

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer

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The Holy Trinity
May 31, 2026 - 10:30 am

Today, we celebrate and affirm the HOLY TRINITY. Around 829 AD Pope Gregory IX introduced *Trinity Sunday* as a Christian Festival that honored the Biblical belief of one God in three distinctive persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Although the early church was plagued by contrary views of what the Holy Trinity was, the Holy Trinity was finally affirmed by Pope John XXII in 1334 as a Festival of the church year as a doctrine of the church and not an event of its sacred history.

Historically it was Tertullian, a writer and theologian from Carthage who was the first to use the word TRINITY, or *trinitas* (Latin – meaning three) or *Trius* (Greek – number of three) to describe that the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit was ONE in essence. One hundred years later the First Council of Nicea (325 AD) established the doctrine of the Trinity for the church as orthodoxy. Our Nicene Creed also originated and was adopted from this council and remains a critical part of our worship today.

Our belief that we worship a TRIUNE God (literally “three as one”) is fundamental to the Christian faith because it helps our understanding as to what God is like, how he relates to us, and how we should relate to him. We relate to the trinity in names like “The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit” or sometimes as the “Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.” For Christians the expression of the Holy Trinity centers around our God in Heaven who is creator of all things, our God who came to this earth in human form as Jesus -Emmanuel. (God with us), and the unseen God as the Holy Spirit moving in the hearts of men and women today. (1 John 5:7) Even in our prayers we offer our petitions to God, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit, with the implicit understanding that they are praying to the Trinity because the three parts of the Holy Trinity are indivisible. We often begin our worship *in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit*, We are forgiven in the same name, and we are blessed and sent on our way in the same Trinity. We also affirm in the Apostle’s Creed a sustained belief in the Trinity when we say: *I believe in God the Father Almighty . . . I believe in Jesus Christ God’s Son our Lord and I believe in the Holy Spirit.*

In Matthew 28:19 Jesus commissions us to “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.” And in his letter to the Corinthian church the Apostle Paul offers them his benediction “*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*” Even though the word ‘Trinity’ does not appear in scripture The Trinity is the doctrine that states there is one God but three Persons. Although the Trinity is a mystery of the church it remains a relevant part of our belief because our Creator is a trinity of persons inviting us into an intimate relationship made in his own image, who also made us to participate in the lives of His people. Jesus speaks of God’s Trinitarian nature in the Gospel of John chapters 13-17 when the disciples were clearly troubled that Jesus would be leaving them giving them guidance for their walk with God after his ascension.

Symbolically the Holy Trinity is often represented by three enjoining circles, a triangle, or other groups of three. Some will use the Shield of the Trinity, a traditional Christian visual symbol which expresses many aspects of the doctrine of the Trinity. At Redeemer, one of our chairs in the chancel has a circle of three fish that represent the trinity. Check it out!

The Lutheran Church of The Redeemer is a Christian community of diverse people called and guided by the Holy Spirit to nurture with God's love those within and beyond our congregation.

A place where God is at work!
All are welcome. No exceptions.

..... ✚ **GATHERING** ✚

Voluntaries

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!
All Glory Be to God on High
Variations on Father Most Holy

Robert Buckley Farlee
Friedrich Zachau
Lynn Petersen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

<We stand.>

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

<We kneel.>

Compassionate God,

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.

<We stand.>

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 the Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

ELW Hymn 413

GREETING

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

All Glory Be to God on High



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



will break forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - might - y,
sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to
liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we
ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in



praise you for your glo - ry.
ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.
God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together. 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, on God, now and forever.

<We sit.>

..... † **WORD** †

READING

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Pew Bible page 944

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. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

<At the conclusion of the reading>

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

LIL' LUTHERAN TALK

<We stand.>

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 28:16-20

Pew Bible page 812

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

<At the conclusion of the reading>

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

<We sit.>

SERMON

Rev. Matthew Titus

<We stand.>

HYMN OF THE DAY

Father Most Holy

ELW Hymn 415

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;**

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ’s resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

<We kneel.>

Each prayer petition will end with “God of grace,” and the response is “**hear our prayer.**”
 At the conclusion of the prayers, ... through Jesus our Savior. “**Amen.**”

<We stand.>

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also, with you.

You are invited to share the peace however you and those around you are comfortable.

<We sit.>

..... ✝ **MEAL** ✝

RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING

CHORAL OFFERING

Hymn to the Trinity

Michael Burkhardt

<We stand.>

OFFERTORY HYMN

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring vs. 1



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise ... *here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding ...* we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

O God triune, ...

