

Sunday Worship Service – May 31, 2026

Holy Trinity Sunday

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Welcome and Announcements

A Moment of Reflection

Call to Worship *

Called to be faithful stewards of creation, we come to worship:

**To sing to the One who has created all that is good, beautiful and true,
and who has shared everything with us.**

Called to be disciples of Jesus Christ, we come to learn:

**To follow the One who meets us in every moment of our lives,
in every place we find ourselves.**

Called to proclaim the Good News of Easter, we come to find the words:

**To be taught by the Spirit, who moves in and through us
as we serve the world.**

Gathering Song “*Listen, God Is Calling*” #513

Refrain: Listen,

**Listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy. (repeat)**

1. *Jesus gave his mandate:*
share the good news
that he came to save us
and set us free. (Refrain)
2. *Let none be forgotten*
throughout the world.
In the triune name of God
go and baptize. (Refrain)
3. *Help us to be faithful,*
standing steadfast,
walking in your precepts,
led by your Word. (Refrain)

Call to Reconciliation *

When God looks at us, the One who created us sees hope, joy, grace, life.
But all too often, others see us as broken, hurtful, sinful ...

Let us confess our deeds and words to the One who loves us and longs to re-create us in the image of true life.

Prayer for Forgiveness *

Why do you pay us any attention, Artist of creation?

**Created in your image, we show faces filled with desire to do good,
but offer hearts filled with anger to those around us.**

**Called to be disciples of Christ, we all too often are seen chasing after
the false promises of the easy life.**

**Offered the role of being stewards of creation, we think that everything
you have created is to be used up so we can enjoy life, giving no thought
for future generations.**

**Yet you have declared everything you created to be good,
even us, God of unexpected grace.**

**So we know that, in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Saviour,
you will reshape our greed into generosity,
our bitterness into blessings and our brokenness into lives
poured out in service to our sisters and brothers.**

A Moment of Silence

Assurance of Pardon *

Lives that are chaotic become cradles of peace;
hearts malformed by meanness are reshaped into goodness;
souls filled with despair are cleansed with grace.

**This is the good news: the God who created us
is the same God who redeems us.**

**The God who redeems us
is the God who sends us forth to serve.**

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

Hymn of Praise “Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God” #458

- 1. Praise and thanksgiving be to God our maker,
source of all blessing, prodigal creator.
Baptized and made your own, now we come before you,
while we adore you.**

2. **Not our own holiness, nor that we have striven brings us the peace which you, O Christ, have given. Baptized and set apart, strengthen us, O Savior, with grace and favor.**
3. **Come, Holy Spirit, come in visitation; you are the truth, our hope, and our salvation. Baptize with joy and pow'r, give, O Dove descending, life never ending.**
4. **Praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: one Lord, one faith, one source of ev'ry merit. Here now renew your church through this symbol given; grant peace from heaven.**

Sacrament of Baptism

Let us celebrate God's gift of grace given to us in the sacrament of baptism. In baptism, God promises to love us, forgive us, and always be with us. By water and the Spirit we are called, claimed, and commissioned:
 we are called God's own, welcomed as children of God;
 and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice.

In the Gospel of Mark, we read Jesus' words;
Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it. And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. (Mark 10:14b-16)

The child is presented for baptism by sponsors and parents:

Who is it that you present for Baptism?

R We present Freya Reed Ann Ivey to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

The minister addresses the Sponsors and Parents:

You have brought your child to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. On the strength of God's gracious love for us, and in communion with the Christian church, will you, by your words and actions, encourage and walk with them in the way of Jesus? Do you promise to pray for them, and teach them to pray? Do you promise to nurture them within the community of the Christian Church?

R We will, with God as our helper.

The minister addresses the congregation:

People of God, do you promise to support Freya and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

We do.

The minister addresses baptismal group:

I ask you to reject sin, acknowledge your faith in Christ Jesus, and profess the faith of the Christian Church.

Trusting in God's love and mercy, do you reject evil, and all its many forms, and all its empty promises.?

R I do.

Trusting in Christ Jesus' grace and love, do you accept his presence in your life as the one who draws you to God?

R I do.

With all God's people throughout time and space, let us together profess our faith in the triune God.

Do you believe in God?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

A prayer of Thanksgiving (while water is poured into the font).

Gracious and Holy God, we thank you for the gift of life, and within it, the gift of water.

Now may your Spirit be upon us and what we do

that this water may be a sign for all of new life in Christ.
 To you be given praise and honour and worship
 through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The minister addresses the infant child.

For you, *little* Freya, God made the world out of nothing.
 For you, God called Israel out of Egypt and
 brought Israel back from Exile.
 For you, Freya, Christ came into the world
 to teach the children.
 For you, Christ died on the cross and rose again.
 For you, *little child* God sent the Holy Spirit
 to give you strength to live as you ought.
 For you, Christ will come again and take us to God.
 Freya, you know nothing of this.
 But we promise to tell you the story
 until you make it your own,

The minister baptizes the child.

