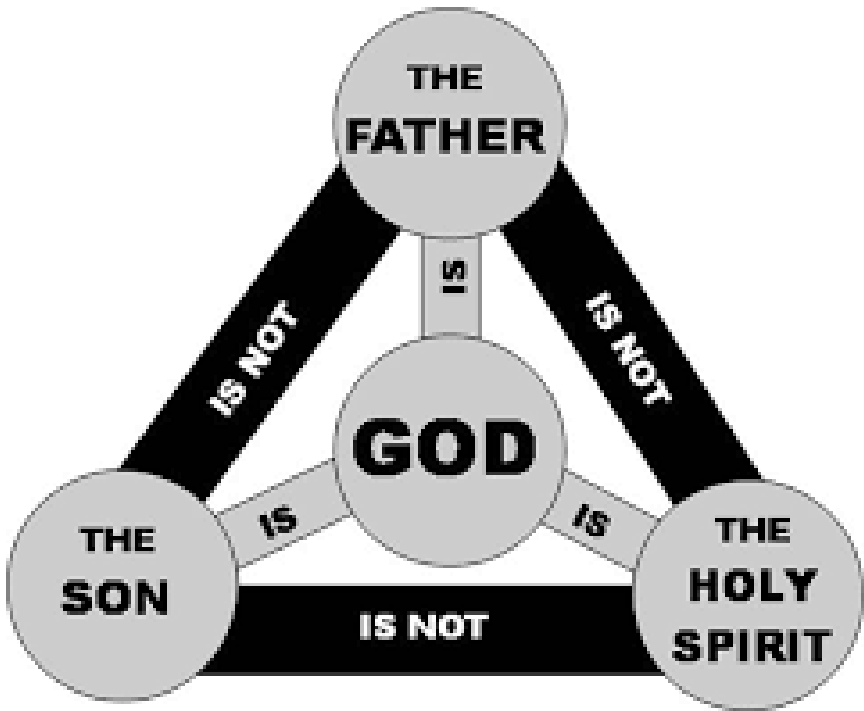


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May 30, 2026

Trinity Sunday (Pentecost 2)

Serving Us Today

Organist: Kathy Conway

Greeters: Dennis & Linda Lux

We Enter God's House and Prepare for Worship

Pre-service Meditation: *Psalm 8 (Hymnal p. 124)*

Pre-service Prayer:

Dear Triune God, I cannot understand how You can be three-in-one, but because You say so, I believe. Erase all doubts. Give m boldness to always proclaim You as the one true God in every way. Be present in our worship and bless us with Your Word. Amen.

Order of Worship

(Worship Supplement pp. 1ff)

*When the congregation is asked to stand, please do so only if you are able.
You may remain seated if standing is difficult.*

Welcome to Worship

Opening Prayer

Hymn: 245 – Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (spoken): **Amen**

P: Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a fellow believer called by Christ to serve among you and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C (spoken): **Amen.**

C (sings): **Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.**

(*WS2000* pp. 2-3)

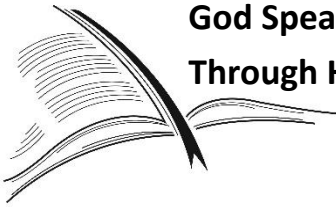
Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all people on earth.

Cong: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give you thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For

you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer (Pastor)

Congregation (speaks): **Amen**



God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 6:1-8

The glory of the LORD God is evident when He called Isaiah to be His prophet, and the seraphim angels sang the praise of the Triune God.

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

Epistle Lesson: 2 Timothy 1:7-14

All three persons of the Trinity are active in our salvation which was planned from eternity. The Father sent His Son. The Son came to earth and abolished death to give us life. The Holy Spirit has called us into the blessings of salvation and will preserve us in faith to eternal life. There is nothing in this Triune God of which we could be ashamed. Therefore, hold fast to the truth of the Triune God.

God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

Responsive Reading:

Pastor: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;

Cong: the whole earth is full of his glory!”

P: For from him and through him and to him are all things.

C: To him be glory forever. Amen.

P: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

C: You have set your glory above the heavens.

Isaiah 6:3, Romans 11:36, Psalm 8:1

Gospel Lesson: John 16:12-15

The Holy Spirit working through the powerful Word of God creates faith to believe all that Jesus has declared to us. This includes believing the unbelievable truths, such as, a God who is three-in-one.

I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and treasure it!

C (sings): Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



Confession of Faith

ATHANASIAN CREED

Pastor: Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold the true Christian faith. Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish for eternity.

