitarian substance, coeternal majesty, and seemingly unattainable mystery. The Uncreated, the Infinite, the Almighty are One in Three. The Holy Trinity is vested in working in our midst today, every day, and eternally. In faith, the church and its members forge ahead in life because the Holy Trinity just works! We may not understand fully, and yet, by faith we believe the Father works-creating; the Son works-redeeming; and the Spirit works-sanctifying. Our entire life of frailty and faith is only possible because the Holy Trinity just works-all the time-with us, for us, and alongside us!*

**+ WELCOME & SHARING OF PEACE +**

*Opening Hymn*

507 Holy, Holy, Holy

**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!**

*Invocation and Opening Sentences based on Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31*

P: We come together in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: AMEN**

P: God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit possess all wisdom before the very work of creation.

**C: Praise be to the Holy Trinity.**

P: Wisdom, begotten of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, reveals the incarnate Christ-the appointed Messiah, working out our salvation's story.

**C: Praise be to the Holy Trinity.**

P: Eternal wisdom delights, rejoices, and is the workman of all things created and redeemed.

**C: Praise be to the Holy Trinity. AMEN**

## *Confession and Absolution*

P: Heavenly Father, Creator of all, we humbly come into Your presence recognizing that, even though You shower us with blessings, we have rebelled against Your reign over us.

**C: We have sinned against You, one another, and even Your good creation in our thinking, speaking, and acting. Forgive us, and teach us again to be Your true sons and daughters.**

P: Jesus, Redeemer, we confess that we have neglected to appreciate Your great sacrifice, entering our broken and sin-filled world to live and die for us.

**C: We have failed to love You with our whole heart, soul, and mind, and we have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. We have failed to live as Your loving brothers and sisters. Forgive us, and grant us determination to love our neighbours in Your name.**

P: Holy Spirit, the one who Sanctifies and makes us holy,

**C: we confess that we have let the faith You have planted in us to be covered with our own wants and desires. Without Your help we can't be free; we are bound to sin. Forgive us, and renew in us clean and upright spirits.**

P: Our eternal God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, has not forsaken us in our sin. For the sake of Jesus, who became one of us, to die for us, God offers full and free pardon. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: AMEN**

## *Responsive Psalm*

Psalm 8

P: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.

**C: Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.**

P: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

**C: what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?**

P: Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

**C: You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,**

P: all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

**C: the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

P: 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**

## *Prayer of the Day*

P: *We 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. 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**

## **+ WORD +**

### *Old Testament*

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

*(Wisdom, personified, reveals the presence and work of Jesus even before the creation of the world.)*

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."

### *Second Reading*

Acts 2:14a,22-36

*(God richly supplies Jesus with the credentials to accomplish all divine works, wonders, and signs.)*

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.

"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."

### *Holy Gospel*

John 8:48-59

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

The Jews answered him, "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.

P: These are the Word of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### *Profession of Faith*

Athanasian Creed

P: As an expression of our faith, we confess the words of the Athanasian Creed, the longest and most recent of the three Ecumenical Creeds of the Church.

Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith. Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.

**C: And the catholic faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity,**

P: neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.

**C: For 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, the majesty coeternal.

**C: Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:**

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

**C: And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,**

P: just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.

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

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

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

P: and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord. 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. The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone. 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. 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 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: perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh; 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; one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person. 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, 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. At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds. And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.**

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

### *Hymn of the Day*

504 Father Most Holy

*1 Father most holy, merciful, and tender;  
Jesus, our Savior, with the Father reigning;  
Spirit of comfort, advocate, defender, Light never waning;*

*2 Trinity blessed, unity unshaken,  
Goodness unbounded, very God of heaven,  
Light of the angels, joy of those forsaken, Hope of all living,*

*3 Maker of all things, all Thy creatures praise Thee;  
All for Thy worship were and are created;  
Now, as we also worship Thee devoutly, Hear Thou our voices.*

*^ 4 Lord God Almighty, unto Thee be glory,  
One in three persons, over all exalted!  
Glory we offer, praise Thee and adore Thee, Now and forever.*

### *Sermon*

#### *The Offerings Are Gathered*

*(The Offertory Prayer is sung as the offerings are brought forward)*

*We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

*May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!*

### *Prayers of the Church*

P: Heavenly Father, grant strong faith and willing obedience to the Church here and around the world. Through Your Word and Sacraments grant the Holy Spirit to move us to humble praise and adoration. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Holy Spirit, open doors of opportunity that pastors and lay can spread the good news of Your might in creation and our Saviour's power over sin and death. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord God, who provides for all Your creation, give good weather and bountiful harvests to all who tend fields and manage livestock. Give safety and prosperity to all who are employed. Grant guidance and wisdom to all who protect Your marvellous creation for the good of everyone. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Ruler of the universe who provides governments in this world, be with our leaders, and the leaders of the world, that as they serve the people entrusted to their care. May they look to You for wisdom and guidance. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God of grace and mercy, on this Father's Day, we thank You for all earthly fathers through whom You have given us the gift of life. Make them examples to us of Your fatherly love, and help them to proclaim to their children Your mighty deeds, bringing them up in the nurture and instruction of the Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord, we call out to You, triune God, in confident faith, trusting that Your answers. We especially lift to You all those wrestling with illness or in various stages of recovery, and those whose lives are drawing to a close. We pray for... and all in our hearts. Visit, restore, strengthen, console and give rest them that we may rejoice together in Your grace and mercy. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays, baptismal birthdays, and anniversaries this week. We celebrate with our church family. We thank you for the blessings of the past and entrust them to your future care. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: AMEN**

### *Lord's Prayer*

**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*

P: The blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: AMEN**

### *Closing Hymn*

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!**

*3 Glory to the King of angels,  
Glory to the Church's King,  
Glory to the King of nations;  
Heav'n and earth, your praises bring!  
Glory, glory To the King of glory sing!*

*4 Glory, blessing, praise eternal!  
Thus the choir of angels sings;  
Honour, riches, pow'r, dominion!  
Thus its praise creation brings.  
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!*

*Announcements and Dismissal*

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God.

**SERVANTS IN THE LORD'S HOUSE**

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