



**GOOD
SHEPHERD
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

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May 31, 2026

**Trinity
Sunday**

**8:30 am
Service of Holy
Communion**

**10:00 am
Service of
the Word**

**The Pastor:
Rev. Chris
Buresh**

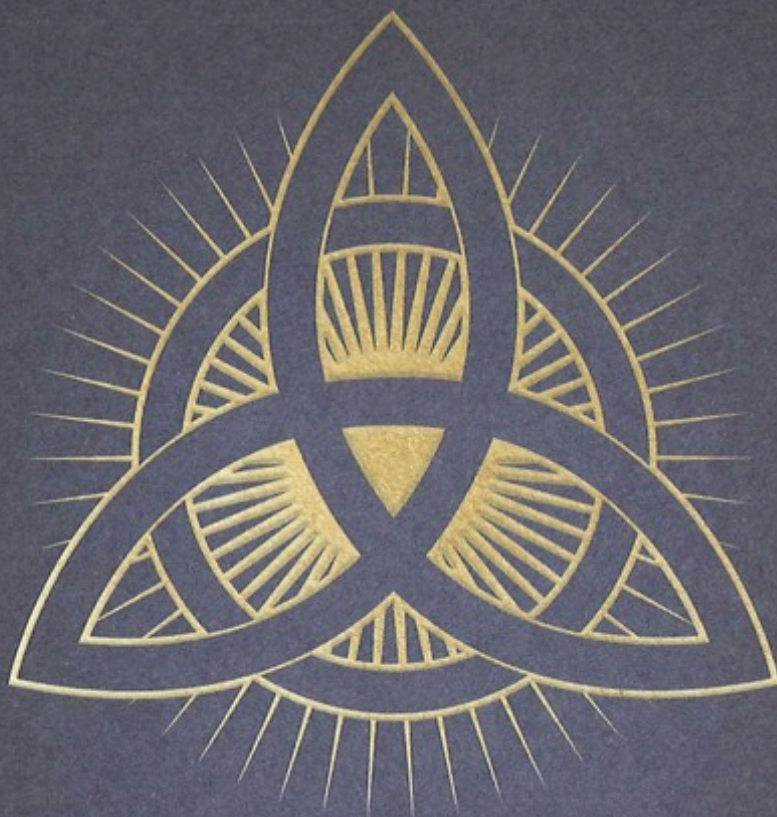
**The Associate
Pastor:
Rev. Andrew
Bell**

**The Intern:
Immanuel
Karunakaran**

**The Director of
Children's &
Family Ministry:
Lori**

Puttkammer

**The Pastor
Emeritus:
Rev. Dr. Wayne
A. Basch**



***I am with you
always***

MATTHEW 28:20

Welcome

Greetings and welcome to all! Families and friends, visitors from far and near are all welcomed in the name of Christ. Let us join with hearts and hands, bodies and spirits in worshiping the Creator of us all - with rejoicing!

Focusing on the Trinity

Christians are monotheists, meaning we believe in only one God. Yet we talk about the doctrine of the Trinity. In the church year, the Sunday after Pentecost is known as Trinity Sunday. It's a day for focusing on what theologians call the Triune God – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Someone said about the concept of the Trinity, “You will lose your soul if you don't believe it, and you will lose your mind if you try to explain it.”

The bottom line is this: God (one Person) has been revealed to mankind in three ways. He is our Creator, who then came to Earth as our Savior (in the person of Jesus) and is eternally present with us as the Holy Spirit.

On Trinity Sunday, we praise our Triune God for meeting all our needs.

Christian symbol

THREE INTERWOVEN CIRCLES—Each circle in this symbol represents one of the Persons of the Holy Trinity – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The circles, having no beginning and no end, signify the Trinity's eternal nature. The circles' interlacing symbolizes unity. In the center is a triangle, an ancient symbol of the Trinity.



GATHERING

The Prelude: "Sonata in C Major" Mozart

+The Opening Hymn: "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!"

