

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH



THE HOLY TRINITY MAY 31, 2026

Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, 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.

Weekly Update



1090 Sterling Road, Herndon, VA 20170
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Sunday, May 31, 2026

VISITORS: It is a joy to have you with us this morning. If you are looking for a church family, we hope you will consider Holy Cross. For more information, you can fill out a visitor form in the narthex, speak to an usher, or scan the QR code to the right.



FAMILIES: Children are always welcome at our worship services! There's also a small play area in the Narthex where you can hear the broadcasted service.

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

For additions or updates, email Admin@HolyCrossHerndon.org
Names are removed after one month unless advised otherwise.

OUR CONGREGATION

Juliana Roe Beck | Bonnie Burton | Terry & Linda Butler | Joy Caveney
Joel Flegal | Roy Geiger | Otto Jacobson | Reed Morgan
Mike Muller | Craig Reichow | Tuula Toney | Cherie Weatherhead

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Riley Morgan | Thomas Newcomb | Collin Reichow
Friends of Thomas Newcomb currently serving in Iran

RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION

Erin Barden (sister of Andrew Barden)
Pastor Pervaiz Bahadur (Asia 7th Day Adventist pastor)
Von Bergstrom (cousin of Jill Reichow)
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Gianna Carter (granddaughter of Sam & Sharon Carter)
Karen Davidson (grandmother-in-law of Jared Lem)
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Lisa Nolf (friend of Jared Lem)
Jim Pollock (godfather of Andrew Barden)
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Tracy Radican (daughter of former HCLC pastor, Pastor Harper)
Dylan Roe (nephew of Mark & Jo Roe)
John Smith (brother-in-law of Cheryl Smith)
Joseph Strada (father of daughter-in-law of Sam & Sharon Carter)
Nancy and Steven Swancutt (sister and brother of Lynn Russo)
Bernadette Stevenson Williams (friend of the Roe family)

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Supply Pastor: Rev. Pam Mitcham
Director of Music and Liturgy: Jeremy Shoop
Sound Technician: Bob Thompson
Video Technician: Sylvia Moran

Serving May 31st: The Holy Trinity

Assisting Minister: Matthew Andersen
Reader: Kristin Andersen
Acolyte: Diana Virgo
Greeter: Jared Lem

Serving June 7th: Second Sunday after Pentecost

Assisting Minister: TBD
Reader: Dick Smullen
Acolyte: TBD
Greeter: Jared Lem

FLOWERS: Today's flowers are given by Dave & Pat Manzel in honor of their granddaughter's high school graduation.

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: MAY 31 – JUN 7

SU 31	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School ~ Conference Rm
	10:00 am	Worship – The Holy Trinity
	11:00 am	Fellowship & Coffee ~ FH
	1:00 pm	Bldg. Use: Christian Missionary ~ FH
W 3	11:30 am	Lunch for the Soul ~ FH
TH 4	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
	8:00 pm	Bell Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
SA 6	8:00 am	Bldg. Use: Herndon's Women AA ~ Rm 204
	9:30 am	Stephen Ministry Supervision
	11:00 am	Bldg. Use: Called2Be 7 th Day Adventist ~ FH
	12:00 pm	Loudoun Pride Festival ~ Ida Lee Park
SU 7	10:00 am	Worship – 2 nd Sunday after Pentecost
	11:00 am	Fellowship & Coffee ~ FH
	1:00 pm	Bldg. Use: Christian Missionary ~ FH



Bake Cookies for Pride!

Help Holy Cross share a sweet welcome at our Pride booths

We need **20** dozen cookies.

- We're looking for homemade cookies to share at Loudoun Pride and Herndon Pride.
- We'll package 3 cookies in each bag along with information about Holy Cross Lutheran Church.
- Our goal is about 20 dozen cookies total.
- Email Jeremy if you can help bake some cookies!
MusicDir@HolyCrossHerndon.org

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

**PROPERTY WORK DAY
JUNE 13, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM**

It's time to spruce up the church grounds for the summer season! Join us on Saturday, June 13, from 9:00 am-12:00 pm for a workday focused on yard cleanup and outdoor beautification around the church campus. No experience is necessary—many hands make light work, and all are welcome! Bring work gloves, yard tools if you have them, and a willingness to help care for our shared space. For more information, contact Pierre Huggins at Pierre.L.Huggins@gmail.com.

THANK YOU!

