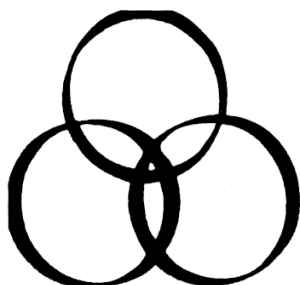


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## Holy Trinity Sunday

May 31, 2026

### **Our mission:**

*to spread the Word of Salvation through Christ,  
honor God, serve others, and grow in faith.*

**Welcome Message.** Who is God? The modern age offers many different and conflicting answers to this fundamental question. Without a divine revelation, we have only our imaginations and limited reasoning to guide us. These are no adequate source of truth for such a deeply important question. Through His Holy Word, God has made Himself known as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - Trinity in Unity. No human mind could have ever conceived such a wonderful mystery. Thank You, LORD, for helping us know who You are!

**Welcome guests!** We are delighted you are with us for worship this morning. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Jon and fill out a green visitor card (in the pewback). The order of service is printed in this bulletin starting on page 2. A cryroom is available at the back left of the sanctuary for families with young children if there is a need.

**Communion Note:** We believe that our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us. Because unworthy reception of the sacrament can be harmful, those who are not yet instructed, are uncertain or doubtful, or hold to a different confession should speak to the Pastor before participating.

# **Divine Service, Setting Four**

*LSB page 203*

## **Prelude**

## **Words of Welcome**

### **Invocation, Confession and Absolution** (page 203)

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

**Opening Hymn:** 876 O Blessed, Holy Trinity (st. 1-3)

### **Kyrie** (page 204)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord...

C: **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

(The congregation sings this in response to each petition.)



**Hymn of Praise** To God on High Be Glory (page 204)



To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth.  
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing –  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior; You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

**Prayer of the Day** (page 205)

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God,  
You have given us grace

to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity  
by the confession of a true faith

and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty.

Keep us steadfast in this faith

and defend us from all adversities;

for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign,  
one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**



**Old Testament Reading:** Genesis 1:1-2:4a (see back cover)

## Psalm 8



<sup>1</sup> O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth!\*

You have set your glory above  
the | heavens.

<sup>2</sup> Out of the mouth of babes and infants,  
you have established strength  
because | of your foes,\*  
to still the enemy and the a- | venger.

<sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work  
of your | fingers,\*  
the moon and the stars, which you  
have | set in place,

<sup>4</sup> what is man that you are mind- | ful of  
him,\*  
and the son of man that you | care for  
him?

<sup>5</sup> Yet you have made him a little lower  
than the heavenly | beings\*  
and crowned him with glory  
and | honor.

<sup>6</sup> You have given him dominion over the  
works | of your hands;\*  
you have put all things under | his feet,

<sup>7</sup> all sheep and | oxen,\*  
and also the beasts | of the field,

<sup>8</sup> the birds of the heavens, and the  
fish | of the sea,\*  
whatever passes along the paths | of  
the seas.

<sup>9</sup> O | LORD, our Lord,\*  
how majestic is your name in | all the  
earth!

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

**Second Reading:** Acts 2:14a, 22-36 (see back cover)

**Triple Alleluia** page 205 (*sung before and after the Verse of the Day*)

**C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Verse of the Day (Cantor): Holy, holy, holy is the / Lord of hosts; \*  
the whole earth is full of his / glory! (Isaiah 6:3b)*

**C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## Holy Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*Matthew 28:16-20*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Athanasian Creed** (p. 319, *spoken responsively by whole verse*)

**Children's Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day:** 504 Father Most Holy

**Sermon**

**Prayers** After each petition of the prayer P: Lord in your mercy,  
C: **Hear our prayer.**



**Prayer Request List** (Names are placed on the list by request only.)

***For those in need of comfort:***

Heebner/Eccleston families                      death of Katherine (Jane's mom)                      Heebner

***For those with health concerns:***

Harry Naylor	Neuza Smukler	Mark McCracken	Barbara Nixon	Jan
Rich Mount	Eric Teschke	Bill Hotaling	Robert Mason	Doug
Susan Miller	John O'Neill	Norma Runkle	Olivia Moorhead	Claire
Don Hammond	Sue Bridenbough	Jeff Corelli	Dawn R.	Beverly
Lucy Borden	Lorraine Van Hise	Pat Dietz	Zane	Sid
Judy Dito	John Tarlo	Asta Lynch	Grant	Brennan
Pete Seronew	Rick Wright	Frank Lynch	Noah	Carlie
Diane Pullen	Kay Compton	Tony Shiron	Rose	Penny
Jane Schroeder	Alli Watson	Marge Keen	Susan	Mara