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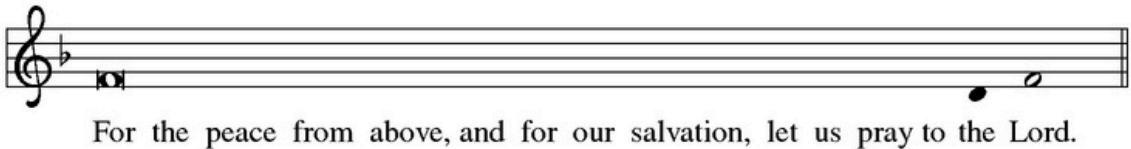
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

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The Service of Holy Communion - 8:30 am

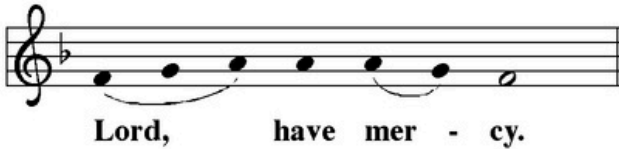
+ The Kyrie:



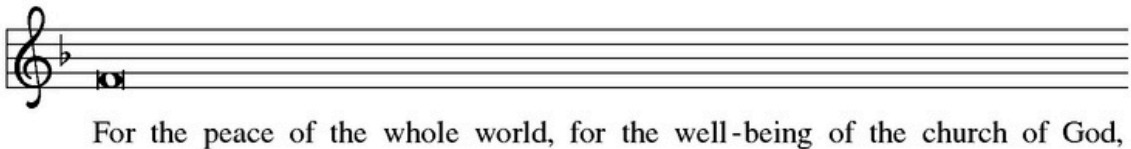
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



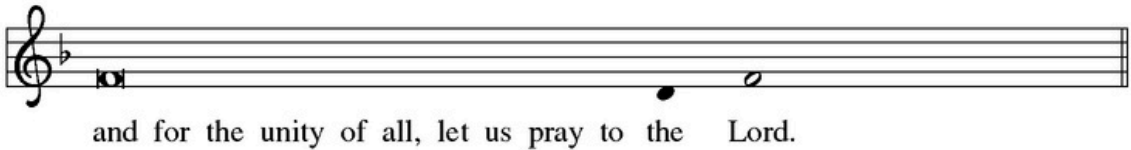
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



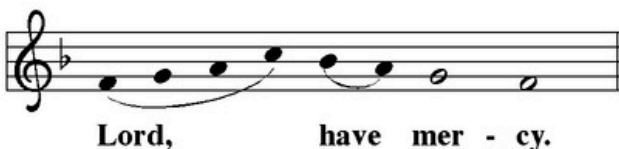
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



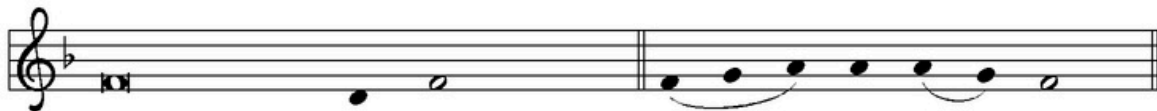
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

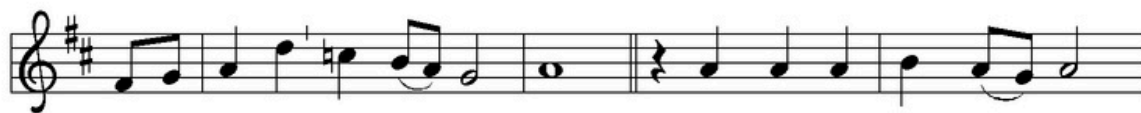


Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

+ The Canticle of Praise:



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. | Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



The Service of the Word - 10:00 am

+The Kyrie:

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, have mer - cy:

Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Christ, have mer - cy.**
Christ, . . . have mer - cy:

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, have mer - cy:

+The Canticle of Praise:

Refrain



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - migh - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

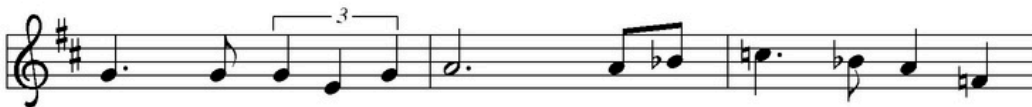
Sing Refrain



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Sing Refrain



3 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Final refrain



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on



earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



+ The Prayer of the Day

Almighty Creator and ever-living God, God with us: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. You have drawn near to us in love and made your dwelling among us. 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 with us, now and forever. Amen

WORD

+ The Readings for Trinity Sunday

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

[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.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

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."

L: This is the Word of God, the Word of life.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon: **"Immanuel - God With Us"**

+The Hymn of the Day: "HERE I AM, LORD"

No. 574

Moment of Appreciation



+The Prayers

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

A brief silence.