Congregation: This is the true Christian faith, that we worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God without confusing the persons or dividing the divine substance.

P: For the Father is one person, the Son another, and the Holy Spirit is still another, but there is one Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, equal in glory and coequal in majesty.

C: What the Father is, that is the Son and that is the Holy Spirit; the Father is uncreated, the Son is uncreated, the Holy Spirit is uncreated; The Father is unlimited, the Son is unlimited, the Holy Spirit is unlimited;

P: The Father is eternal, the Son is eternal, the Holy Spirit is eternal; and yet there are not three eternals but one eternal, just as there are not three who are uncreated and who are unlimited, but there is one who is uncreated and unlimited.

C: Likewise, the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty, and yet there are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.

P: So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God, and yet they are not three Gods, but one God. So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord, and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

C: For just as we are compelled by Christian truth to acknowledge each person by himself to be God and Lord, so we are forbidden by the Christian religion to say there are three Gods or three Lords.

P: The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten by anybody.

C: The Son was not made or created, but was begotten of the Father.

P: The Holy Spirit was not made or created or begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

C: Accordingly, there is one Father and not three Fathers, one Son and not three Sons, one Holy Spirit and not three Holy Spirits.

P: And among these three persons none is before or after another, none is greater or less than another, but all three persons are coequal and coeternal, and accordingly, as has been stated above, three persons are to be worshipped in one Godhead and one God is to be worshipped in three persons.

C: Whoever wishes to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

P: It is also necessary for eternal salvation that one faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus Christ is at once God and man.

C: He is God, begotten before the ages of the substance of the Father, and He is man, born in the world of the substance of His mother, perfect God and perfect man, with reasonable soul and human flesh, equal to the Father with respect to His Godhead and inferior to the Father with respect to His manhood.

P: Although He is God and man, He is not two Christ's but one Christ: one, that is to say, not by changing the Godhead into flesh but by taking on the humanity into God, One, indeed, not by confusion of substance but by unity in one person. For just as the reasonable soul and the flesh are one man, so God and man are one Christ,

C: who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose from the dead, ascended into heaven, is seated on the right hand of the Father, whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. At His coming all men shall rise with their bodies and give an account of their own deeds. Those who have done good will enter eternal life, and those who have done evil will go into everlasting fire.¹

All: This is the true Christian faith. Unless a man believe this firmly and faithfully, he cannot be saved.

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Another translation of the Athanasian Creed is on p. 53 in the hymnal.

¹ Cf. John 5:28-29. This is not describing "work righteousness" -- earning heaven by our works. Rather, through faith in Christ, God sees what we do as "good" in His eyes because Jesus has removed our sin; and God sees what unbelievers do as "evil" because their sin remains.

Hymn: 245 – God Loved the World So that He Gave

The Sermon

Text: *Numbers 6:22-27*

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

The LORD bless you and keep you;

the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

“So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

THE TRIUNE GOD SAYS, “BLESS YOU!”

- I. The Lord’s blessing is graciously yours
- II. The Lord’s blessing is abundantly complete
- III. The Lord’s blessing is unwaveringly sure.

Congregation (sings): Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold me with Your free Spirit.

Prayer

Offering Prayer (Congregation sings)

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

(TLH 441:1-2)

The Lord’s Prayer

Pre-Communion Hymn: 306 (1,2,4,7) -- Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Hast Prepared

P: The Lord be with you.

C (spoken): And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C (spoken): We lift them up to the Lord.

P: It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father almighty and everlasting God . . . Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of Heaven we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

C (sings): Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

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

C (sings): Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.



Distribution

Christ teaches us in His Word that He desires unity of faith and confession among those who commune together at the Lord's Table. For this reason, we ask that only those who have confessed their unity with us through communicant membership in our congregation or in a sister congregation in our church body--the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC)-- come to the Lord's Supper this morning. This scriptural practice we call "close communion" is not a judgment on your faith, but is an expression of our own. Visitors who may wish to learn more about communing with us in the future are invited to speak to the pastor at your convenience. We would also like to share this blessing with you.

Thanksgiving

C (sings, p.10 WS Supplement):

**Thank the Lord; sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.
Thank the Lord; sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.**

Send us with Your promises, Lord; Lead Your people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Thank the Lord; sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Benediction (Pastor)

C (spoken): **Amen.**

Hymn: 800 – Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Silent Prayer

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Welcome to all who have gathered for worship this morning. We especially welcome guests and visitors—please sign our guest book in the north entry. We look forward to having you worship with us again!



