



10 a.m.

Holy Communion

May 3, 2026

WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY

*Your thanks and praise strengthens our worship as we celebrate again God's love for all the world
using a liturgy led by organ, piano, vocal or combo choir as a witness to the rich diversity
within our one faith in Christ.*

PAUL IN ATHENS

God is the creator, sustainer, and redeemer of the whole world.

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Hymn 834

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
 in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
 nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
 thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
 in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.
- 4 Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
 thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
 all laud we would render; oh, help us to see
 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

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.

Hymn of Praise

*Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength
And honor and blessing and glory are his.*

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!

*Sing with all the people of God,
And join in the hymn of all creation.
Blessing and honor and glory and might
Be to God and the Lamb, forever. Amen.*

*This is the feast of victory for our God,
For the lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia! Alleluia!!*

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray, **God of the unknown, Your mysteries are astounding. Give us knowledge where you see fit, and let us sit comfortably with that which we can never understand. Amen.**

Welcome and Greeting

Gospel Acclamation *stand*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Lesson

John 1:14, 16-18

The gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

Preaching Lesson *sit*

Acts 17:16-31

¹⁶ While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons and also in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, "What does this pretentious babbler want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities." (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) ¹⁹ So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?" ²⁰ It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means." ²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new.

²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one

ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live,²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us.²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

²⁹ “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals.³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent,³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hymn

O Zion, Haste

Hymn 668

1 O Zion, haste, your mission high fulfilling,
to tell to all the world that God is light;
that he who made all nations is not willing
one soul should perish, lost in shades of night.

Refrain

Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace,
tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.

2 Publish to ev'ry people, tongue, and nation
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;
tell how he stooped to save his lost creation
and died on earth that we might live above. Refrain

3 He comes again! O Zion, ere you meet him,
make known to ev'ry heart his saving grace;
let none whom he has ransomed fail to greet him,
through your neglect, unfit to see his face. Refrain

Apostles' Creed

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.

Ministry Announcements

Prayers of Intercession **Response:** hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE MEAL

Offering

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Offertory

All Praise to Thee

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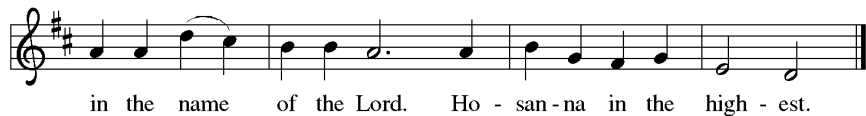
Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord... be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

All baptized believers of Christ as their Savior are invited to the table. Please approach the table as you are ready. Children are invited to receive a blessing. You may request gluten-free bread or grape juice by raising a finger to the communion server.

Hymn During Communion

I Come With Joy

Hymn 482

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Blessing

- 1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
 Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
 Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
 born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
 praising my Savior, all the day long;
 this is my story, this is my song,
 praising my Savior all the day long.

- 2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
 visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
 angels descending bring from above
 echoes of mercy, whispers of love. Refrain

- 3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;
 I in my Savior am happy and blest,
 watching and waiting, looking above,
 filled with his goodness, lost in his love. Refrain

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

SENDING**Blessing & Dismissal**

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

Go in peace. Together in Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Chancel flowers today are given by Beth and Doug Myser in memory of Richard Myser, Doug's father.

Liturgical Ministers

Preacher: Pastor Bonnie Gerber

Presiding Minister: Pastor Steve Wachtman

Minister of Music: Joshua Brodbeck

Director of Equipping Ministers: Laura Hudson

Director of Faith Formation: Noelle Fox