



THE HOLY TRINITY

MAY 31, 2026 | 10:30 AM

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH; CONCORDIA, MO

ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP

The first Sunday after Pentecost celebrates the mystery of the Trinity—there is one God in three Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The doctrine of the Trinity is integral to God's "co-mission." The Father sends the Son who sends the Spirit. Filled with the Spirit, we are sent to make disciples of all nations. *This is Part 6 of a year-long series, "A Year in Matthew."*

P Pastor **C** Congregation/All

✠ All may make the sign of the cross to remember their baptism.



Led by the Holy Spirit, we gather for worship.
We are prepared for worship through Confession and Absolution.

PRELUDE, WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.
- C** Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 507 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

CONFESSION OF SINS & FORGIVENESS *1 John 1:8–9*

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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** 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE “*This Is the Feast*”

Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9; for text and tune, see page 155.

Refrain: (sing) **This is the feast of victory for our God.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- C** **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,**
Whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain*

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
And honor, blessing and glory are His. *Refrain*

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

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.
Alleluia. *Refrain*

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.



- C** And al - so with you.

- P** 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** A - men.



VERSE OF THE MONTH *Psalm 95:1–2*

G Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!



We hear God's Word read and proclaimed,
and we respond with our prayers and praise, tithes and offerings.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a*

God creates all things.

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The 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.

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

⁶And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters."

⁷And 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. ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

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

¹¹And 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. ¹²The 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. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

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

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." ²¹So 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.
²²And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And 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. ²⁵And 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.

²⁶Then 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.”

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

²⁸And 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.”

²⁹And 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. ³⁰And 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. ³¹And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ²And 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. ³So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING *Acts 2:14a, 22–36*

Peter stands in front of the crowd on Pentecost and proclaims Jesus Christ crucified and resurrected for the people’s salvation.

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

²²“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—
²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the

hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let

ATHANASIAN CREED *(See insert.)*

SERMON HYMN 835 *“On Galilee’s High Mountain”*

SERMON *The Great Commission: “Go and Make Disciples”*

GATHERING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

All may sign the friendship register found in each pew.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
G hear our prayer.



We receive God’s gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation
as we share the Sacrament of the Altar.

The service continues with the Preface on page 160 in the hymnal.

We believe that in the Lord’s Supper our Lord gives to us His true body and blood with the bread and the wine for the forgiveness of our sins. We recognize the charge that St. Paul offers in 1 Corinthians 11:27–28 that those who come to receive the Lord’s Supper ought to examine themselves so that they do not eat and drink in an unworthy manner. Therefore, out of concern for those who have not been instructed in the faith or who hold to a different confession, we ask that only members of Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregations receive the Sacrament. If you would like to learn more about what our congregation teaches, to inquire about becoming a member or have questions about our practice, please speak to one of the pastors. Adults and children who have not yet been baptized or instructed in the Christian faith are invited to come forward and receive a spoken blessing at the altar rail; please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.

For those who require it, diluted wine is found in the purple glasses in the center of the tray of individual cups; gluten free wafers are available upon request.

Music during distribution:

HYMN 830 “*Spread the Reign of God the Lord*”

HYMN 940 “*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*” (You may remain seated for v. 5.)

HYMN 822 “*Alleluia! Let Praises Ring*”

HYMN 831 “*How Shall They Hear, Who Have Not Heard*”



Even as this time of worship ends, we go out of the church into the worship of our everyday lives, ready to be God's witnesses and do His will.

The service concludes with the Post-Communion Canticle (“Thank the Lord”), Post-Communion Collect, and Benediction on pages 164–166.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 506 “*Glory Be to God the Father*”

SENDING & POSTLUDE

P Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

This week’s takeaway: Why do we hear the Great Commission on Trinity Sunday? As much as understanding who God is in Trinity and Unity boggles the mind, understanding the Trinity’s unified mission is clear. The Father sends the Son in the Spirit to bring forgiveness and salvation to our dying world. As Christ is risen and reigning, by His Father’s authority Jesus sends us in the Spirit to spread that saving Gospel in discipling, baptizing, and teaching. What is crystal clear about our Trinitarian God is His mission and His invitation for us to join Him in it.

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SERVING IN THIS SERVICE

Rev. Michael Pottschmidt, *Liturgist*

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Hannah Bingham, Rachel Martens, Clairra Martens, *Brass Ensemble*

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Braylon Wiskur, Chris Nienhiser, *Acolytes*

Eddie & Linda Kammeyer, *Greeters*
John Beerman, Andy Jones, Mark Schelp, *Elders on Duty*

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please contact the church office to keep our prayer list up-to-date.

Our pastor "on call" number in case of emergency is (660) 580-5483.

New: Royce Herndon, Joe Connell, Bridget Kageman, Rollie Beerman, Virgil Gramenz, Hudson Kloos, Nicole Maxwell, Alan Luebbert, Lisa Arnett, Joyce Kroll, Rev. Dr. Les Mitkos, Susan Reeves

Ongoing: Donald Dedeke, Richard Cordes, Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan, Diane Stumpenhous, Ken Wodrich, Les Bruns, Wilmer Bredehoeft, Melba Poese, Paul Brackman, Baby Felix, Gene Virus, Harry Rehkop, Nolan Kirby, Jon Spells, Roger Kammeyer, Ledrue Brandt, Alyssa Pfannkuch, Alice Hildebrand, Donnie Fiene, Rev. Perry Copus, Darla Wolters, Vickie Greene, Amy Gerdts, Tim Bergman, Amy Backus, David Rehmsmeyer, Lari Huntze, Kelly Meyer, Shirley Kimball

Wedding: Jordan Schlueter and Sydnee Yancy, May 30

Nation and World: the people of Thailand

Partners in Mission: Grace Lutheran Church; Holts Summit, MO and Rev. Michael Diener; Lutheran Braille Workers

Birthdays: (5/31) Dennis Bankston, Darl Fuhrman, Shaye Verburgt; (6/1) Drake Batye, Oliver Hasty; (6/2) Elizabeth Gower; (6/3) Cass Hemme; (6/4) Pamela Frerking, Emily Kueck, Galen Kueck, Aidin Muehler, Andrew Roepe, Alice Schnakenberg, Molly Virus; (6/5) Caleb Fiene, Kyler Gassen; (6/6) Bently Holland, Rev. Tom Lange, Seth Rodewald

Anniversaries: (6/1) Aaron & Hannah Hentges, Jon & Leslie Spells; (6/3) Lester & Nancy Roepe; (6/4) Paul & Lois Brandt; (6/5) Matthew & Allison Rankin; (6/6) Lonnie & Ruth Fischer, Dan & Beth Hoppmann

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP

Hosea 5:15 – 6:6; Romans 4:13–25; Matthew 9:9–13

Hymns (*Lutheran Service Book*): 915, 567, 611, 609, 618, 575



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