

Holy Trinity Sunday

May 31, 2026

Greetings and Welcome

Thank you for worshipping with us today! If you are visiting, please fill out one of our welcome cards by the offering boxes so we can get to know you better. If you would like to share a prayer request, you may do so on a card and place it in the box.

Prelude by Susan Roegge – “Sweet Hour of Prayer/Little is Much when God is In It/In the Garden,” arr. Marcia Wells

GATHERING

Call to Worship

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and

by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**Sharing Christ's Peace*

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

C: And also with you.

All are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another.

**Gathering Song – “Open the Eyes of My Heart”*

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see You, I want to see You.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see You, I want to see You.

**To see You high and lifted up, Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love, As we sing holy, holy, holy. Repeat**

Coda: As we sing holy, holy, holy.

We sing holy, holy, holy.

We sing holy, holy, holy.

I want to see You. Repeat coda

I want to see You.

Children's Sermon

Hymn of Praise: “This is My Father's World” ELW 824

- 1 This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.**
- 2 This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world; he shines in all that's fair.
In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'rywhere.**

- 3 **This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is king, let heaven ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!**

WORD

Reading: Jeremiah 29:11-12

Reader: John Williams

¹¹For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹²Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you.

Reading: Psalm 1:1-3

¹Happy are those
who do not follow the advice of the wicked
or take the path that sinners tread
or sit in the seat of scoffers,
²but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.
³They are like trees
planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

Reading: Acts 1:12-14

Acts begins with the Ascension of Jesus. After Jesus was taken up to the Father, the disciples returned to Jerusalem and devoted themselves to prayer.

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

R: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading:* Matthew 6:1, 5-8

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹“Beware of practicing your righteousness before others in order to be seen by them, for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

⁵“And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁷“When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

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

Sermon: “How Do I Pray?”

Song of the Day – “Lord of All Hopefulness” ELW 765

- 1 **Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**
- 2 **Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**
- 3 **Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**
- 4 **Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:**

**be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

**The 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.

**Prayers of Intercession*

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” ELW 752

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

Stewardship Time

“Give Me Jesus” ELW 770

Sung by Melissa Street

Stewardship is the spiritual practice of responding to God's grace in generosity towards God and others. If you would like to give an offering today, you are invited to come forward and place it in an offering basket. If you would like to give electronically, you can use the provided QR code.



**Offering Prayer*

P: Merciful God,

C: **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

**Great Thanksgiving*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Words of Institution*

P: 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.

**Lord's Prayer*

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.

Communion Songs

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” ELW 742

1. **What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear –
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!**

2. **Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged -- take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness -- take it to the Lord in prayer.**
3. **Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge -- take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.**

“As the Deer”

1. **As the deer panteth for the water, So my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire, And I long to worship Thee.**

*Refrain: You alone are my strength, my shield; To You, alone, may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.*

2. **You're my friend and you are my brother, Even tho' You are a King.
I love You more than any other, So much more than anything. *Refrain***

3. **I trust You though my bones are broken, I will give my thanks to You.
In Your strength, I am not forgotten; and Your love will lead me through. *Refrain***

**Post-Communion Blessing*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: **Amen.**

**Closing Prayer*

SENDING

**Benediction*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor, and + give you peace.
C: **Amen.**

**Sending Song – “Your Grace is Enough”*

**1. Great is your faithfulness, O God of Jacob;
you wrestle with the sinner’s restless heart.**

You lead me by still waters into mercy where nothing can keep us apart.

*Refrain: So remember your people, remember your children,
remember your promise, O God.*

*For your grace is enough, your grace is enough,
your grace is enough, your grace is enough for me.*

**2. Great is your love and justice, God of Jacob; you use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of heaven’s vict’ry, and all your people sing along.**

Refrain twice

**Dismissal*

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Song Credits

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Malinda Carlson	Kevin Krohe	Monica Proefrock	Cory Street
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What's Coming Up at Faith?

Sunday, May 31, 9:30am: Outdoor Worship **Friends from Faith**

Wednesday, June 3, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library
4:30pm: Worship Core Team Meeting

Saturday, June 6, 8:00am: Cooking for
9:00am: Men's Breakfast

Sunday, June 7, 9:30am: Indoor Worship
11:00am: Discussion Group in the Justice Room

Tuesday, June 9, 2:00pm: Discipleship Core Team Meeting

Wednesday, June 10, 10:00am: Read the Bible in a Year Group – Faith Library

News Updates

Lay Ministry Sign-Up Sheets

Sign-Up Sheets are available at the podium in the gathering area. Please take a moment to sign up to be an Usher, Reader, Greeter, Communion Assistant, Coffee Host, Chancel Committee volunteer, and to Donate Altar Plants. **Thank You!** *We are Gifted to Serve!*

Summer Worship Schedule

We are alternating between outdoor and indoor worship services through the summer with one blended service each Sunday. Magnets with the summer schedule are available to help keep us all on track. **We will be indoors on June 7 and 21 and outdoors again on June 14 & 28.** As always, outdoor services will move indoors in poor weather, and we have solid-surface seating available on the parking lot and air-conditioned seating indoors in the Justice Room.

