

*Holy! Holy! Holy!*



**HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY**  
**MAY 30 & 31, 2026**

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**SERVICE OF THE WORD**  
**HOLY TRINITY**  
**May 30/31, 2026**

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**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: Look down on us from heaven and show us your love and mercy. It is certain that we cannot begin to fathom the great mystery of your Triune nature or your power. But it is evidence that you are far greater than we are and it gives us the comfort of knowing you are able to keep us and sustain us in every way physically and spiritually. Accept our prayers, praises, and offerings gracious God, through Jesus Christ who makes us worthy to come into your presence. Amen

**OPENING HYMN**      *Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices*      CW 484

- 1 Oh, that I had a thousand voices to praise my God with thousand tongues!  
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices, would then proclaim in grateful songs  
to all, wherever I might be, what great things God has done for me.
- 2 Dear Father, endless praise I render for soul and body, nobly joined;  
I praise you, guardian kind and tender, for all the daily joys I find  
so richly spread on ev'ry side and freely for my use supplied.
- 3 I praise you, Savior, whose compassion has brought you down to ransom me.  
Your pitying heart sought my salvation; you bore the cross triumphantly,  
brought me from bondage full release, made me your own, and gave me peace.
- 4 Glory and praise, still onward reaching, be yours, O Spirit of all grace,  
whose holy pow'r and faithful teaching give me among your saints a place.  
Whatever good by me is done is worked by grace divine alone.
- 5 Shall I not then be filled with gladness? Shall I not praise you evermore  
and triumph over fear and sadness, although my cup of woe runs o'er?  
Though heav'n and earth shall disappear, your endless love is ever near.

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -



ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -



ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ, in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true, immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.



C: A - men.

## FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1:1-2:3

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

<sup>3</sup> And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup> God saw that the light was good, and he 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 vault between the waters to separate water from water.” <sup>7</sup> So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. <sup>8</sup> God called the vault “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

<sup>9</sup> And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good.

<sup>11</sup> Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup> The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. 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 vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup> God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. <sup>17</sup> God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup> to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. 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 water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” <sup>21</sup> So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them and said, “Be

fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase 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 land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

<sup>29</sup> Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.”<sup>30</sup> And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

<sup>31</sup> God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

<sup>1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

<sup>2</sup> By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. <sup>3</sup> Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM OF THE DAY

*O LORD, Our Lord*

Psalm 8



O LORD, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.



When I consider your heavens, the work of your / fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which you have / set in place,  
what is a human being that you are mind- / ful of him,  
a Son of Man that you / care for him? Refrain

You have made him a little lower than the / angels  
and crowned him with glory and / honor.  
You made him ruler over the works / of your hands;  
you put everything un- / der his feet.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 13:11-14

<sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

<sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. <sup>13</sup> All God's people here send their greetings.

<sup>14</sup> May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

<sup>16</sup> Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> 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, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

**HYMN OF THE DAY**    *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*    CW 483

- 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 sinful man 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!

**SERMON**

2 Corinthians 13:11-14

The Triune God Grants Us His Three-fold Blessing

**ATHANASIAN CREED**

M: Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith.

**C: Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.**

M: Now this is the true Christian faith:

**C: We worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.**

M: For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct,

**C: but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.**

M: What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.

**C: The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**

M: the Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

**C: the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;**

M: yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal,

**C: just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite, but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.**

M: In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty;

**C: yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.**

M: So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

**C: yet they are not three Gods, but one God.**

M: So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

**C: yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.**

M: For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord, so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.

**C: The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.**

M: The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.

**C: The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

M: So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

**C: And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior;**

M: but all three persons are coequal and coeternal, so that in every way, as stated before, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

**C: Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.**

- M: It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation that one faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh.
- C: Now this is the true Christian faith: We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.**
- M: He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and he is man, born in time from the nature of his mother,
- C: fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human flesh;**
- M: equal to the Father as to his deity, less than the Father as to his humanity;
- C: and though he is both God and man, Christ is not two persons but one:**
- M: one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God;
- C: one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person;**
- M: for just as the rational soul and flesh is one human being, so God and man is one Christ.
- C: He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead.**
- M: He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, and from there will come to judge the living and the dead.
- C: At his coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds.**
- M: Those who have done good will enter eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.
- C: This is the true Christian faith. Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.**

## OFFERING

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

**We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

**We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

**Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

**Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

**We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## HYMN

### *In Unity and Peace*

CW 732

Refrain      How good it is and how pleasant to live in unity and peace.  
How good it is and how pleasant to live together in one Lord.  
**(Last time only)** to live together in one Lord.

