

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

May 31, 2026

Breakfast Service



Holy Spirit Lutheran Church

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Monday-Thursday 9am – 2pm

To all who are tired and need rest; to all who mourn, and need comfort; to all who are friendless and need friendship; to all who are homeless, and need sheltering love; to all who pray, and to all who do not pray; to all who sin and need a Savior; to whomsoever will, this church opens wide its doors and in the name of Jesus Christ, says Welcome!

Welcome to Holy Spirit! Thank you for joining us today to worship the Living God! Through prayer, music, the proclamation of God's word and the sharing of a meal together we offer praise to God! Please come again and invite others to come with you. You are always welcome here at Holy Spirit!

We welcome the participation of all in worship. This worship bulletin is inclusive and contains the order of worship and all music you will need to participate. We sit and stand where indicated (*) in reverence to God; do what is comfortable for you. The people respond where indicated in **boldface** type.

A: Assisting Minister C: Congregation P: Presiding Minister

If you are having difficulty reading the bulletin, we have enlarged print bulletins available. Please ask the usher.

Visitors, please fill out a communion card and place in the offering plate.
Members, please fill out a communion card at least once per month and place in the offering plate.

OUR MISSION
“KNOW CHRIST! GROW! SPREAD GOD’S LOVE!”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ GATHERING +

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come into this household of the living God, the Three in One.

**We gather in the wonder of the mystery
that God has invited us to share in.**

We come to wade into the depths of the divine.

We have come as the family of Christ, led by the Spirit of God.

Open your hearts to the One who creates, redeems, and sustains us.

Our hope is that in this time of worship,

we might embrace what lies beyond our imagination.

Come, let us worship the Triune God!

*GATHERING HYMN: Holy, Holy, Holy (Verses 1, 3 & 4)

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

(Cont'd)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
 Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the ✠ Holy Trinity, One God,
 whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

A: Let us confess our sins before God. (*Pause*)
 Almighty and most merciful God,

**C: We are helpless to the lure of sin, and we have wandered and
 strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed too much the devices and desires
 of our own hearts.**

We have offended against your holy laws.

**We have left undone those things that we ought to have done;
 and we have done those things that we ought not to have done;**

and there is no health in us.

But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us sinners.

Spare those who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent,

according to your promises declared to mankind

in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,

that we may live a disciplined, righteous and godly life,

to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

Through the compassion of Jesus our Redeemer,

✝ your sins are now forgiven. Rest in God’s love.

C: Amen.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. Creator of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom.

C: Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed with us. Glory and praise to you, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of life, now and forever. Amen

(Please be seated)

+ THE WORD +

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a

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 the Spirit of 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.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 8

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!

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

[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.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

ELW 172



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
 - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
 lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

P: The Good News of Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶ 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."

P: This is the Good News in Christ!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON**Rev. Christopher Drummond**

(Please stand, as you are able)

*HYMN OF THE DAY Children of the Heavenly Father

Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958
 Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune
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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in one God:

Creator of all that has been made; the parent of all creation.

We believe in one God:

Savior of all; the restorer of our broken world.

We believe in one God:

The Spirit of all that lives;

the love that binds all things together in the family of God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(response after: God of grace.)

C: hear our prayer.

*PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Let us greet one another saying, 'Peace be with you'.

“LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH”

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God as our Parent, siblings all are we

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow,

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

(Please be seated)

OFFERING:

A: We worship through our tithes and offering. Now let us joyfully respond to God's goodness, through our personal giving.

It is only through your giving that the ministry and mission of Holy Spirit continues. Many people give electronically and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their generous giving. Offerings can also be dropped in the mailbox or mailed in.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

C: Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us, now and forever. Amen

(Please stand as you are able.)

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: Holy God, the universe declares your praise: beyond the stars, beneath the sea, within each cell, with every breath.

C: We praise you, O God!

P: Generations bless your faithfulness: Through the water, by night and day, across the wilderness, out of exile, and into the future.

C: We bless you, O God!

P: We give your thanks for your dear Son, Jesus the Christ: at the heart of human life, near to those who suffer, beside the sinner, among the poor, and with us now.

C: We thank you, O God!

P: We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for us, this earth, and all of creation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat;

this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us: on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Send us your Holy Spirit. Come among us in our gathering, within this meal, and among your people. Nourish us with the body and blood of Christ for your service. Renew the world with your healing, your justice, and your peace.

Together with all your saints, the earth, and its creatures: all praise and glory are yours, O God, blessed Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen!

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us say the prayer our Lord taught us...

**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

P: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

C: We who are many are one body, for we all share the one

(Please be seated)

In Holy Communion, we encounter the Real Presence of Jesus Christ as we reverently receive the consecrated bread and wine. Everyone is invited to receive this Sacrament—without exception; however, if you would prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest and the pastor will know to give you a blessing. Gluten free bread is available.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN: Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
 you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain

watch - ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
 par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!

(Cont'd)

You who are wea-ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847–1909
 Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

(Please stand as you are able)

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Let us pray,

Almighty and eternal God,

you have revealed yourself as Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of life,
 and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:

C: Hold us firm in this faith,

that we may know you in all your ways

and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,

who are three Persons, yet one God,

now and forever. Amen.

+ **SENDING** +

***BLESSING & DISMISSAL**

P: God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you, and guide you in truth and peace. And the blessing of ☩ God our Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier of life be with you and remain with you always.

A: Our service is now ended. Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

BREAKFAST BLESSING: We Gather (*Sung to "My Bonnie"*)

We gather to ask for your blessing.
We gather to thank you in prayer
Please bless all this food we are sharing
And keep us in your tender care.