Holy God with us, we are in awe of your creative work. Continue that work in your church here and at our partner parish in Coronationville, making us a new creation that proclaims your presence and love. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Creator God with us, nature reveals your power and glory. Protect water sources, vegetation, and wildlife as reminders of who you are. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Redeemer God with us, you call us to pray for those in authority. Guide our leaders to pursue the work of fostering peace and community. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Sustaining God with us, 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 those experiencing hardship (*especially*). God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Gracious God with us, we pray for the children of our church and community. Provide for their needs. Support their caregivers. Nurture their faith. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Loving God with us, we give thanks for those who have died and claimed their baptismal promises (*especially*). Strengthen us to live as they did in communion with you. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

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

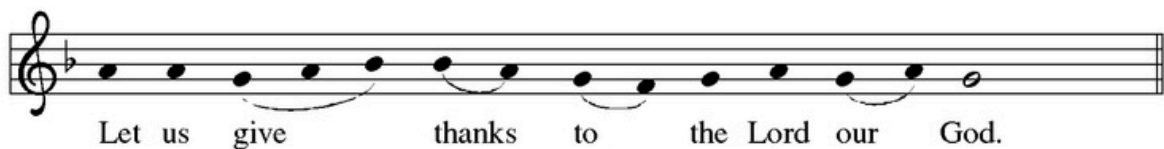
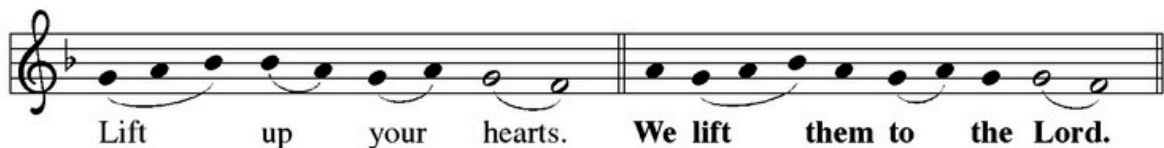
+ Sharing the Peace of Christ

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

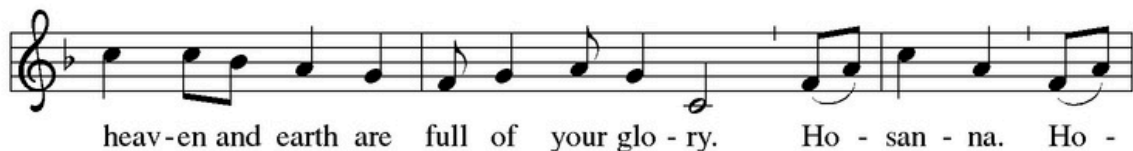
The Voluntary: "Sonata in D Major" Mozart

Service of Holy Communion - 8:30 am

MEAL



+The Preface is sung by the pastor.



san-na. 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.

+The Words of Institution are spoken by the pastor.

+The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION:

Please use this time for quiet reflection on the tremendous gifts of love and forgiveness that Jesus offers to all.

+ The Prayer after Communion

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Service of the Word - 10:00 am

+The Canticle of Thanksgiving:

Refrain



Sal - va-tion be-longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for -
ev - er and ev - er. | Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O
God of the u - ni - verse; just and true are your ways, O
Rul - er of all the na-tions. Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and
Refrain
sing the glo - ry of your name? Sal - va-tion be-longs to our

God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

2 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, and

bles - ed is the one whose name is the Word of God. All

Refrain
praise and thanks to you, ho - ly God! Sal - va - tion be - longs to our

God and to Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

- + The Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Word
- + The Lord's Prayer



SENDING

- +The Benediction
- +The Dismissal is spoken by the pastor.
- Response: **Thanks be to God**

+SENDING HYMN: "BLESSED ASSURANCE"

No. 638

The Postlude: "Alleluia" Mozart

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SERVING TODAY:

The Organist - *Beth Ridderhoff*

The Pianist - *Ellen Pearson*

The Reader - *Rich Jelinek*

The Acolytes - 8:30 - *Ellie Holben*

10:00 - *Ruby Gutierrez and Scarlett Gutierrez*



Today's chancel flowers are given by Brad Dinkmeyer in loving memory of his mother, Donna and by Judy Siwak in loving memory of her mother, Mary Emeritz. The flowers are also given by Bonnie Sweeney in loving memory of her husband, Bob and by the Newman, Puttkammer and Krueger families in loving memory of Michelle Newman.



Our Mission Statement

A caring fellowship of all God's people empowered by grace to proclaim the gospel and lovingly serve as Jesus teaches.

Our Vision Statement

Transforming lives by making the hope of God real through bold faith, service, outreach, discipleship and helping all people discover their God-given value.

