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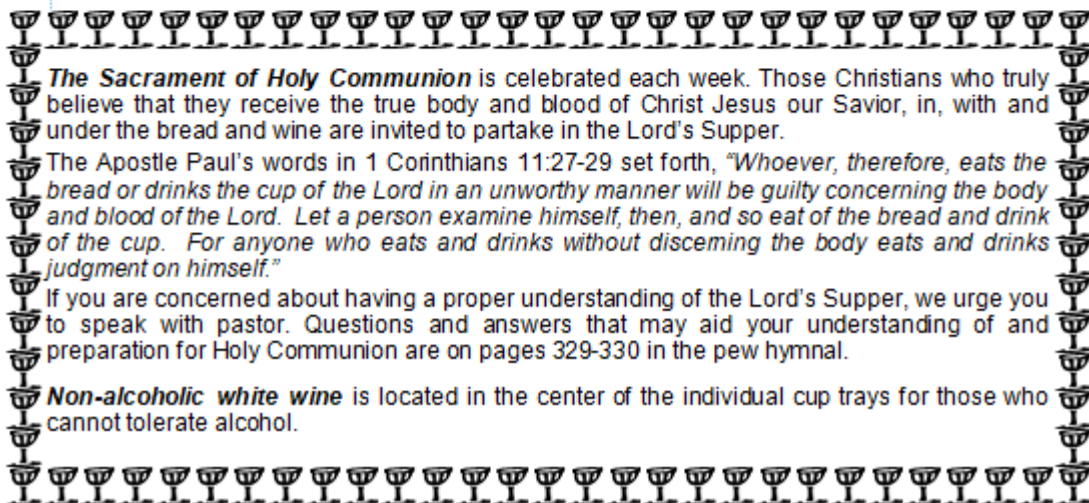
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The Holy Trinity

May 31, 2026

Welcome to God's house! Please allow us to keep in touch with you by signing the register in the foyer/narthex. Thank you!

Altar Flowers are placed today to the glory of God in honor of Dale & Donna Boger's 45th wedding anniversary on May 16th.



The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each week. Those Christians who truly believe that they receive the true body and blood of Christ Jesus our Savior, in, with and under the bread and wine are invited to partake in the Lord's Supper.

The Apostle Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29 set forth, "*Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.*"

If you are concerned about having a proper understanding of the Lord's Supper, we urge you to speak with pastor. Questions and answers that may aid your understanding of and preparation for Holy Communion are on pages 329-330 in the pew hymnal.

Non-alcoholic white wine is located in the center of the individual cup trays for those who cannot tolerate alcohol.

† PREPARATION †

HYMN "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" LSB #901

Stand

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 8:1; Genesis 1:3, 31*

Pastor: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

People: **You have set Your glory above the heavens.**

Pastor: And God said, “Let there be light,”

People: **and there was light.**

Pastor: And God saw everything that He had made,

People: **and behold, it was very good.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us come before God with our sins to acknowledge them before Him and in the presence of one another.

People: **Heavenly Father, we confess that we have failed to be the people You have created us to be. We daily miss the mark of being very good, and we fail to be Your representatives in the care of Your good creation. With the early disciples, although we do believe, sometimes we doubt. Only by Your grace are we able to come before You and find peace and joy. Remind us of Your great love and mercy for us.**

Pastor: Jesus has joyful work for us to do. He has commanded us to go, teach, and baptize. And, despite our sins, He also promised, “Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20). God’s majesty is not only in creating the world in which we live but in loving us despite our daily failures. He sent His Son to forgive our every sin. As David wrote, “I saw the Lord always before me, for He is at my right hand that I may not be shaken” (Acts 2:25).

As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

† WORD †

INTROIT *Psalm 16:8–11; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

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Pastor: Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

People: **Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.**
Pastor: I have set the Lord always before me;
People: **because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**
Pastor: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
People: **my flesh also dwells secure.**
Pastor: For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
People: **or let your holy one see corruption.**
Pastor: You make known to me the path of life;
People: **in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**
Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
People: **and to the Holy Spirit;**
Pastor: as it was in the beginning,
People: **is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
Pastor: Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.
People: **Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.**

KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, have mercy on us.
People: **Father, have mercy on us.**
Pastor: Lord, have mercy on us.
People: **Christ, have mercy on us.**
Pastor: Lord, have mercy on us.
People: **Holy Spirit, grant us Your peace. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *“The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace” LSB 580, verses 1, 2 & 6*

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty.
People: **Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities;**

Pastor: for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Genesis 1:1–2:4a*

Lector: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night.

