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## **The Holy Trinity** **May 31, 2026**



**As We Gather**

### **Beyond Comprehension**

We usually think of ourselves as small, humble creatures. We are subject to the creation in which we live and often are at the mercy of the forces around us. But we are reminded in Genesis that we are the crown of God's creation, part and parcel of all He has made. We cannot understand Him, but we know enough. That is Peter's reminder to those who executed Jesus: He did not stay dead but was able to overcome the forces opposed to Him—for us! We have work to do, Jesus tells the disciples and us in the Gospel. But we do not have to do it alone. Though we cannot understand Him, God is with us each day in His strength, mercy, and forgiving love. In short, we need not comprehend our great God; we only receive all the love He has for us. "O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!" (Psalm 8:1).

## PRELUDE AND WELCOME

**BIRTHDAY BLESSING** 6/5 Keith Slaughter

♪ Thanks for our friends who celebrate  
And God's rich blessings contemplate.  
Praise for another year on earth.  
Praise to the Lord who gives us birth.      **Amen.**

**HYMN**      "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"      #700

*Please stand as you are able.*

## INVOCATION

**Pastor:**      In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:**      **Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Psalm 8:1; Genesis 1:3, 31*

**Pastor:**      O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

**People:**      **You have set Your glory above the heavens.**

**Pastor:**      And God said, "Let there be light,"

**People:**      **and there was light.**

**Pastor:**      And God saw everything that He had made,

**People:**      **and behold, it was very good.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**Pastor:**      Let us come before God with our sins to acknowledge them  
before Him and in the presence of one another.

**People:**      **Heavenly Father, we confess that we have failed to be the  
people You have created us to be. We daily miss the mark of  
being very good, and we fail to be Your representatives in  
the care of Your good creation. With the early disciples,  
although we do believe, sometimes we doubt. Only by Your  
grace are we able to come before You and find peace and  
joy. Remind us of Your great love and mercy for us.**

**Pastor:**      Jesus has joyful work for us to do. He has commanded us to go,  
teach, and baptize. And, despite our sins, He also promised,  
"Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew  
28:20). God's majesty is not only in creating the world in which  
we live but in loving us despite our daily failures. He sent His Son  
to forgive our every sin. As David wrote, "I saw the Lord always  
before me, for He is at my right hand that I may not be shaken"  
(Acts 2:25). 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.

**People:**      **Amen.**

✂ WORD ✂

**INTROIT**

♪ Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen

**KYRIE**

♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us, Lord have mercy upon us.

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

♪ Glory be to God on high; and on earth peace good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heavenly King. God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only are holy; Thou only art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

**SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ And with thy spirit.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

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.

People: ♪ A--men.

*Please be seated.*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Genesis 1:1–2:4a *(God creates all that exists.)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**READING** Acts 2:14a, 22–36

*(Peter tells the Good News to those who crucified our Lord.)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**ALLELUIA**

♪ **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 28:16–20

*(Jesus promises to accompany His followers.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter.

People: ♪ **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

*The Gospel is read.*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: ♪ **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**THE NICENE CREED** *(found on the last page of the pew hymnal)*

*Please be seated.*

**HYMN** “Holy, Holy, Holy” #507

**SERMON** Pr. Mark Croucher

*Please stand as you are able.*

**OFFERTORY**

♪ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. A-men.**

*Please be seated.*

**OFFERING**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the world around us, all people, and ourselves. “Out of the mouth of babes and infants, You have established strength.” Grant wisdom and love for families in and beyond this congregation, O Lord. We give thanks for growing families and that they grow stronger in love as You guide and protect them.

**People:** **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** “When I look at Your heavens, . . . what is man that You are mindful of him.” Grant humility to all of us. Grant that we grow in faith toward You and love toward one another.

**People:** **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** “Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings.” Grant us grace to acknowledge the true place of governments and nations, care workers and medical professionals, and those who tend crops and herds, as they seek to meet the needs of the people under their care.

**People:** **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** We lift up those struggling with sickness or grief, especially Liz, Betty, Karla, Dan, Ian and Luetta, and ask that Your hand would lead them to hope and faithfulness.

**People:** **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** You have “crowned him with glory and honor.” Open the eyes of the proud, who seek ever greater power and prestige, that they may find true greatness in serving as You have, in love and mercy.

**People:** **Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** You have given us “dominion over the works of Your hands.” Give wisdom and guidance to everyone who manages Your good creation that all people may be fed, peace may break out, and many people around us will join to say,

**People:** **“O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!”**

**Pastor:** These and any other things You would have us ask of You, O God, grant for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠**

*pew hymnal age 194*

## **PREFACE**            *2 Timothy 4:22*

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:**    **♪ And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People:** ♪ **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

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

**People:** ♪ **It is meet and right so to do.**

### **PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

### **SANCTUS**

♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You sent Your only-begotten Son into the creation You had established.

**People: Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus we pray that Your Holy Spirit would strengthen our faith until, gathered together with all the saints, we may celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.**

Pastor: To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastor: 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.

**People: ♪ For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: ♪ A---men.

### AGNUS DEI

♪ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us, O Christ Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A---men.

*Please be seated.*

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### NUNC DIMITTIS

♪ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou has prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### THANKSGIVING

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

People: ♪ **And His mercy endureth forever.**

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: ♪ A--men.

## **SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:** ♪ **And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

**People:** ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: 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.

**People:** ♪ **Amen, amen, a--men.**

**HYMN** "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" #940

## **POSTLUDE**

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## **THE MESSENGER**

May 31, 2026

**WELCOME!** Dear guest, we pray that your worship with us is as spiritually enriching for you as your presence is encouraging to us. We invite you to sign our guest book in the foyer and leave your email address if you would like periodic updates from Immanuel. Most importantly, come back and worship with us again next Sunday.

**SERVING US TODAY:** Rev. Mark Croucher  
Linda Dunn, Organist

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Liz Kraft, Betty Peuster, Karla Kass, Dan and Ian Henggeler, and Luetta Buchholz

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** theme for next Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> is "**Peter's Restoration—and Ours**" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies Jesus forgives and restores us and He sends us out to offer this restoration to others, in His name. John 21:1-19 Listen online at <https://www.lutheranhour.org>.