A heartfelt thank you to Panera Bread, Jimmy's Old Town Tavern, Sprouts, and Virginia Kitchen for graciously donating gift cards for our monthly *Quest* newsletter crossword puzzle winner. We are thankful to share a community that supports one another so generously. Your kindness and partnership are truly appreciated!

SAVE THE DATE



Loudoun Pride - Saturday, June 6
Herndon Pride - Saturday, June 27

More details to follow

**REMEMBERING JEANNE MAYSONETT
FRIDAY, JUNE 5TH AT 3:00 PM
ARLINGTON NAT'L CEMETERY**

Jeanne Maysonett, who passed away in October of last year, will be interred into the columbarium at Arlington National Cemetery on June 5th at 3:00 pm. A brief ceremony with a military chaplain will be held. Please note that all adults attending must present a REAL ID or passport for entry.

Kindly RSVP to James Maysonett at james@maysonett.com.



Lunch for the Soul

Next HCLC Host Date: Wednesday, June 3

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

We need your help to serve our neighbors in need through this caring ministry! Holy Cross provides lunch on the first Wednesday of every month, and your support in cooking, serving, or cleanup is always welcome. Our next opportunity to serve is on Wednesday, June 3. Please consider joining us! Sign up at: perfectpotluck.com/YEEI1717



TREASURERS REPORT - APRIL 2026

<u>April 2026</u>	<u>Year to Date - 2026</u>
<u>Operating Fund</u>	<u>Operating Fund</u>
Income: \$ 35,115.53	Income: \$ 141,865.82
Expenses: \$ 29,620.71	Expenses: \$ 114,930.51
Net Balance: + \$ 5,494.82	Net Balance: + \$ 26,935.31

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Welcomes ALL!

Holy Cross Lutheran Church joyfully affirms and celebrates that every person is a beloved child of God. We welcome all who are seeking God's boundless love and sustaining grace into full community with us at Holy Cross. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves to breaking down barriers and systems that divide God's children working to be a space committed to racial equality for God's people and to building a community where all are recognized as part of Christ's new creation.



We welcome you, and you are safe with us...
 Whatever your race, ethnicity, or heritage;
 Whatever your relationship status;
 We welcome you, and you are safe with us...

Whatever your sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or gender expression;
 Whatever your socio-economic status;
 We welcome you, and you are safe with us...

Whatever your age and life circumstance;
 Whatever your physical and mental ability.
 You are a beloved child of God, you are valued, and you are welcome here.

What to Expect in Worship

Worship services can be intimidating for newcomers. While we try to make worship as accessible as possible for everyone, we know that some aspects can be confusing. Feel free to ask an usher or someone near you for help if you have any questions today. We are happy to help and want all voices to be included in praise to God.

Our worship style is traditional at Holy Cross. A full liturgy is used to focus our praise and prayers to God. Notes are included in the side gutter of the bulletin to explain why we use the various liturgical elements. Communion is celebrated every Sunday at Holy Cross. The table (altar) is not our table, but Christ's table. Just as Christ welcomes all, all are welcome to receive communion at Holy Cross. Pastor will give instructions on how we celebrate communion at that part of the service. Written instructions are also included at that point in the bulletin.

Throughout the year we emphasize each liturgical season differently to mark the passage of time. Liturgical texts change to reflect aspects of that season, some elements are removed or added to reflect the mood of that season, and colors used to decorate the chancel are changed to provide visual reminders of the current season.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Transforming the world & ourselves, together in community, fellowship, and faith.

The Holy Trinity First Sunday After Pentecost May 31, 2026 | 10:00 AM

Pentecost is a day, not a season. Trinity Sunday, the first Sunday following Pentecost, has been kept since the tenth century as a special celebration of the mystery of the triune God, as in a similar way the Baptism of Our Lord follows the Christmas season with its trinitarian focus.



WE GATHER



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

Assembly: **Amen.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin to God.

Pastor: Compassionate God,
 Assembly: **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Pastor: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

Assembly: **Amen.**

“The Play of the Godhead” gives us a lively and poetic way to sing about the Trinity. Rather than trying to explain God as a puzzle to be solved, the hymn imagines the life of Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit as movement, relationship, and dance. That image fits beautifully with the creation story from Genesis, where God speaks the world into being and calls it good, and with Psalm 8, where creation itself draws us into awe and praise. As we gather for worship, this hymn invites us into the mystery of God’s own life: creative, loving, and always reaching out toward the world.