***For those with cancer:***

Isla Brummel	Robert Miller	Gerry Campbell	Howard Zahn	Trudy
Carol Tezla	Steve Saumsiegle	Joe Campbell	Rich Knechel	Lance
Kim McCollough	Nancy Gilliland	Aunt Jean	Chris Legere	Joe
Andrea(Andy) Hoteling	Kaleigh Moore	Sally Ashmen	Rita Piratsky	Jerry
Rich deDufour	Logan Mattessich	Frank Cignus	Barbara Holzhauer	Frank
Aaron Kline	Brad Hoppe	Judy Bacorn	Hilda Summers	Lynn
Joan Rawls	Arlene Bodholt	Carol Storr	Dana	Dora
Jane Forder	Terry Dunbar	Keith Watson	Jason	Mary Anne
Elvis Rowsey	Debra Mueller	Dave Elison	Doris	Lynn J.

***For those serving in the armed forces and their families:***

LJ Lupinacci	Carrick Porter	Emily Arndt	Jake Grube	Jim Buckman
Daniel Gewecke	James Bannon	Harper Usiskin	Mike Bahney	Christopher Ryan Callahan

*For those with needs around the world:*

Persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ	For protection, strength, comfort, spread of Gospel
Government officials and people of our nation	For peace, unity, safety, and wisdom
Armed forces, especially those deployed	Safety and protection as they carry out their duties
Those with employment and career needs	For provision of wisdom and jobs
Conflicts and disease throughout the world	For wisdom, healing, peace, and forgiveness
Family of Olga Nichols living in Ukraine	For health, safety, and provision

*For St. Peter Lutheran Nursery School:*

For staff and families for '25-'26 school year

**Birthdays:**

Audrey deDufour June 2

**Anniversaries:**

Mark and Liz Lange June 1

**Offering**

**Instrumental Offertory**

**Order of Holy Communion** (page 208)

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 Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God... Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven...**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed...

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

**C: Amen.**

**C: O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

**Distribution**

Distribution Hymn: 507 Holy, Holy, Holy

**Post-Communion Collect** p. 212

P: Let us pray...

**C: Amen**

**Benedicamus and Benediction** (page 212)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and...

**C: Amen**

**Closing Hymn:** 506 Glory Be to God the Father

**Announcements**

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace! Serve the LORD!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**



**Announcements – Week of May 31, 2026**  
Need assistance? The Church Office is staffed each week  
**\*MON, TUES and WED from 1:00 - 3:00\***

**Worship, Sunday School, and Bible Study**

**Welcome!** Serving in worship today are Tyson Wilhelm (Communion Assistant), Jenn Garrow (Reader), Nicholas Wilhelm (acolyte), Joe Gallagher and Scott Garrow (Ushers), Jesse Dunbar (Live-streaming), Shirley Yost and Bonnie Jean Gallagher (Communion and coffee set-up and clean-up)

**Today's service will be live streamed** at this link <https://youtube.com/live/ZYIXZORHF18>

If you miss the service live, watch it on YouTube! The services are also posted to the church's website.

**Sunday 8:15 Bible Study.** This Sunday we will be discussing **James 4:1-17**. In this chapter, James addresses the problem of in-fighting among Christians. Christians face a spiritual battle against our own sinful passions and the devil who tries to stir them up and create conflict within the Church. "God opposes the proud, but He gives grace to the humble." (Js 4:6)

**Discussion Group today.** Come dig deeper into today's readings after the service in the Fellowship Hall.

**Wednesday 7:00pm Zoom Bible Study.** This Wednesday we will study **1 Corinthians 9:1-27**. Paul defends his right to receive material support from the churches he is serving. At the same time, for the sake of the Gospel, he chooses not to assert his rights. Thus, we encounter one of the great paradoxes of the faith. The Christian is both free from all and a servant to all. Join our conversation!

### **Men's, Women's, Senior's, Youth and Family Ministry**

#### **Weekly Schedule:**

TODAY (5/31)	8:15a Bible Study; 9:30a Worship; 11:00a Discussion Group; 6:30p IMPACT Youth Group @ St. Paul, Flemington
MONDAY-WEDNESDAY	- <i>Apostolic Fathers</i> Workshop at St. Peter
WEDNESDAY (6/3)	7:30p Zoom Bible Study
THURSDAY (6/4)	9:45/11:15a Nursery School Chapels
SUNDAY (6/7)	9:30a Worship; 11:00a LBW Mission Presentation w/Pastor Hartwell

**Seminary Workshop at St. Peter.** We are excited to welcome Rev. Dr. Joel Elowsky from the St. Louis Seminary. Dr. Elowsky, a Professor of Historical Theology, will lead a 3-day workshop on June 1-3, on the topic of *The Apostolic Fathers*. This event is intended for pastors, other church workers, and interested lay people. Cost is \$160. See our bulletin board for more info, or talk to Pastor Dunbar.

