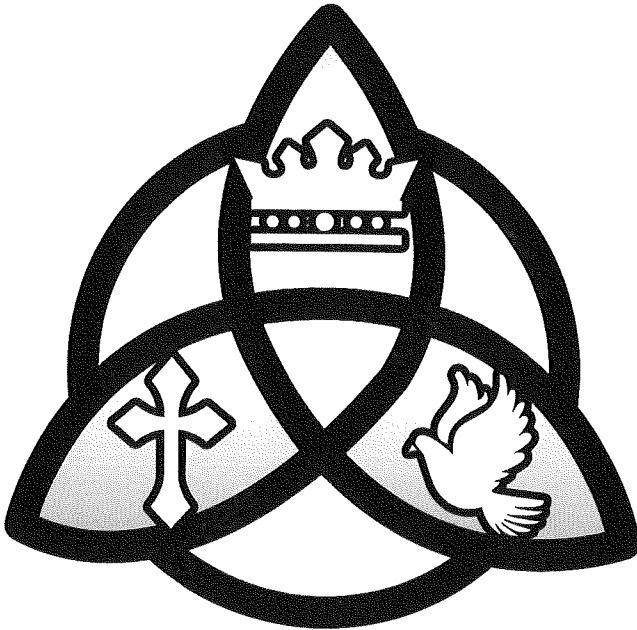


Holy Trinity Sunday

May 31st, 2026 ~ 8:30am



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WELCOME



() Please stand as you are comfortable and able*

Prelude Music

Welcome & Announcements

*Opening Litany (by the Rev. J. Lee Hill)

P: We gather together this day in the name of the Triune God. —
Let us worship the One who spoke in the very beginning and
created something out of nothing.

C: **Let us worship the One who took on the clothing of humanity to set free those who were oppressed.**

P: Let us worship the One whose Spirit rests continually upon us,
calling us from sorrow-filled endings to bright new beginnings.

C: **Life-giving, life-restoring, life-fulfilling God; in all things,
may we seek to connect with You and so reflect your love
and hope in the world. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn #413

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

*The Greeting and Prayer of the Day

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. ~ Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we
worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your
power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith,
defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your pres-
ence, where You live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The First Reading ~ Genesis 1: 1 - 2: 4a

At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." ²⁷ So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹ God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. ^{4a} These are the generations of

the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 8 (read responsively, lector then congregation)

¹ O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

² **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

³ When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴ **what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵ Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶ **You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:**

⁷ all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸ **the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,**

and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

⁹ O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

The Second Reading ~ 2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.

Paul writes: ¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. ¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*The Gospel Acclamation (sung by all)





You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*The Holy Gospel ~ Matthew 28: 16-20

After His resurrection, Jesus summons His remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Holy Gospel according to the 28th chapter of St. Matthew.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ ⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ 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 ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

*Hymn #412 "Come, Join the Dance of Trinity"

*The Apostles' Creed (professed together)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

*The Prayers of Intercession

God of grace ... **Hear our prayer.**

Anthem

“Hymn to the Trinity”

Blessing of the Elements



The Lord's Prayer

+ Communal Reception of the Sacrament +

This morning, the sacrament will be distributed by method of intinction; that is, the Pastor will dip the wafer into the chalice, hand it to the recipient so that they may place it in their own mouth.

Post-Communion Blessing and Benediction

P: Almighty God — Creator, Savior, and Spirit — bless you now and forever. Amen.

*Closing Hymn #414 “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

*Dismissal

Go in peace and serve the Lord in love.♥

Thanks be to God!

Postlude Music

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you*

... to Kevin Filler for serving as our lector

... to Drew Wagner for serving as our live stream tech



To remember in prayer ... Ronald Black, Caitlin Carfagno, Richard Eisenhart, Faye, Hope Geary, Harlan, Jeanne Logan, Lori Remaly, Barb Shanberger, Kathleen Tuomela May, Darrell Tuomela, Tyler and Elizabeth, Joe Ulmer, Monica Wagner, Leon Warmkessel, George Weiser, Jean Wetzel, people living in war-torn countries, victims of oppression, injustice, violence, and natural disasters, and other dear ones whom we name before God.



*The altar flowers have been sponsored by
Kay Sheerer in memory of loved ones.*



+ First Communion Classes +
will be offered on Saturdays, June 13th & 20th
from 11:30am-12:45pm

Please contact Pastor Lisa if your child is interested in attending.



“A Special 250th Celebration of Our Nation”
Saturday, June 13th from 10am-2pm (in lower lot)
Basket raffle, flea market, cake walk, food, + more
~ JOIN US ~