GATHERING HYMN

The Play of the Godhead

1 The play of the God-head, the Trin - i - ty's dance, em - brac - es the
 2 The warm mists of sum - mer, cool wa - ters that flow, turn crys - tal as
 3 In God's gra - cious im - age of co - e - qual parts, we gath - er as

earth in a sa - cred ro - mance, with God the Cre - a - tor, and
 ice when the win - try winds blow. The tap - root that nur - tures, the
 danc - ers, u - nit - ing our hearts. In tune with the mu - sic of

Christ the true Son, en - twined with the Spir - it, a web dai - ly
 shoot grow - ing free, the life - giv - ing fruit, full and ripe on the
 all liv - ing things, we join in the round of bright na - ture that

spun in span - gles of mys - t'ry, the great Three - in - One.
 tree: more mys - tic and won - drous, the great One - in - Three.
 rings with rap - ture and rhy - thm: cre - a - tion now sings!

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: PERICHORESIS, William P. Rowan, b. 1951

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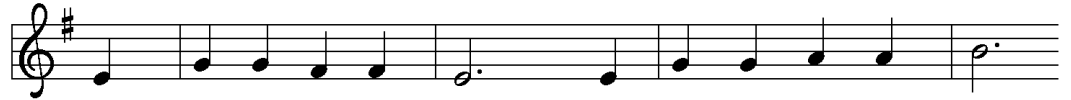
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GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.
Assembly: **And also with you.**

KYRIE

(Setting 10)



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

HYMN OF PRAISE

(Setting 10)



3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Today's prayer is an adaptation of a classic prayer from the Gregorian manuscripts. For Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the original dogmatic phraseology has been altered into doxological praise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.
Assembly: **Amen.**

Please sit.



LISTENING WITH CHILDREN'S EARS

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1--2:4a

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.

According to Christian doctrine, God is and has always been triune. The church has seen in the ancient Genesis cosmogony the everlasting Trinity at work in creation: God speaks the Word and breathes the divine Spirit over creation.

Reader I: A reading from the book of Genesis.

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then 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.

Assembly: And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader II: ⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So 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. ⁸God called the dome Sky.

Assembly: And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

Reader III: ⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky 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 God called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then 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 it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth

vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good.

Assembly: ¹³**And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.**

Reader I ¹⁴And 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, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon 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.

Assembly: ¹⁹**And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.**

Reader II: ²⁰And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹So 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. ²²God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."

Assembly: ²³**And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.**

Reader III: ²⁴And 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. ²⁵God 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.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make humankind 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."

²⁷So God created humankind in God's image, in the image of God, God created them.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have stewardship over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹God 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. ³⁰And 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. ³¹God saw everything that God had made, and indeed, it was very good.

Assembly: **And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.**

Reader I: ¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that God had done, and God rested on the seventh day from all the work that God had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it, God rested from all the work that God had done in creation.

^{4a}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Reader II: Word of God, word of life.
Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 8 exemplifies the way that the Bible has been used in the development of Christian doctrine. Appropriate as a response to Genesis 1, the psalm praises God the creator, who is addressed as both YHWH, thus Lord, and Adonai, thus Lord or Master.

Many Christians over the centuries use this passage from 2 Corinthians as an opening invocation or a closing benediction. Especially beloved is Paul's description of the attributes of the triune God as grace, love, and communion.

PSALM

Psalm 8

Reader: As our response to the reading from Genesis, we will read Psalm 8. The assembly is invited to read the bold verses.

- ¹ O Lord, our Sovereign,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!
 You have set your glory above the heavens.
² **Out of the mouths of babes and infants
 you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
 to silence the enemy and the avenger.**
³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
 the moon and the stars that you have established;
⁴ **what are humans that you are mindful of them,
 mortals that you care for them?**
⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God
 and crowned them with glory and honor.
⁶ **You have given them stewardship over the works of your
 hands; you have put all things under their feet,**
⁷ all sheep and oxen,
 and also the beasts of the field,
⁸ **the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
 whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**
⁹ O Lord, our Sovereign,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

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.

