

# Traditional Worship

May 31, 2026

*The Holy Trinity*

*First Sunday After Pentecost*

*The Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.*

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### PRELUDE

*Many and Great, O God Are Your Works – arr. Emma Lou Diemer*

### RINGING OF THE STEEPLE BELL \*

*As the bell is rung the assembly stands for the Opening Hymn.*

*A \* in the order of service indicates that those who are able are invited to stand.*

### WELCOME \*

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

Assembly: **And also with you.**

### OPENING HYMN #413 \*

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!*

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS \*

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose word brings forth creation,  
whose wisdom redeems the world,  
and whose Spirit breathes life into all things.

Assembly: **Amen.**

Leader: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Leader: Holy and gracious God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
against one another,  
and against the earth entrusted to our care.  
You created a world of beauty, balance, and abundance,

**Assembly: yet we have exploited its gifts  
and neglected our relationships with you and each other.**

Leader: You formed us in your image to serve our neighbors  
and tend creation with wisdom and humility,

**Assembly: yet we have chosen convenience over compassion,  
consumption over stewardship, and fear over trust.**

Leader: We have polluted what you called good,  
and failed to rejoice in the goodness of your creation.

**Assembly: Forgive us, renew us, and awaken us again to the song of the earth  
and the hope of your Word,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

Leader: Hear the good news:  
The triune God who created the stars,  
walked among us in Jesus Christ,  
and renews the face of the earth through the Holy Spirit  
is rich in mercy and abounding in love.

By the grace of † Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

We are restored to God, reconciled to one another,  
and sent to care for all that God has made.

Rejoice in the promise of God's grace and the renewal of creation.

**Assembly: Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE #410 \***

*All Glory Be to God on High*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY \***

Leader: God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe  
and the beginning of time you are the triune God:  
Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom.  
Guide us to all truth by your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed  
and rejoice in the glory he shares with us.  
Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Assembly: **Amen.**

## **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **FIRST READING**

Psalm 8

<sup>1</sup> O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—  
<sup>2</sup> you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;  
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.  
<sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,  
<sup>4</sup> what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,  
human beings that you should care for them?  
<sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.  
<sup>6</sup> You have made them rule over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet:  
<sup>7</sup> all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,  
<sup>8</sup> the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.  
<sup>9</sup> O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

### **PSALM HYMN #837 – Verse 1**

*Many and Great, O God*

*The assembly remains seated and joins in the singing of the hymn.*

## SECOND READING

Genesis 1:1-2:4a (excerpts)

*At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.*

Leader: A reading from the book of Genesis, the first chapter.

<sup>1</sup> When God began to create the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup> the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> Then 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 a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” <sup>7</sup> So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup> God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup> And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” 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 dome of the sky 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 dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup> God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. 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 bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” <sup>21</sup> So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> 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 of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

<sup>29</sup> God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon 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 air 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> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2:1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup> On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4a</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

## **PSALM HYMN #837 – Verse 2**

*Many and Great, O God*

## **SERMON**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY #771 \***

*God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

## **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS \***

Leader: Today we are receiving as members:

*Stephanie Albright  
Mallory Deeter  
Anita & Terry Irving  
Kathleen (Kathy) Wyatt*

Leader: As the worshipping community of Christ Lutheran Church.  
we are delighted to welcome you into our membership today.  
Is it your intent to join with us in worshipping God, hearing God's Word,  
and sharing God's meal in Holy Communion?  
If so, please say: Yes, with God's help.

New Members: Yes, with God's help.

Leader: Is it your intent to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word  
and deed, giving servant leadership to God's people,  
and striving for justice and peace in all the earth?  
If so, please say: Yes, with the help of God.

New Members: Yes, with the help of God.

Leader: Is it your intent to involve yourself in meaningful ministry  
and mission through Christ Lutheran Church  
in order that all may be touched by the transforming power  
of the love of God?

If so, please say: Yes, with the help of God.

New Members: Yes, with the help of God.

Leader: And you, members of Christ Lutheran Church,  
will you support these new sisters and brothers?  
Will you pray for them,  
and help them find a place of meaningful ministry  
in the body of Christ, according to their giftedness?  
Will you celebrate with them and together share in the ministry of Jesus?  
If so, say: Yes, with the help of God.

**Assembly: Yes, with the help of God.**

Leader: I ask you now to profess your faith in Christ Jesus,  
and confess the faith of the Church.

**Assembly: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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.**

Leader: We give thanks to the Holy Spirit that has drawn you to our fellowship,  
and we welcome you as workers with us in the Kingdom of God!

## **PRAYERS \***

*The assembly responds to each petition ending in “God of grace,”*

**Assembly: hear our prayer.**

*The assembly responds to the final petition ending with “through Jesus our Savior.”*

**Assembly: Amen.**

## **PEACE \***

**Leader:** The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**Assembly: And also with you!**

*The assembly greets each other with  
“peace be with you...and also with you.”*

*You’re invited to share God’s peace with those around you.*

*If you’re worshipping on Facebook, you may also greet one another in the comments.*

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

*In Christ’s body and blood given to us, God forgives us and nourishes us for mission.*

## **OFFERING**

*As we respond to hearing God’s Word and prepare to feast at God’s table we contemplate the many ways we serve the Kingdom of God through our time, talents, and gifts.*

*Offering plates will be passed among the assembly by the ushers.*

*Gifts can also be given electronically using this QR Code.*



8:00 – *Mothering God* – Tom Trenney

*Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world.  
Creator, source of every breath, you are my rain, my wing, my sun.*

*Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light, grain of life,  
and grape of love, your very body for my peace.*

*Mothering Spirit, nurturing one, in arms of patience hold me close,  
so that in faith I root and grow until I flower, until I know.*

10:45 – *You Are Holy* – arr. Keith Hampton

*You are holy, so amazing, Alpha and Omega.  
You are worthy of all praises.  
You are holy in this place.*

*Hallelujah! You are worthy of all praise.  
Hallelujah! You are holy in this place.*

*Holy, holy, holy. You are holy in this place.  
God in three persons. You are holy in this place.*

*'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus. You are holy in this place.  
There is a fountain filled with love. You are holy in this place.*

**OFFERTORY \***

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING \*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**Assembly: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**Assembly: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**Assembly: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: 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,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

In the beginning your Word brought forth light from darkness,  
your Spirit moved over the waters,  
and you created humankind in your image  
to live in communion with you and all creation.