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

Lector: And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse.

People: And it was so. And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

Lector: And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together He called Seas.

People: And God saw that it was good.

Lector: And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.”

People: And it was so.

Lector: The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind.

People: And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

Lector: And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.”

People: And it was so.

Lector: And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness.

People: And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

Lector: And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”

People: And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

Lector: And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind.

People: And God saw that it was good.

Lector: Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

People: So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. And God blessed them.

Lector: And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens 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. And God saw everything that He had made, and behold,

People: it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Lector: Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished His work that He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work that He had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all His work that He had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Psalm 8*

Pastor: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

People: **You have set Your glory above the heavens.**

Pastor: Out of the mouth of babes and infants, You have established strength because of Your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You care for him?

People: **Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.**

Pastor: You have given him dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

People: **O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!**

READING *Acts 2:14a, 22–36*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

VERSE *Isaiah 6:3b*

Pastor: Alleluia.

People: **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;**

Pastor: the whole earth is full of His glory!

People: **Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 28:16–20*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

ATHANASIAN CREED

Pastor: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.
People: **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**

Pastor: And the catholic faith is this,
People: **that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**

Pastor: For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
People: **But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**

Pastor: Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
People: **the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**

Pastor: the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
People: **the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**

Pastor: And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
People: **just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**

Pastor: In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
People: **and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.**

Pastor: So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
People: **and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**

Pastor: So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
People: **and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**

Pastor: Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
People: **The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.**

Pastor: The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
People: **The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.**

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

People: And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;

Pastor: but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

People: Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

Pastor: But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.

Pastor: He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:

People: perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;

Pastor: equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

People: Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:

Pastor: one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;

People: one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

Pastor: For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,

People: who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,

Pastor: ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

People: At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.

Pastor: And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

People: This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

Sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *if we are blessed with children present*

HYMN OF THE DAY "Holy, Holy, Holy" LSB #507

SERMON

MEDITATION

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *Psalm 8:2, 4-6, 9*

(After each petition...)

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy;

People: **Hear our prayer.**

OFFERTORY *"Lord of All Good" LSB #786 verse 1*

**Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.
Tokens of love and pledges they shall be
That our whole life is offered to Your will.**

**Offering boxes are on each side of the doors exiting the sanctuary*

† SACRAMENT †

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God, we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity

in substance, of majesty coequal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *(p. 195 in hymnal)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, Blessed in He,
blessed is He the cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.
Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You sent Your only-begotten Son into the creation You had established.

People: **Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus we pray that Your Holy Spirit would strengthen our faith until, gathered together with all the saints, we may celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.**

Pastor: To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;
1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

People: 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.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI *(p.198 in hymnal)*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
Grant us the peace. Amen.**

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"As Rebels, Lord, Who Foolishly Have Wandered" LSB #612

“How Can I Keep From Singing” *Chris Tomlin & Matt Redman*

**There is an endless song, echoes in my soul, I hear the music ring.
And though the storms may come, I am holding on
To the rock I cling.**

Chorus

**How can I keep from singing Your praise!
How can I ever say enough, how amazing is Your love!
How can I keep from shouting Your Name!
I know I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart want to sing!**

**I will lift my eyes in the darkest night, for I know my Savior lives.
And I will walk with You, knowing You'll see me through
And sing the songs You give**

Chorus

**How can I keep from singing Your praise!
How can I ever say enough, how amazing is Your love!
How can I keep from shouting Your Name!
I know I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart want to sing!**

**I can sing in the troubled times, sing when I win.
I can sing when I lose my step and fall down again.
I can sing 'cause You pick me up, sing 'cause You're there.
I can sing 'cause You hear me, Lord, when I call to You in prayer.
I can sing with my last breath, sing for I know,
That I'll sing with the angels and the saints around the throne**

Chorus

**How can I keep from singing Your praise!
How can I ever say enough, how amazing is Your love!
How can I keep from shouting Your Name!
I know I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart**

**I know I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart
I know I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart want to sing!**

“Father Most Holy” LSB #504

POST-COMMUNION HYMN

“Glory Be to God the Father”

LSB #506, verse 1

Glory be to God the Father,

**Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit;
Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory While eternal ages run!**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

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

People: **Amen.**

HYMN “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” LSB #700

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