Thank-offerings may be left in the offering plate in the back of the church or mailed to the church. Electronic donations may be made via the link for “online offering” at the bottom of the home page on our website (Spokanelutheran.com)

Prayer List: The family of Larry Ryals; Karen Clark and the rest of Dale Johnson’s family; Kathy Conway; Bertie Hein; Ariel Smith; Maggie, Miles, and Sia Toland; Donna Zarling; CLC pastoral vacancies



This Week's Schedule

(If the Lord wills we shall do this or that)



Today

9:15 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Fellowship time in the basement following worship

Wednesday 1:30 p.m. Bible Class @ Gethsemane

Next Sunday (June 7)

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Upcoming Dates at Trinity

June 14 Part 2 of Convention Prospectus Discussion, Women's Circle, and Church Council

June 21 Installation of Vicar Radermacher

Lawn Mowing this Week

Kevin Shaffer



News & Notes

Join us for Fellowship Time in the basement following the worship service this morning.

Worship Returns to Sunday next week! Next week's worship service will be at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday – June 7. The Sunday schedule will continue through September. There will be no Sunday Bible Class in June. We will look to add Bible Class back into the schedule after Vicar Rademacher's arrival.

Welcoming Potluck for Vicar Samuel & Trinity Rademacher on June 21st after the worship service. It will be a regular potluck, but no need to bring desserts (a cake will be provided).

CLC Convention Prospectus: Copies of the *Prospectus* for the upcoming Church of the Lutheran Confession Convention (in June) are in the north entry. **The congregational discussion of the Prospectus will continue on June 14.**

The Branches Magazine: It's time to **renew or sign up** for a July-June subscription! **Sign up anytime before June 15, 2026.**

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June Cleaners

Sanctuary: Poffenroth / **North Entry:** Kenkman
Basement: Helke



News from around the Church of the Lutheran Confession

Call News: Lori Ruthenbeck and Lydia Buck are considering part-time, one-year calls to St. John's Lutheran School, Okabena, MN / Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI / Teacher Stephen Krause of Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI / Pastor Chad Seybt of Morning Star Lutheran Church, Fairchild, WI, Peace with God Lutheran Church, Onalaska, WI, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Melrose, WI, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Millston, WI, has returned the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI, and he has returned the call to St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD / Graduate Ms. Riley Naumann has accepted the call to teach 3-4 grades at Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI / Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, has returned the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI. / Pastor Paul Agenten of Calvary Lutheran Church, Marquette, MI, and St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Iron River, MI, has received the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ.

Pray for Laborers--Current locations that are in need of pastor-trained men:

1. Our Redeemer, Red Wing
2. Living Hope, Appleton
3. Trinity, Spokane
4. Holy Cross, Phoenix
5. St. Paul's, Austin
6. St. Luke's, Lemmon
7. Mt. Zion, Detroit
8. Messiah, Eau Claire (3rd pastor)
9. Gift of God, Mapleton/St. Paul, Ponsford

We Believe & Confess

We unanimously hold and teach, in accordance with the decree of the Council of Nicaea (cf. Nicene Creed), that there is one divine essence, which is called and which is truly God, and that there are three persons in this one divine essence, equal in power and alike eternal: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. All three are one divine essence, eternal without division, without end, of infinite power, wisdom and goodness, one creator and preserver of all things visible and invisible. The word “person” is to be understood as the Father’s employed the term in this connection, not as a part or a property of another but as that which exists of itself.

Therefore, all the heresies which are contrary to this article are rejected.

Augsburg Confession, Article I / Translator Theodore G. Tappert

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Additional Reading in the Confessions: *The Apology of the Augsburg Confession* Article I, Part I of *The Smalcald Articles*, The First Article of the Apostle’s Creed in Martin Luther’s *Small Catechism* and *Large Catechism*, and the three universal creeds: The Apostles’, The Nicene, and the Athanasian.

One morning, Augustine, a church father, was walking along the seashore, meditating on the doctrine of the Trinity. “Three holy persons in one divine essence,” he mused, “equal in divine power, glory, and majesty, yet but one God.” How can that be? While he vainly tried to understand the mystery of the Godhead, he came upon a small boy, playing on the shore. The boy had dug a hole in the sand with a trench leading out to the sea. “What are you doing?” Augustine asked. “I am trying to pour the sea into the hole,” replied the boy. “Oh!” exclaimed Augustine, “that is exactly what I have been trying to do. I have been trying to make the eternal, infinite God fit into my little, finite mind.” --Selected