Faith's Little Flock — (Ages 2–7)

gathers each Sunday after the Children's Sermon (when we are inside) and returns to the sanctuary in time for Communion. There are coloring pages available for outside services.

Spring Altar Flowers for Faith's Gardens

We are purchasing plants or flowers for the altar that will then be planted in our church gardens. If you would like to donate a plant, the cost is \$15, and you can sign up at the podium in the Gathering Area.

Vacation Bible School - "At the Table"

We are using a curriculum from ELCA World Hunger called "At the Table," hearing stories of children around the world and how God is providing our daily bread. VBS will meet on five Sundays after church (6/14 and 28, 7/12 and 26, and 8/9). We begin with a lunch at 10:45 for children and parents. At 11:30, we will meet in the sanctuary for an opening, then parents are invited to meet in the Justice Room for discussion and fellowship as the children go to their classes. We will conclude with a closing in the sanctuary at 1:30. At this time, we are looking for volunteers to lead story time, games, be group guides, and help provide lunch. **Please sign up using the QR code on the postcard at the Coffee Sales counter, or use this link to access the online form (<https://forms.gle/Sov8VnSm6SpFWafk9>), or use the Sign-Up sheet on the counter.**

Women of Faith *Blessings Luncheon*

The Outreach Core Team would like to invite the Women of Faith congregation to a luncheon. Presentations will be by Marilyn Dichsen and Polly Pulley followed by a light lunch. Please RSVP **by June 14** to the church office at faithlutheran62650@frontier.com or 217-245-8919, or sign up at the Coffee Sales counter. Invitations will also be available there to hand out to your friends. We hope you can attend.

Praying the Catechism

Luther encouraged utilizing the Small Catechism as a prayer partner. To assist, we are making copies of Luther's Small Catechism available to all. At the table below the Working Cross, you can find small pamphlets (suggested donation \$5) and larger study editions (suggested donation \$15). If you can't pay, you may take one for free. If you can pay extra, cover the cost for someone else.

Praying with the Psalms

On June 7 and 14, we'll be talking about prayers of thanksgiving and lament from the psalms. The psalms are beautiful examples of prayer that can help give us voice in our prayers. To assist, we are making copies of *Praying with the Psalms* available (suggested

donation \$10). These are also on the table under the Working Cross in the Gathering Area. Written by Eugene Peterson (author of *The Message*), it provides a year of daily prayers and reflections on the psalms.

Post-Service Discussions – Digging Deeper

Join Naomi Hahn and friends in the Justice Room after worship to dig deeper into the readings and sermon of the day. While we try to stay on topic, the Holy Spirit sometimes has her way and we find ourselves delving into all sorts of topics of faith and life... just as fruitful as the scriptures and sermon. It's a wonderful way to connect with others and grow in our faith seeking understanding. **During the summer schedule, we will be meeting only after the indoor services.**

Read the Bible in a Year

Join us in reading the Bible over the course of a year, **Wednesdays at 10:00am in the Faith Library**. We gather weekly to discuss our insights and reflections. We are utilizing The Bible Recap by Tara-Leigh Cobble, available on the YouVersion Bible app, to guide our journey. For more information, feel free to reach out to Pam Devlin.

Youth Summer Camps

Our youth are participating in a number of summer camps. Here are some of their top recommendations:

Marilyn Dichsen and Adam Krohe love **Leadership Lab**, a camp for high school sophomores through adults at Augustana College in Rock Island. Ask them why they enjoy it so much, and consider joining them for a future camp!

Beckham and Kellon Oldenettel have long been involved with the **Western Illinois Youth Camp**. This summer, they have camps through all of June and July. Learn more and register at WIYC.NET.

Benen and Louis Dichsen love **Performing Arts Camp (PAC)** at Green Pastures. It is for grades 5-12 to explore the arts through music, drama, improv, dance, and more. Louis plans to attend all three of the PAC camps this summer (June 12-13, 19-20, 26-27). Cost is \$50/camper. Ask them why they enjoy it so much and consider joining them. There is always room for more at these camps! Pastor Adam and Marilyn Dichsen are serving as counselors this year.

If needed, scholarships are available for **Performing Arts Camp**.

Registration link: <http://www.greenpasturesretreatcenter.org/registration>.

For more information call: 217-584-1374

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