Freya Reed Ann Ivey is baptized in the name of the Father,
 and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Blessing

May God - who has given you new life through water, word and Spirit - guide
 you, inspire you and work within you, all the days of your life. Amen.

Marking with the Sign of the Cross

Freya, child of God this day you have been marked with the sign of the cross.
 Joined with Jesus you are a child of God, now and forever.

A lighted Candle is given to each of the Baptized.

Let the light of Christ, which God has placed in your heart, shine through
 your words and actions from this day forward.

A prayer for newly baptized and their families:

Gracious God, forever faithful to your promise, we thank you for assuring us
 again that you will forgive us and receive us as children in Christ. Grant
 wisdom and love to Katie and Caedan and to us all as we carry out the vows
 we have just made.

We pray that you will guide Freya and all our little ones throughout their
 lives. Enable them to respond in faith to the gospel. Fill them with your Spirit
 and make their lives fruitful. Give them strength to endure trials. And when

Christ returns, let them celebrate with all the people of God your greatness and goodness forever in the joy of your new creation. Amen.

The congregation stands and welcomes the baptized:

Brothers, sisters, siblings in Christ, we now receive Freya into Christ's church. I ask you to nurture and love her and to encourage her to be Christ's faithful disciple.

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into our family of faith. We promise to love, encourage, and support you and to help you know and follow Christ.

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The congregation is invited to share the peace with one another.

The baptismal family return to their seats.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 8

May we ev-er hon - or the Ho - ly One, our Cre - a - tor. a - tor.

O Holy One, our Sovereign,

how wonderful is your name throughout the world!

Your majesty is spread over the heavens.

Even the mouths of babes and sucklings

have proclaimed your power to overcome your enemies

and to put an end to foe and avenger. (Refrain)

When I consider your heavens made by your fingers,
the moon and stars you set in place,
 what are we that you should remember us,
 or mortals that you notice us?

**But you make us little less than God,
 crown us with glory and honor.**

You give us dominion over your handiwork,
 put all things under our feet:

**sheep and cattle, all of them, even the wild beasts,
 birds of the air, fish of the sea,
 all that travel the paths of the sea. (Refrain)**

O Holy One, our Sovereign,
**How wonderful is your name
 throughout the world! (Refrain)**

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership. Reading from the Second Letter to the Corinthians, the thirteenth chapter:

Finally, brothers and sisters, good-

bye. Put things in order, respond to my encouragement, be in harmony with each other, and live in peace—and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Say hello to each other with a holy kiss. All of God's people say hello to you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Here ends the reading.

Inspire our understanding, Spirit of God.

Gospel Acclamation "Voice of Creation"

Voice of creation, open our ears to hear your word.

Source of salvation, open our hearts to hold your love.

Soul's inspiration, open our minds to know your grace.

Three in relation, transform our lives with your embrace. (repeat)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 28th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted. Jesus came near and spoke to them, "I've received all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age."

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: The Dance of Divine Love

Hymn of the Day "Come, Join the Dance of Trinity" #412

1. **Come, join the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun –
the interweaving of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.
The universe of space and time did not arise by chance,
but as the Three in love and hope, made room within their dance.**
2. **Come, see the face of Trinity, newborn in Bethlehem;
then bloodied by a crown of thorns outside Jerusalem.
The dance of Trinity is meant for human flesh and bone;
when fear confines the dance in death, God rolls away the stone.**
3. **Come, speak aloud of Trinity, as wind and tongues of flame
set people free at Pentecost to tell the Savior's name.
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!**
4. **Within the dance of Trinity, before all worlds begun,
we sing the praises of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.
Let voices rise and interweave, by love and hope set free,
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trinity."**

Prayers of Intercession ¹

Bound together in Christ in the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with one heart and mind to our God. Each petition will end with “Holy Trinity,” and the congregational response “hear us.”

A brief silence.

That the love which passes ceaselessly between the Father and the Son in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit may renew and deepen the life of each Christian and draw us all gathered here into your unending life, we pray: Holy Trinity, **hear us.**

For the leaders of the church, especially ELCIC National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer and Saskatchewan Synod Bishop Ali Tote, and for the leaders of nations, that they may discern the ways to overcome divisions and mistrust, and may reflect your unity in every aspect of common life, we pray: Holy Trinity, **hear us.**

That your self-disclosure in Christ and your enduring presence among us as Spirit may help us to understand both you and ourselves, made in your image and likeness, we pray: Holy Trinity, **hear us.**

For our families, our households, and our communities, that they may be places of communion and mutual support, which build us up and strengthen us in grace and truth, we pray: Holy Trinity, **hear us.**

Thankful for our world which you made through Christ, and renewed in the power of his resurrection, that we may be wise and careful stewards of creation, we pray: Holy Trinity, **hear us.**

In the power of the Spirit who joins our prayer to Christ's enduring intercession, we pray for the sick, the suffering, and all who stand in need, especially (*names*). For healing for all the world we pray: Holy Trinity, **hear us.**

Gracious God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father, accept our prayers this day. By the inner workings of your Spirit, deepen our communion with you, the source and goal of our life, and make us more and more signs of your enduring love. This we pray through Christ, who lives and works with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

¹ *Prayers of Intercession* from **Intercessions for the Christian People: Prayers of the People for Cycles A,B, and C of the Roman, Episcopal, and Lutheran Lectionaries**, edited by Gail Ramshaw © 1988 The Liturgical Press, Collegeville, MN.

