

**Sunday Worship Service – May 31, 2026
Holy Trinity Sunday**

Words of Welcome by Pastor

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome Statement

Introduction to the Theme of the Bible Readings

Today we celebrate Holy Trinity Sunday and the readings remind us that the essence of God is relational. The apostle Paul emphasizes community in the reading from Corinthians and in the gospel reading, Jesus encourages baptism in the name of the triune God.

Trinity Sunday Candle Lighting Ritual

We will light a light in the name of God the Creator.

We will light a light in the name of Jesus, our Healer.

We will light a light in the name of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter.

We will light three lights for the Trinity of love:

God above us, God beside us, God beneath us;

The beginning, the end, the everlasting one.

Prayer of Confession

God of creation, **we often imagine we must go it alone. Remind us at such moments, of the “we” on your creation, the “Three” in our baptism, and the “one another” in our community. Comfort and empower us, as we gather in your Spirit. Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

#413 Gathering Hymn “*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*”

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 sinfulness 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!**

Greeting

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

A Litany for Trinity Sunday

For the “many-ness” of God’s creative splendor,

Let us give thanks.

Before Jesus’ humility, and the power of Christ’s commands,

Let us stand in wonder.

For the mystery of relationships – God’s with us, and ours with one another,

Let us seek God’s holy wisdom.

Come! Let us worship the Triune God.

Prayer of the Day

Triune God, **whose fingers sculpt sun and moon and curl the baby's ear;
Spirit, brooding over chaos before the naming of day;
Savior, sending us to earth’s ends with water and words:
startle us with the grace, love, and communion of your unity in diversity,
that we may live to the praise of your majestic name. Amen.**

Psalm 8

God, how majestic is your name throughout the earth!

You made your glory higher than heaven!

**From the mouths of nursing babies you have laid a strong foundation
because of your foes, in order to stop vengeful enemies.**

When I look up at your skies, at what your fingers made – the moon and the stars that you set firmly in place – what are human beings that you think about them; what are human beings that you pay attention to them?

**You've made them only slightly less than divine,
crowning them with glory and grandeur.**

You've let them rule over your handiwork, putting everything under their feet – all sheep and all cattle, the wild animals too, the birds in the sky, The fish of the ocean, everything that travels the pathways of the sea.

God, how majestic is your name throughout the earth!

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

In this reading, Paul closes a challenging letter to the church in Corinth with an appeal to Christian community grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.

A reading from 2 Corinthians, the 13th chapter:

Finally, brothers and sisters and siblings, good-bye. Put things in order, respond to my encouragement, be in harmony with each other, and live in peace – and the God of love and peace will be with you. Say hello to each other with a holy kiss. All of God's people say hello to you. The grace of our Saviour Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (CEB)

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

Gospel Acclamation "Father, I Adore You"

Father, I adore you, lay my life before you. How I love you.

Jesus, I adore you, lay my life before you. How I love you.

Spirit, I adore you, lay my life before you, How I love you.

Three-in-One, I adore you, lay my life before you. How I love you.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

In the gospel reading, Jesus summons his remaining disciples after his resurrection, and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 28th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted. Jesus came near and spoke to them, "I've received all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

#579 Hymn of the Day "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" (verses 1-2,5)

1. **Lord, you give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.**
2. **Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community:
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.**
5. **Lord, you bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity:
With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.**

Affirmation of Faith ¹

**We believe in one God, who is Creator, maker of all we see and all we don't see;
Who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation!**

**We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ,
God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human.
He is one with the Creator; the Word made flesh, our Messiah:
Savior of all creation!**

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We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit, Breath of God moving among us. Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ; our Comforter and our Guide: Mentor of all creation!