- 1 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, agree in ev'rything you say.  
May there be no divisions among you, but be united in one mind.  
For there is one Lord, one faith, one God of us all. (Refrain)
- 2 Live a life that is worthy of your call, be humble, gentle, and patient.  
Bear with each other in ways that are loving, preserve the unity of faith.  
For there is one Lord, one faith, one God of us all. (Refrain)
- 3 Share the love that has joined us as one, unite in spirit and ideals.  
Never be rivals, do not be conceited, but look to others in their need.  
For there is one Lord, one faith, one God of us all. (Refrain)

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

**CLOSING HYMN**     *May the Grace of Christ Our Savior*     CW 928

May the grace of Christ our Savior and the Father’s boundless love with the Holy Spirit’s favor rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union with each other and the Lord, and possess in sweet communion joys which earth cannot afford.

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**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S**

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| Sunday   | 8 & 9:30 am | Worship |
| Saturday | 6:30 pm     | Worship |

**NEXT WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S**

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| Sunday, June, 7 <sup>th</sup>    | 8 & 9:30 am | Worship                 |
|                                  | 11 am       | Bible Class ~ Ephesians |
| Saturday, June, 13 <sup>th</sup> | 6:30 pm     | Worship                 |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance last weekend was 307.

### **Fruits of Faith:**

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| \$24,459 Home Operations ~ Needed: \$327,359 / YTD: \$356,345 |
| \$3,939 WELS Missions ~ YTD: \$37,082 (2026 Goal: \$100,701)  |
| \$997 MVL ~ YTD: \$23,631 (2026 Goal: \$62,278)               |
| \$170 Building Fund   |
| \$770 K-12 Education Assistance                               |
| \$25 St. Paul's School Building                               |
| \$1,000 St. John's Endowment                                  |
| \$200 Technology Fund   |
| \$5 Christian Family Solutions                                |
| \$100 St. Paul's School                                       |

## AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OWLS Meeting** ~ Our local MN Valley Chapter 13 OWLS (Organization of Wels Lutheran Seniors) will be meeting at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, New Ulm on Monday, June 8. Fellowship begins at 11:30 AM, with a Papa Murphy's Pizza meal at noon, and a devotion at 12:45 PM. The meal cost is covered by Thrivent Action Team moneys. If you have not already signed up, contact Myron Fluegge at 507-359-2424 or [flueggemtj@hotmail.com](mailto:flueggemtj@hotmail.com) by Wednesday noon, June 3, for a meal count. Following the meal, we will have a presentation by Adara Home Health Care, Synergy Home Care, and St. Croix Hospice - Mankato. Hope you can make it.

**LWMS International Convention** ~ Join us for the 63rd Annual LWMS Convention in Madison, WI from June 25th through June 28th. Registration is now open online, but is due to close June 1st (earlier if capacity is reached). The table in the new narthex has mail-in registration forms as well as detailed information sheets. We hope to see you there!

**Job Openings at MLC ~ Full-time Executive Director of Mission Advancement.** This role helps connect donor support to the preparation of future pastors, teachers, and staff ministers. **Full-time Athletic Director, Full-time Head Men's Basketball Coach & Assistant Athletic Director, Part-time Assistant Volleyball Coach.** In these roles, you can help promote excellence in competition while supporting the formation of student-athletes for lives of Christian service. **Part-time Dormitory Custodians.** In these roles, you will have flexible scheduling while caring for the place that our students call home during their time at MLC. Interested individuals should apply online at [mlc-wels.edu/hr/](http://mlc-wels.edu/hr/).

**About the Cover** ~ The Holy Trinity is the title we give the three person God of the Bible, since the Bible portrays him as one God in three distinct persons: Father, the Creator; Son, the Redeemer; and Holy Spirit, the Sanctifier. Together they are one, and are glorified as the only Lord and Savior of all.