Offering / Prayer of Dedication *

(An Offering Plate is placed on the Altar)

Please join me in a Prayer of Dedication:

Use our gifts, Holy Community of Love, as you reach out to heal the broken, as you take the hands of the lost and as you pull out a chair to welcome the outcast to your table of wonder and hope. This we pray. Amen.

(The Creedance Table is moved to center of the Chancel)

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving ²

May God in Community be with you.

And with you as well.

Shaped in the divine image, let us open ourselves to the Creator.

With grace-filled hearts, we come to the Redeemer's table.

Called to be God's household, let us offer our praises.

We rejoice that the Holy Spirit has brought us, from many places, here to our home.

At the beginning, God of Imagination,
you finger-painted sunrises and sunsets
on the blank canvas of chaos.

You sang creation's cantata, while suns, moons and stars
kept watch over your delights.

You laughed, while lions, tigers and bears
danced joyfully in the meadows,
and everything that wiggles, creeps, crawls clapped their hands in time.

When you would have clothed us in glory,
we found sin and death to be a more comfortable fit.

Prophets came teaching obedience
and calling us to faithful lives,
but we continued to insist on having control of our souls.

So, you sent Jesus to make our brokenness whole once again.
So, with grace, love and unity, our faithful companions and teachers,
and with all the saints of every time and place,
we lift our songs of thanksgiving:

² *Great Prayer of Thanksgiving* from **Wild Goose Big Book of Liturgies – Volume 2**, compilation © The Iona Community, Glasgow, UK, published 2018.

**How majestic is your name in all the earth, Holy One.
 All creation greets you with glad songs of praise.
 Hosanna in the highest!
 Blessed is the One who comes to make us disciples.
 Hosanna in the highest!**

Holy are you, God-over-us,
 and blessed is Jesus Christ, God-with-us.
 He took off glory's garb to put on humanity;
 he set aside heaven's honour to be crowned with disgrace;
 he spoke of love and hope, silencing our enemy, pride;
 he went into the grave to free us from death's grasp.

As we remember his life, death and resurrection,
 as we celebrate his re-creating power in us,
 we speak of that mystery called faith:

**Christ died, crowned with death's thorns.
 Christ was raised, crowned with resurrection's wonder.
 Christ will come, to crown us with glory and honour.**

Send your Spirit to flow over
 the gifts of the bread and the cup,
 and to bring light and goodness
 to those who gather around your Table.

As we break the Bread of life,
 may we become living hope
 to a world mired in despair.

As we drink from the Cup of grace,
 may we cradle your kindness and peace
 in our hearts and souls, so we might be poured out
 to those who thirst for your
 peace and gentleness.

And when your dreams which began at creation
 are realised and all time comes to an end –
 when we gather around your Table
 with saints and sinners, disciples and deniers –
 we will find ourselves closer to you
 than we ever thought possible,
 singing your praises forever and ever,
 God in Community, Holy and One.
 Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Communion Instructions and Invitation

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

Those Communing online are invited to eat the bread and drink the wine/juice.

The congregation is ushered forward to receive the elements.

Hymn during Communion "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" #413

1. **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**
2. **Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.**
3. **Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.**
4. **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

Hymn during Communion "Feast of Threefold Light"

1. **O Table spread with mercy's bread, where Love Himself is broken,
the Father's gift, the Spirit's breath, the Word once-flesh now spoken.**

2. **Here myst'ry pours in golden streams, one cup, yet threefold blessing;
the wine of grace, the oil of peace, the fire of God's caressing.**
3. **The Father calls, the Son receives, the Spirit binds in union;
one heart, one life, one holy joy, a triune, glad communion.**
4. **So let our souls, in trembling praise, be drawn into this wonder:
three Persons meet in perfect love, and hold the world asunder.**
5. **Come, taste the depth no tongue can tell, the life beyond all naming;
the Three-in-One, our dwelling place, forevermore proclaiming.**

Communion Blessing

May the precious body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you, and keep you in his grace now, and unto life everlasting.

Prayer after Communion ³

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God,
bless, heal, and hold you today and always. Amen.

Hope Everlasting (Benediction) ⁴

Oh, where do we go from here?

Whom do we follow, which path do we take?

We'll follow wherever You lead. We'll follow Your heart's desire,

And seek to be Your peace for a world in need.

Now, may the God of all hope fill you with joy and peace, by faith,

And may your hope everlasting, by the power of the Spirit, abound!

(repeat song)

Commission

Go in peace, inspired by Christ to love and serve.

Thanks be to God!

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