Prayers of Intercession²

Bound together in Christ in the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with one heart and mind to our God, saying: **Holy Trinity, hear us.**

That the love which passes ceaselessly between God the Creator, and Jesus our Healer, in the communion of the Holy Spirit, may renew and deepen the life of each Christian and draw us all gathered here into your unending life, we pray: **Holy Trinity, hear us.**

For the leaders of the church especially National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer, Saskatchewan Synod Bishop Ali Tote. For the leaders of nations, that they may discern the ways to overcome divisions and mistrust, and may reflect your unity in every aspect of common life, we pray: **Holy Trinity, hear us.**

For our families, our households, and our communities, that they may be places of communion and mutual support, which build us up and strengthen us in grace and truth, we pray: **Holy Trinity, hear us.**

Thankful for our world which you made through Christ, and renewed in the power of his resurrection, that we may be wise and careful stewards of creation, we pray: **Holy Trinity, hear us.**

In the power of the Spirit who joins our prayer to Christ's enduring intercession, we pray for the sick, the suffering, and all who stand in need. For healing for all the world we pray: **Holy Trinity, hear us.**

Gracious God, whom Jesus called Abba, accept our prayers this day. By the inner workings of your Spirit, deepen our communion with you, the source of our life, and make us more and more signs of your enduring love. This we pray through Christ, who lives and works with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

² *Prayers of Intercession* from *Intercessions for the Christian People: Prayers of the People for Cycles A, B, and C of the Roman, Episcopal, and Lutheran Lectionaries* edited by Gail Ramshaw © 1990 The Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN.

Offering and Offering Prayer³

Loving God, **we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.**
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.

Holy Communion for Holy Trinity Sunday

God is with you.

And also with you.

Rejoice with full hearts.

We offer them to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
 that we should at all times and in all places
 give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God.
 You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
 equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God,
 ever to be adored in your eternal glory.

Thanksgiving at the Table

O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
 Here by your wisdom are both life and death,
 growth and decay, sunshine and storm, darkness and light.
 Sustained by these wonders, we join in the ancient song:
 The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.
 In Christ you bring life from death;
 we remember his cross, we celebrate his resurrection.
 Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.
 Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.
 Receiving this mystery, we sing our song:
 The earth is full of your glory.

³ <https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/DayTexts>

We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 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, Jesus 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.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song:
 The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead.
 Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.
 Strengthen us for our journey with this meal,
 In which we receive the love and forgiveness of God.
 Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth.
 Amen, and amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
 Amen.**

Communion Distribution

#474 Communion Hymn "*Bread of Life from Heaven*"

Refrain:

**Bread of life from heaven, your blood and body given,
 we eat this bread and drink this cup until you come again.**

- 1. Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice;
giving thanks, hungry ones, gather round.
Eat, all of you, and be satisfied;
in Christ's presence the loaves will abound.**

Refrain

- 2. Seek not the food that will pass away;
set you hearts on the food that endures.
Come, learn the true and the living way,
that the fullness of life may be yours.**

Refrain

- 3. Love as the one who, in love for you,
gave himself for the life of the world.
Come to the one who is food for you,
that your hunger and thirst be no more.**

Refrain

- 4. Dwell in the one who now dwells in you;
make your home in the life-giving Word.
Know only Christ, Holy One of God,
and believe in the truth you have heard.**

Refrain

- 5. Drink of this cup and declare his death;
eat this bread and believe Easter morn;
trust his return and, with ev'ry breath,
praise the one in whom you are reborn.**

Refrain

Communion Blessing

Prayer after communion⁴

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
Amen.

⁴ <https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/DayTexts>

Announcements

Benediction

Go forth in the fullness of Holy Mystery.
 May the love of God enfold you.
 May the grace of Christ Jesus flow through you.
 And may the communion of the Holy Spirit sustain you.
 In the name of + God our Creator, Jesus our Healer,
 and the Holy Spirit our Comforter. Amen.

#412 Sending Hymn *“Come Join the Dance of the Trinity”*

1. **Come, join the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun –
 the interweaving of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.
 The universe of space and time did not arise by chance,
 but as the Three in love and hope, made room within their dance.**
2. **Come, see the face of Trinity, newborn in Bethlehem;
 then bloodied by a crown of thorns outside Jerusalem.
 The dance of Trinity is meant for human flesh and bone;
 when fear confines the dance in death, God rolls away the stone.**
3. **Come, speak aloud of Trinity, as wind and tongues of flame
 set people free at Pentecost to tell the Savior’s name.
 We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;
 go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!**
4. **Within the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun,
 we sing the praises of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.
 Let voices rise and interweave, by love and hope set free,
 to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trinity.**

Sending

Go in peace, to love and serve God through word and deed.
Thanks be to God!

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