Amen. Amen. – Oh keep us in your
Tender care. (repeat)

BREAKFAST IS SERVED!

Apr's Income: \$ 11,174 (Includes 75th Anniv. donations)

Apr's Expense: \$ 9,036 Average Attendance: 43

MINISTERS – ALL BAPTIZED PEOPLE OF GOD

Scheduled to serve this week 5/31 Scheduled to serve next week 6/7

Greg C. – Assisting Minister

Meghan G. – Assisting Minister

Alan D./Alan S. – Ushers

Gary P. - Ushers

Pysher/Crepack – Counters

Crepacks - Counters

Donna D. – Altar

Volunteer - Altar

*****WEEKLY CALENDAR*****

Mon, Jun 1 **6:30pm – Girl Scouts (Mtg Rm)**
Wed, Jun 3 **5:30pm – Strawberry Festival**
Thu, Jun 4 **7:00pm – AA (Hall)**
 8:00pm – AA (Mtg Rm)
Sat, Jun 6 **10:00am – AA (Hall)**
 11:00am – DA (Mtg Rm)
Sun, Jun 7 **10:15am –Worship**
 12:30pm – Song of Praise

*****PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS*****

Healing:

Annie Berner
Eileen Maloney
Lisa McDonough
Hugh Mullarkey
Lois Saunders
Betty Lake
Anne Rainsford
Dolores Maurer
Marie Schall
Jack Bierling
Joan & Harry Chaykun
Nikki Miller

Jackie Bernduer White
Jackie Dewitt
Maureen Colahan
John Turner
Lynn McGrane
Sue Thomas
Jean Cilurso
Phyllis Horton
Lou Vallies
Linda Martin
Bill McVian
Suzie Thomas

(If you would like to add someone to the prayer list for June, please call the office)

Also please remember in your prayers homebound members: Ruth Dell'Orefice, Jane Croghan, Diane Kuhn, Hank Kuhn, Janet Kline, Dudley Henriques, and Bob Kerns.

Men & women in our armed forces, firefighters, police officers and emergency services personnel.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL – Wednesday, June 3rd 5:30pm-8pm. Please have your baskets in by May 31. Please also include a list of what is in the basket. Thank you

ALTAR – We are in need of volunteers for June to set up and take down altar each week. Can you volunteer for a week? Please see sign up list on bulletin board in front of office.

ALTAR FLOWERS - THANK YOU everyone who signed up to sponsor altar flowers throughout the year. 2026 Flower Chart is now on the bulletin board. Please take a dedication form when you sign up and return to office. **Flowers are \$20 per vase. There are still openings in June and July.**

BULLETIN COVERS –There is a sponsor sign-up sheet to sponsor special bulletin covers for **special occasions**. The cost is \$15.00. Please see sign-up sheet outside the office.

Thank you in advance for your help.



Holy Spirit is sponsoring its Annual Strawberry Festival on Wednesday, June 3, 2026.

WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP!

DONATIONS NEEDED:

- **HELP** on the day of the Strawberry Festival. There are sign-up sheets in the front hallway or email us at kline94@hotmail.com. Help will be needed at: 9:00 a.m. to help cut strawberries, 9:30 a.m. to help set up and 5:00 p.m. to help with the festival (games, craft table, raffles, etc.)
- **Spread the word.** We have flyers in Narthex for you to take to family, friends, neighbors, or post in stores.
- **Raffles baskets.** We are going to make up raffle baskets. Each basket will have an approximate value of \$50. We have a list of items for you to purchase and donate in order to make the baskets. Please check the lists (in front hall) to sign up. If anyone would like to make an entire basket, please sign your name beside the basket on the list. If you have a different idea for a basket that you would like to make, please let Cyndi or Bill Kline know. The items to put inside the basket on the list are just examples. You can add what you would like to the themed basket. A basket can also be made by a couple of families instead. **Please have your baskets in by May 31. Please also include a list of what is in the basket. Thank you**
- **Gift cards to stores, restaurants, adventures, along with monetary donations,** should be given to Cyndi or Bill Kline.
- **Attend the Strawberry Festival** for good food and fellowship.



Strawberry Festival

*Holy Spirit Lutheran Church
2545 Franklin Avenue, Secane
Ridley Township 610-544-2707*

*Wednesday, June 3, 2026
5:30-8:00 p.m. rain or shine*

Family fun for everyone!
DJ Kevin, Food, Raffles and Games for the kids
Chef Kevin will be selling desserts and his cajun meals.



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GOSPEL MESSAGE

Celebrating Our God beyond Understanding

The festival of the Holy Trinity celebrates the wonder of relationship with God while leaving us distinctly dissatisfied with our limited understanding of what God is. While guarding against the idolatry of language, we survey our scripture, doctrine, creeds, and symbols of our heritage. Equally important, we pray for God to inspire fresh, innovative ideas of God in the present moment.

Today's gospel contains one of the few biblical references to the trinitarian formula. As the eleven are commissioned to make disciples, baptize, and teach, we are invited to consider our calling to influence the world with the good news of God's love. The text from Second Corinthians also includes a kind of naming of the Holy Trinity in an affectionate sign-off of a personal letter. With the psalm praising God the creator and sustainer of all creation, Genesis 1 relates the first of two creation stories, this one an ancient liturgy celebrating God as a divine plural.

That God that is beyond our understanding may be both troubling and comforting. The temptation may be to attempt to apprehend the idea of God with our intellect, offering the worshiping assembly a showcase of various models for God. The result is usually disappointing and feeds our bias toward intellectualism. Another possibility is to celebrate God's presence in all its glory and colorful wonder and our belonging to this wonder-full God.