**Guest Preacher on Sunday, June 7.** We will be joined by the Reverend Dr Robert Hartwell who was formerly the Senior Pastor at Village Lutheran Church in Bronxville NY. In September 2025 he accepted a call to be the President of Lutheran Braille workers (LBW), but still resides in Bronxville, NY with his wife of 38 years, Sue.

As President of LBW, Rob commutes one week each month to the Southern California headquarters of LBW and travels extensively for visits with congregations, donors and to thank the over 3,000 + volunteers who staff the production and outreach centers that LBW runs. LBW is one of the largest providers of free Braille and large print Bibles and Christian resources in the world. They also produce specialized large print that has been approved for use in the prison system and works with chaplains to get large print copies of the Bible for the inmates who have low vision. To find out more go to their website at [www.LBWLoveWorks.Org](http://www.LBWLoveWorks.Org). President Hartwell will be talking about the mission of LBW in the fellowship hall after the service.

**Impact Youth Group Summer Party!** On Sunday, June 15 youth from 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Flemington for food, games, and fellowship! Don't miss it!

**Gering Gift Suggestion Form & Church-wide Meeting.** At the January Voters Assembly, St. Peter's leadership shared with the congregation that we are the beneficiaries of a generous bequest from Larry Gering. As we await the final disbursement of funds, the Planning Council is inviting input from the congregation on how this gift might be used. All are invited to fill out a suggestion form available on the round table in the narthex. These are due back to the church office by June 21. Additionally, a church-wide meeting will be held on **Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>** after the service to discuss ideas in person. Let's all consider together how this wonderful gift can be used for the greater glory of God!

**Operation Christmas Child.** On Sunday, July 26 we will hold our annual Operation Christmas Child "Christmas in July" event. We look forward to meeting after the service and filling shoeboxes for children around the world. They will be able to hear the Good News of Jesus as they receive a special Christmas gift from our congregation. We are especially looking for donations of toddler socks and toys (e.g. squeeze bath toys), costume jewelry, girls' hair bands and barrettes.

**The Prayer Shawl/Lap Blanket Ministry.** Join us in making special blankets to bless those in need of comfort or in celebration of a life event! Please speak with Barbara Greenberg at (609) 512-1928.

**Prayer Chain.** The Prayer Chain is ready to receive your prayer requests. Simply call Barbara Greenberg at (609) 512-1928 to start or update a prayer.

### **Service and Other**

**Faithfulness Report :** 5/24      Attendance: 64 / 5 online      Gen Fund (plate and elec): \$ 4655  
*Weekly giving needed for budget: \$6890*

**Flowers.** If you would like to have flowers placed on the altar in honor of someone, in thanksgiving for God's grace, or for a special occasion, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to do so. Suggested donation is \$25. You may take the flowers home following the service on the day you select.

**Flowers are placed on the altar this week in honor of the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Audrey deDufour.**

**Food Pantry.** We support the Lambertville Food Pantry with donations of food and other needs. June's collection is **Baking and Cooking** – flour, sugar, salt, spices, oil, vinegar, baking powder, baking soda etc. You can sign up on the bulletin board to deliver items by month as well. Any questions, please see Leslie Klesat.

### **Other Important web links:**

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod	lcms.org
NJ District LCMS	njdistrict.org
LCMS World Relief and Human Care	lcms.org/ca/worldrelief
The "Lutheran Hour" Broadcast	lhm.org

# THE HOLY TRINITY

## Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:1–2:4a

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

<sup>3</sup>And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>11</sup>And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

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

<sup>20</sup>And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. <sup>25</sup>And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

<sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>And 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 heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." <sup>29</sup>And God said, "Behold, I have given you

every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens 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. <sup>31</sup>And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>32</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>33</sup>And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>34</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

<sup>34</sup> These are the generations  
of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

## Second Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22–36

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

<sup>22</sup>"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—<sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup>God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand that I may not be  
shaken;

<sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
my flesh also will dwell in hope.

<sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One see corruption.

<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your  
presence.'

<sup>29</sup>Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"The Lord said to my Lord,  
Sit at my right hand,  
<sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies your footstool.'

<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

## Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:16–20

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>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, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."