Core Values

Encouraging each other in our lifelong journey of faith through our core values of:

- Drawing nearer to God*
- Prioritizing Love over Judgment*
- Practicing Grace*
- Welcoming All*
- Generously Serving*
- Fostering Community*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer worship hours have begun. These service times of 8:30 am and 10:00 am will continue through Labor Day weekend. Enjoy your summer and join us on Sundays!

Please consider signing up to help water the church's gardens. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board across from Pastor Chris' office; just pick a date that works for you. Many hands make for light work!

Save the Date! Deacon Picnics are coming! Picnics are scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, June 9 and 10 at 6:30 pm. Good food, great friendship and loads of fun! Sign up in the narthex or call the office to let us know if you are attending and if you prefer to bring a salad or a dessert. Hope to see you then!

Oops! There's an error on the July calendar. There is no "Cooking with Care" in July. Please correct your calendar at home. Sorry for the error!

Attention Acolytes! Don't forget to sign up to acolyte for the upcoming months. You can sign up online or on the bulletin board. Thank you for your help in worship!

VBS Registration has begun. Know your child's t-shirt size for registration. The fee is \$15 per child. Visit the table by the church office.

Planning for Rainforest Falls VBS is underway! We NEED volunteers to run a successful week of Vacation Bible School. Seeking Crew Assistants (completed 6th graders and up). Service hours can be earned. VBS is July 6-10.

If you would like to donate snack supplies for VBS, please see the snack board by the VBS Registration table near the church office. Thanks!

Please also help us gather empty paper towel and toilet paper cardboard tubes for a VBS craft. We need over 150, so please save them and bring them to Mrs. Lori's office.

If you would be willing to donate any of the following items for VBS, it would be greatly appreciated. Items include: pkgs. of baby wipes, rolls of clear packaging tape, zipper close baggies (snack and sandwich sizes), paper drink cold cups (8 or 9 oz. size) and paper napkins.

Summer Sunday school needs your help! Volunteer teachers are needed to share God's love with our children. Please stop by the bulletin board today to sign up for a Sunday or two.

It's Baseball time!! Make plans to join us on June 27 for a Windy City Thunderbolts Game in Crestwood. Tickets are \$5 each. There will be fireworks post-game, too!! Sign-Up sheet is on the bulletin board. Reserve your family's tickets by Sunday, June 14.



The calendar for the week of May 31

SUN	8:30 am 10:00 am	TRINITY SUNDAY Service of Holy Communion/ <i>Online Service</i> Service of the Word
MON	4:00 pm 8:00 pm	"Just a Quick Word" - YouTube/FB "Body & Soul"
WED	1:00 pm	Gamers
THU	9:00 pm	Prayer Walk
SUN	8:30 am 10:00 am 10:00 am	Service of Holy Communion/ <i>Online Service</i> Service of the Word Summer Sunday School

THIS WEEK ^{at} a GLANCE



GOD AND
BLESS GOOD
YOU LUCK
Immanuel

JOIN US FOR LUNCH IN THE LIFE CENTER
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
THE 10:00 AM SERVICE
AND WISH IMMANUEL WELL.

PRAYER LIST

Members of the Congregation

Ernie Neely	Judy Oster
Carole Peterson	Jim Srbeny
Myrna Brejcha	Bill Innocenti
Myrna Bronson	

Friends of the Congregation

Jon Schlange	Chuck Singleton
Robbie Blocker	Karunakaran Balraj
Dominic Moffo	Jason Dzlezic
Brecken Deneen	Roland Lyon
Margaert Kruse	Laura Nicholson
Christina Carroll	Bill Kimball
Dave Kosvick	Walter Smola
Jason Julien	Arlene Guard
Julius Ragel	Brian O'Connell
Adrienne Manley	Tom Elsner
Ron Warnke	Debra Casey
Craig Chismarick	Laura Reynolds
Marilyn Veselack	Ronald Held
Carol Margaret Miller	Joe Kaderabek
Jim Peele	Louise Sims
Unicy Karunakaran	Jason Randall Glugla
Ken Karlson	Tim Hennessey
Walter Kroll	Katy Peterman
Dorothy Koopman	Erin Olson
Trent Wiltshire	Dave Furtak
Gail Orris	Dale Koch
Dolores Wrzesinski	Maryanne Campbell
Kaylee Wynn	Alex Gersic
Andre Swanson	Silvia Guijarro
Sara Bogosh	

Please let us know if there is someone you need added or removed from the prayer list by contacting the church office by 9 am on Friday. Thank You!

Pictures may be taken at our service to use on our updated website. Please contact us if you desire we not use any photograph including your image.