Reader: A reading from Paul's 2nd letter to the Corinthians:

[Paul writes:] ¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Called the Great Commission, the church proclaims this text on Trinity Sunday, affirming that even after the observance of the Ascension, the triune God is always present in the church. The conclusion of the Gospel of Matthew includes the trinitarian words that most Christians use at baptism: “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Pastor: The Gospel according to Matthew the 28th chapter.
Assembly: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ 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 ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.
Assembly: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

Richard Leach says the following about his imagery of dance in this hymn, "Dancing has a very long association with the Trinity, going back to eighth century theologians who used the word perichoresis to speak of the interdependence of unity and Trinity. 'Dance around' is a literal translation of the word, but its sense is 'interweaving' and I use that in the hymn." Leach has also said that the song 'Lord of the Dance' and carol 'Tomorrow shall be my dancing day' were on his mind while writing this hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity



1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—
 2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;
 3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame
 4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter-weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.
 then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.
 set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.
 we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,
 The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;
 We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;
 Let voic - es rise and in - ter - weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.
 when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.
 go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!
 to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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APOSTLES' CREED

Assisting Minister: With the whole church let us profess our faith,
 Assembly: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
 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.

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assisting Minister: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

We pray for the greater church.

Assisting Minister: Holy God, we are in awe of your creative work. Continue that work in your church, making us a new creation that proclaims your presence and love. God of grace,

Assembly: hear our prayer.

We pray for creation.

Assisting Minister: Creator God, nature reveals your power and glory. Protect water sources, vegetation, and wildlife as reminders of who you are. God of grace,

Assembly: hear our prayer.

We pray for those in need.

Assisting Minister: Sustaining God, you are mindful of your people in every circumstance. Heal those who are sick. Provide for all who hunger. Protect those in harm's way. Comfort any experiencing hardship, including those we name before you now (*the assembly offers names*). God of grace,

Assembly: hear our prayer.

We remember the saints.

Assisting Minister: Loving God, we give thanks for those who have died and claimed their baptismal promises. Strengthen us to live as they did in communion with you. God of grace,

Assembly: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

Assembly: Amen.

The sharing of The Peace is an ancient ritual that puts us right with our neighbors before we offer our gifts to God.

THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Assembly: **And also with you.**

Please sit.

OFFERING

Kyrie

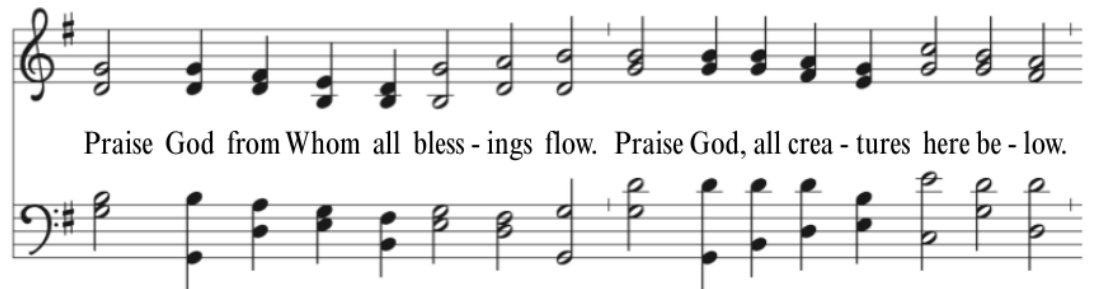
arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

Sanctuary Choir

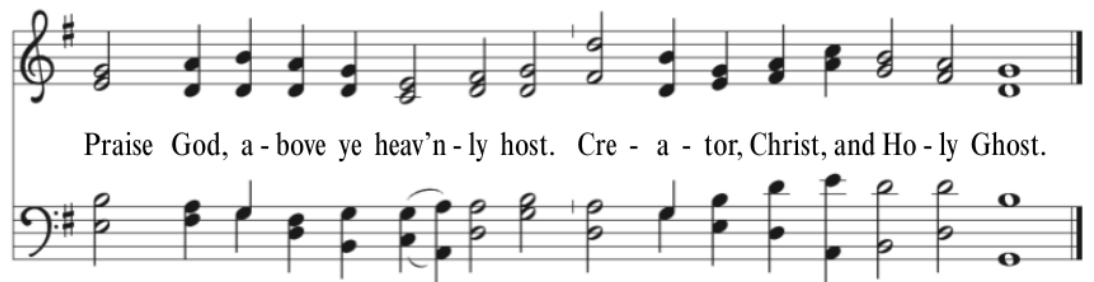
MUSICAL OFFERING

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY



Praise God from Whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures here be - low.