... The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, ...

... The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

Gathered around this table ...

... The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, ...

... The earth is full of your glory.

The earth is full of your glory.

Amen, and amen.

Amen, and amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray ...

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 THE MEAL

Heaven has come near.

Come, share in the feast!

<We sit.>

COMMUNION

Participation in Holy Communion is open to all the baptized of this and other Christian congregations. We come in faith that Christ is truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine. We receive this gift knowing that we are forgiven and are nourished to be sent to proclaim God's love to the world. You are invited to come to the altar to receive the bread and wine. You may dip the bread into the chalice of wine. If you are not able, the meal will be brought to you. A gluten-free wafer is available, upon request for those who need it.



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

<We stand.>

THE TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

..... ✚ **SENDING** ✚

SUNG BLESSING

In the name of the Father.
In the name of the Father.
In the name of the Son.
In the name of the Son.
In the name of the Spirit.
In the name of the Spirit.
The Three-in-One.
The Three-in-One.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May God’s face shine upon you.
May God’s face shine upon you.
May God’s blessings be with you.
May God’s blessings be with you.
And give you peace.
And give you peace.

SENDING HYMN

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

ELW Hymn 414

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

VOLUNTARY

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Paul Manz

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving celebration of the 60th wedding anniversary of Carol and Bob Montgomery (June 11th). We honor their inspiration of shared and rooted faith, commitment, and joie de vivre, as they continue to walk together hand in hand in God's light. From all the children and grandchildren.

..... **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT throughout the summer, the children’s Sunday school room will be open for all parents and children to enjoy crafts and read Bible stories together. There will not be an assigned teacher leading the class, but materials will be available.

2026 VBS will be held at Central United Methodist Church (1005 College Street, Newberry) June 7th – 10th. A meal will be served at 5:30pm with classes to follow. If you are interested in attending or would like to volunteer, forms are in the narthex.

Redeemer WELCA's SCWELCA Convention Project – WELCA’s **LOCAL PROJECT** will be collecting items for GAAP. Some items needed are: shelf-stable cans or pouches of meats, meals in-a-can, cereal, grits, oatmeal, granola bars, packs of crackers/snacks, rice or potatoes. Monetary donations are also accepted. A box will be placed in the narthex for these items. Items will be collected until June 14th.

There is also a **GLOBAL PROJECT**, if you would like to contribute to it. This project will help purchase a fence at a Christian school in the town of Kumamoto, Japan. This school was established 100 years ago by Lutheran missionaries and was originally a school for girls. Donations in the form of a check should be made out to SCWELCA with the note "Japan Project" written on it.

ALL ARE INVITED to a reception celebrating the **50th wedding anniversary** of Huger and Anne Caughman today, 2pm-4pm, in the Family Life Center hosted by their children.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
31 Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Caughman 50 th Anniversary Reception 2p-4p	1	2 Library Reserved	3	4 PM Bible Study - 2pm	5	6	7 Property Comm Mtg - 9am Sunday School - 9:30am Worship - 10:30am Nominating Comm Mtg - after worship

Worship Leadership - Today

Worship Asst: George Franklin
Acolyte: Griffin Long
Crucifer: Elin Cary
Comm Prep: Polly Davis
Altar Flowers: Heather Kaikini
Ushers: Kathy Riggan, Nikki Chapman,
 Doggett Whitaker, Dennis Caughman

Sunday, June 7, 2026

Worship Asst: Alanna Boozer
Acolyte: Henry Chapman
Crucifer: Thomas Boozer
Comm Prep: Kathy Riggan
Altar Flowers: Christy Whitaker
Ushers: Chad Cary, Norris Long,
 Zeb Reid, Dennis Caughman

Numbers for May 24, 2026:

Attendance:

SS: 22
 In-Person: 67
 Online: 213
Total: 270

Offering:

Gen Operating Account: \$ 5,661.32
 Major Maintenance: \$ 290.00
 Facilities Rental Income: \$ 500.00
Dedicated Accounts
 Roof Repair Fund: \$ 2,750.00



We're grateful you've joined us in worship. If you would like to support the ongoing ministry and life of this congregation, you can do so by scanning the QR code. May God's blessings be with you today and always.

The Rev. Matthew Titus, Pastor · Haley McBride-Stuhr, Office Assistant & Bookkeeper
Dr. Huger Caughman, Jr., Organist · Nicholas Todd Shumate, Choir Director
A/V Team: Matt Bowers, Annette Belcher, Wayden Caughman, and Nikki Chapman

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