When sin brought disorder and division,  
you did not abandon the world you made,  
but sent your Son to redeem and restore all things.

And through your Holy Spirit you continue to breathe life into your church  
and renew the face of the earth.

And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION \*

Pastor: 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.

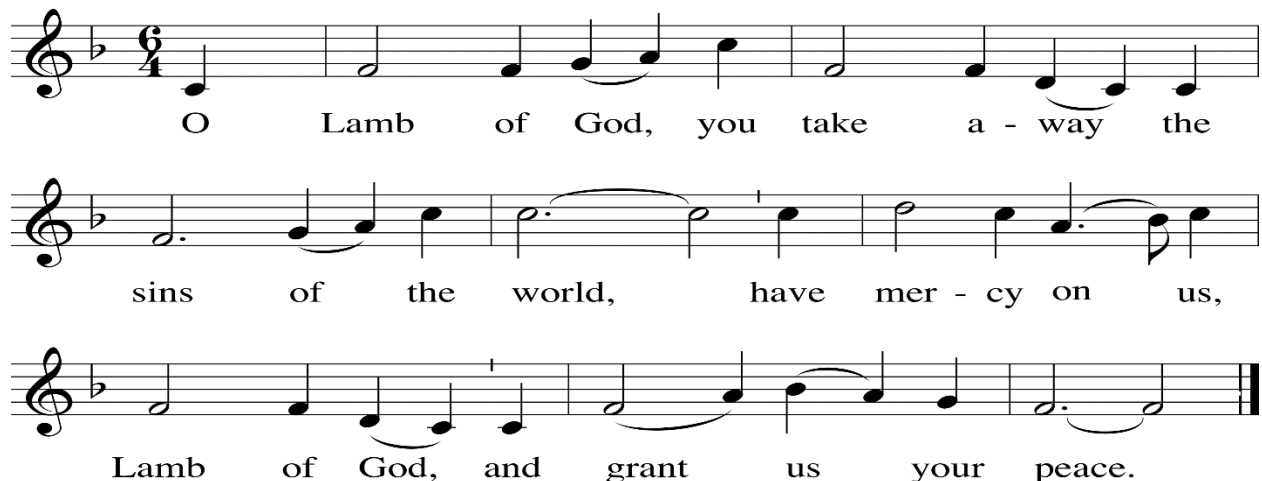
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

We pray as our Lord has taught us...

## 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.

## LAMB OF GOD \*



O Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world, have mer - cy on us,  
Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for "O Lamb of God, you take a - way the". The second staff continues with "sins of the world, have mer - cy on us,". The third staff concludes with "Lamb of God, and grant us your peace." The notation includes various note values, rests, and phrasing slurs.

## HOLY COMMUNION

*All those who confess Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome to the table.*

*We invite you to come forward to receive the communion elements from the servers.*

*You will be handed a wafer from the server and are invited to select a cup of wine from the tray.*

*Pre-packaged elements of grape juice and gluten free wafers are available  
in the baskets at the communion rail and at each entrance to the sanctuary.*

*You may partake of the elements at the communion rail and dispose of the cups and packaging in the baskets  
at the end of each communion rail or take the elements back to your pew to partake of them and dispose of  
the cups and packaging after the service.*

*“Bread from the Lord’s Table” and/or a pastoral blessing are available for children who do not yet commune.*

Pastor:       The table is prepared.  
                  Come, share in the feast!

*As you are served communion:*

Communion Server:   The body of Christ, given for you.  
                                  The blood of Christ, shed for you

Communion Receiver: Amen.

Hymn at Distribution #740 – *God of the Sparrow*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Leader:       The body and blood of the risen Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace,  
                                  now and forever.

**Assembly: Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONNECTION & SERVICE

### BLESSING \*

Leader:       May the blessing of the holy Trinity—  
                                  the God who creates, redeems, and sanctifies—  
                                  be upon you and remain with you always.  
                  May the Father steady you in faith, the Son strengthen you in love,  
                                  and the Holy Spirit awaken you to the joy of new creation.  
                  Almighty God,  
                                  Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
                                  bless you now and forever.

**Assembly: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN #881 \***

*Let All Things Now Living*

**DISMISSAL \***

Leader: Go in peace.

Serve in the name of the Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Assembly: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE \***

*We Praise You, O God (TE DEUM) – Marc-Antoine Charpentier*

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**SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:**

Pastor Leslie Fox Lott, Transition Pastor

Pastor Denny Asp, Associate Pastor

Deacon Diane Schwiger-Alexander, Director of Youth & Family

George Schuliger, Lector & Communion Assistant 8:00

Joe Weaver, Lector & Communion Assistant 10:45

Chad Baker, Director of Worship & Music

Ruth Peart, Cantor 8:00

Samuel Owens, Cantor 10:45

Liz Feick, Chancel Choir Soloist 10:45

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**FLOWER DEDICATION:**

*The altar flowers are given in honor of their grandson Juaquin’s birthday today (May 31)  
by Gary and Karen Qualmann.*

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