Praise God, a - bove ye heav'n - ly host. Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever,

Assembly: **Amen.**



WE COME TO GOD'S TABLE



GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

PREFACE

Pastor: It is our duty and delight.... and join their unending hymn.

SANCTUS

(Setting 10)



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

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!
Assembly: Thanks be to God!

Please sit.

DISTRIBUTION

*This is Christ's table of welcome. Jesus invites **all** who are hungry and thirsty for unconditional love and acceptance to come to God's banquet. The ushers will direct you forward at the appropriate time. Communion will be by station. The pastor will be in the center with the bread. All the bread we use here is gluten free and vegan. On either side will be someone with a tray of red wine and white grape juice. Empty cups can be placed in the basket on either side of the aisle. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion, cross your arms on your chest.*

AGNUS DEI

(Setting 10)



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

“Infinite Beauty” draws our attention to the mystery, splendor, and nearness of God. Each stanza ends with the word “wonder,” giving the hymn a recurring posture of awe. That repetition is especially fitting for Trinity Sunday. The Trinity is not a doctrine we fully master or reduce to a simple explanation; it is a mystery that draws us into praise. As Genesis sings of creation’s beginning, Psalm 8 marvels at the heavens, and Matthew’s Gospel sends us in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, this hymn reminds us that faithful worship often begins not with certainty, but with wonder.

“Womb of Life and Source of Being” expands the language we use for God while remaining deeply rooted in Trinitarian praise. Its images of birth, nurture, wisdom, and life help us sing of God as the source from whom all things come and the love in whom

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Infinite Beauty



1 In - fi - nite Beau - ty, Love that moves the heav - ens, Mak - er of
 2 Ho - ly this gar - den, wor - thy of pro - tec - tion, blue pearl in
 3 Sa - cred all crea - tures, mar - vel - ous com - pan - ions, el - ders and
 4 Bless - ed our bod - ies, kin - dred gift of star - light: eyes to see
 5 In - fi - nite Beau - ty, Love that moves the heav - ens, may our minds



all things, pres - ent in cre - a - tion, from the be - gin - ning,
 deep space, due our true af - fec - tion, dwell - ing and par - ent,
 teach - ers, all of our re - la - tions; rocks tell earth's sto - ry,
 beau - ty, ears to hear the heart sigh, hands to give heal - ing,
 wis - en, may our hearts a - wak - en, that we join all things,



all your works re - veal you, stir - ring to won - der.
 el - e - gant in bal - ance, grow - ing in won - der.
 plants re - veal earth's wis - dom, liv - ing in won - der.
 hearts to bind to - geth - er, breath - ing in won - der.
 one and in - ter - wo - ven, sing - ing in won - der.

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 Music: INFINITE BEAUTY, David Cherwien
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Womb of Life and Source of Being



1 Womb of life and source of be - ing, home of ev - 'ry rest - less
 2 Word in flesh, our broth - er Je - sus, born to bring us sec - ond
 3 Brood - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us; be our part - ner, be our
 4 Moth - er, Broth - er, ho - ly Part - ner; Fa - ther, Spir - it, On - ly



heart, in your arms the worlds a - wak - ened; you have
 birth, you have come to stand be - side us, know - ing
 friend. When our mem - 'ry fails, re - mind us whose we
 Son: we would praise your name for - ev - er, One - in -



loved us from the start. We, your chil - dren, gath - er
 weak - ness, know - ing earth. Priest who shares our hu - man
 are, what we in - tend. La - bor with us; aid the
 Three and Three - in - One. We would share your life, your

*all creation is held.
This is a strong
companion to Genesis
1, where God brings
forth life in abundance,
and to Psalm 8, where
human beings are
placed within creation
with dignity and
responsibility. The
hymn helps us
contemplate the Trinity
not as a distant
formula, but as the
living God who
creates, sustains,
redeems, and renews.*

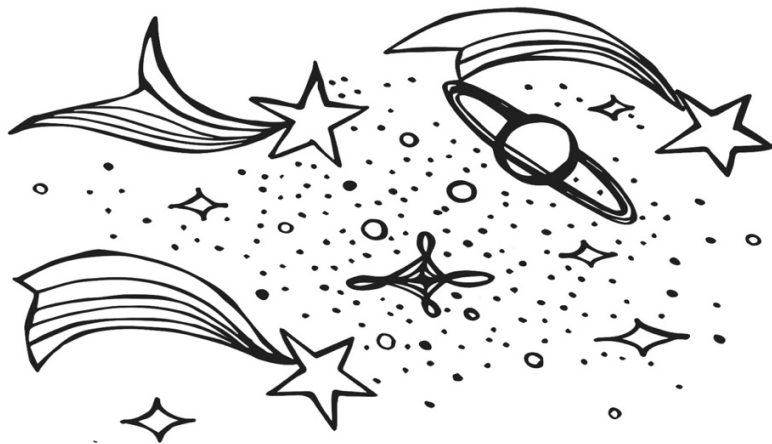


round you, at the ta - ble you pre - pare. Shar - ing
strug - gles, Life of life and Death of death, ris - en
birth - ing of the new world yet to be, free of
pas - sion, share your word of world made new, ev - er



sto - ries, tears, and laugh - ter, we are nur - tured by your care.
Christ, come stand a - mong us, send the Spir - it by your breath.
ser - vant, lord, and mas - ter, free for love and u - ni - ty.
sing - ing, ev - er prais - ing, one with all, and one with you.

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Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Assembly: **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. 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.

Assembly: **Amen.**



WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE



Despite a very limited rhyme scheme, irregular accents, and uneven numbers of syllables in various lines, this hymn based on John's vision of God enthroned in heavenly glory is a very popular hymn. The use of angels' song (Holy, holy, holy) is pure adoration of God. Although filled with apocalyptic language, the hymn combines a sense of mystery with God's mercy, power, love, and purity. After hymns that have sung of dance, beauty, wonder, and life, this sending hymn gives the day a grand doxological conclusion. We are sent from worship with the praise of the Triune God still ringing in our ears: the Creator whose glory fills the earth, the Christ who sends us in mission, and the Spirit who binds us together in grace, love, and communion.

SENDING HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

BENEDICTION

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

Assembly: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Assisting Minister: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

arr. Paul Manz

As part of our continuous efforts to make worship more inclusive and sensory friendly, we ask that you refrain from applauding during worship and after the postlude.

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THIS WEEK'S COMMEMORATIONS

Visit of Mary to Elizabeth

Sunday, May 31, 2026

This festival marks the occasion when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visited her cousin Elizabeth who was herself pregnant with John. Elizabeth pronounced Mary "blessed among women," and Mary responded with the song called the Magnificat.

Justin, martyr at Rome, died around 165

Monday, June 1, 2026

Born of pagan parents, Justin was influenced by an elderly Christian in Ephesus. He became a teacher of philosophy and the Christian faith. Jailed for practicing an unauthorized religion, he refused to renounce his faith and was beheaded.

The Martyrs of Uganda, died 1886

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

On June 3, 1886, thirty-two young men were burned to death for refusing to renounce Christianity. The confident manner in which these Christians went to their deaths contributed to a much stronger Christian presence in Uganda.

John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, died 1963

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

When elected pope, the former Angelo Roncalli was expected to be a short-term caretaker. He showed great spirit, though, and convened the Second Vatican Council which helped bring great changes to Roman Catholic and other churches.

Boniface, Bishop of Mainz, missionary to Germany, martyr, died 754

Friday, June 5, 2026

Boniface was a native of England who became a Benedictine monk and was called to missionary work among the Vandal tribes of Germany. With fellow workers, he established churches and schools, and he also worked to reform the church.

FROM THE CLOUD OF WITNESSES

[Augustine, in The Sunday Sermons of the Great Fathers, III, 75-76.]

Only material bodies fill or occupy material space. The Godhead is beyond all space; let no one seek the Godhead as though it were in space. Everywhere the Godhead is invisible and indivisibly present. Who can comprehend this? What then are we to say of God? For if you have grasped what you wish to say, it is not God. If you had been able to comprehend it, you would have comprehended something else in the place of God. If you had been almost able to comprehend it, your mind has deceived you. It is not God, if you have understood it. But if it is God, you have not understood it.

—Augustine

A famous icon pictures Emperor Constantine I and the bishops assembled at the Council of Nicaea in 325 displaying what we call the Nicene Creed, which was finally approved in 381, and which many Christians recite together on Trinity Sunday.



There is a hearing-assistance system (induction loop) in the Sanctuary for those with hearing impairments. Please ask an usher for instructions.

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