



**May 31, 2026 – Trinity Sunday**

## **AS WE GATHER**

“To be baptized is to receive a new identity in communion with the Holy Trinity; it is to be joined together in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, to be identified with the body of Christ, to call upon God as Father, and to be coheirs with Christ of His glory. ... The Apostles’ and Nicene Creeds call us to confess that we are children of God who have received our ... identity from the Father through the Son in the Holy Spirit. This new, eternal identity not only has its origin in God but also bears a destiny in the glory of the world to come.” – James G. Bushur

Bushur, James G., “The Holy Trinity: The Genealogical Identity of the Church,” in *Luther’s Large Catechism with Annotations and Contemporary Applications*, (Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, MO, 2022), page 310.

## **WELCOME**

**HYMN**      *LSB 578, “Thy Strong Word,” stanzas 1-3*

## **INVOCATION AND CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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

**People:**      **Amen.**

**Pastor:**      Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**People:**      **who made heaven and earth.**

**Pastor:**      I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**People:**      **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**Pastor:**      We take a moment of silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

**Pastor:**      O almighty God, merciful Father,

**People:**      **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**Pastor:**      Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:**      **Amen.**

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

**Pastor:**      Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity. Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

**People:** I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Pastor: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

**People:** For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

Pastor: You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**All:** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity. Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

**HYMN** *LSB 578, "Thy Strong Word," stanzas 4-6*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

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. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

### **ATHANASIAN CREED (Selected Portions)**

Pastor: Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the Christian faith.

**People:** **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled, will without doubt perish eternally.**

Pastor: And the Christian 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, and the Holy Spirit uncreated;**

Pastor: the Father infinite, the Son infinite, and the Holy Spirit infinite;

**People:** **the Father eternal, the Son eternal, and the Holy Spirit eternal.**

Pastor: And yet there are not three Eternals but one Eternal,

**People:** **just as there are not three Uncreated nor three Infinities but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**

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

**People:** **and yet they are not three Almightyies but one Almighty.**

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

**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:** who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again from the dead,

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

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

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

**HYMN** LSB 507, "Holy, Holy, Holy," stanza 1

**HOMILY** "Who is God?"

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Genesis 1:1-5, 1:31, 2:1-3

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good. And God 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>31</sup> And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, 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 finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> 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.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**HYMN** LSB 507, "Holy, Holy, Holy," stanza 2

**HOMILY** "Who is God?"

**SECOND READING** Acts 2:14a, 22-36

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: ... <sup>22</sup> "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup> this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup> God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him, " 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; <sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. <sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' <sup>29</sup> "Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup> he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup> This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup> Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup> For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, " 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, <sup>35</sup>

until I make your enemies your footstool.” ’ <sup>36</sup> Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN** *LSB 507, “Holy, Holy, Holy,” stanza 3*

**HOMILY** *“Who is God?”*

**GOSPEL READING** *Matthew 28:16–20*

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

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

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

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HYMN** *LSB 507, “Holy, Holy, Holy,” stanza 4*

**HOMILY** *“Who is God?”*

**HYMN** *LSB 953, “We All Believe in One True God”*

**OFFERING**

**HYMN** *LSB 805, “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

**PRAYER**

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For ... let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**All: 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.**

**BLESSING**

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

People: Amen.

HYMN LSB 544, "O Love, How Deep"

### CLOSING

Pastor: Go in peace and serve your neighbor.

People: Thanks be to God!

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### Next Week's Readings: June 7, 2026 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 119:65-72

Hosea 5:15-6:6

Romans 4:13-25

Matthew 9:9-13



### ANNOUNCEMENTS for Week of May 31, 2026

Grace Lutheran Church 1120 S. Park Ave. Aurora, MO

Church: 417-678-3603 Pastor Daniel Heitshusen

Cell: 832-727-3135 [pastor@gracelutheranaurora.com](mailto:pastor@gracelutheranaurora.com)

Family for the Week: Matthew Miller & Homebound Families

Christ, Eldorado Springs - Rev. Johannes Brann

Prayers of Peace and Comfort:

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Prayers for Health and Healing:

### Complete Prayer List:

#### Temporary

Blazi & Jamie - (friends of Jaycee & Ty – health and healing from cancer)

Ardella - (health and healing)

Rebecca - (Kathy Holle's relative – health and healing from cancer)

Glenda - (Teri Ediger's step mother – health and healing)

Tammy Ardrey - (cousin of Kathy Holle – health and healing)

Bruce Banks – (friend of Teri Ediger)

Gladys Bauer – health and healing from procedure)

Becky – (daughter of Diane and Bill Thompson)

Jeannie Bennett – (relative of Teri Ediger – health and healing)

Rev. Johannes Brann – (health and healing/peace and comfort)

Rev. Brian and Jessica Chisamore – (health and healing for Jessica)

Treasa Bussey – (friend of Pam Bowling – (health and healing)

Joyce Campbell – (friend of Wanda Thompson–health and healing)

Teri Ediger – (health and healing from surgery)

Kyle and family – (grandson to Cathy Munden, son to Teri)

McGee family – (health and healing)

Bonny Gray – (sister of Cynthia Swoyer–Wolf)

Tessie Holle – (cousin of Kathy Holle)

Janet – (Darlene Lampe's son-in-law's mother)

Donnie Munden – (brother-in-law of Cathy Munden)

Bill Parsons – (Joanne Michel's brother – health and healing)

Suzanne Parsons – (friend of Sue Doss – health and healing)

Joe Pennington – (brother-in-law of Bill Michel – health and healing)

Rob Springer – (Health and healing from surgery)

Madison Swoyer - (Cindy Swoyer's granddaughter)

Tim Tucek– (relative of Gladys Bauer – peace and comfort)

Baby Vada - (Cathy Munden's great grandchild – health and healing)

Dayton Wheeler – (grandson of Wanda Thompson – surgery)

#### Long Term

Doug Bernard – (Cathy Munden's cousin – health and healing)

Jill Bode – (niece of Rachel Sanford – health & healing, cancer)

Pat Bricco – (friend of Grace – health and healing)

Kathy Browne – (friend of Kathy Holle – health and healing)

Mary Ann Campbell – (friend of Harold Lampe – peace and comfort)

Jackie Clark – (Micki Gettman's friend – healing from a broken-hip)

Dorthea Dennis – (health and healing)

Glenda Enlow – (health and healing)

Lois Gaddy – (friend of Gwen Lampe – health and healing)

Gary Gardner – (health and healing)

Betty Gordon – (health and healing)

Pastor Gary Griffin – (health & healing from cancer)

Pastor Hagen – (health and healing)

Zana Haley and baby Veda – (Cathy Munden's granddaughter)

Marybeth Lamp – (friend of Pam Bowling – health and healing)

Mitzie Lorenz – (friend of Harold Lampe – peace and comfort)

Jeeper Meyer – (health and healing from cancer)

Pat Michel – (Bill Michel's sister-in-law – health & healing)

Margaret Seburn – (cousin of Joanne Michel – health and healing)

LC Stalcup – (relative of Gladys Bauer – health and healing)

Ruth Stoddard – (health & healing)

Larry Swart – (friend of Bill Munden – health and healing from cancer)

Bill Thompson – (health and healing)

June Winger – (Sharon Barlow's mother – health & healing)

		WEEK
Sunday	May 31 <sup>th</sup>	Happy Half Hour, Bible Study – 9:00 am Fellowship – 9:30 am Service – 10:00 am Potluck Lunch after Service
Monday	June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Braille - 9:00 am & 1:00 pm LWML – 1:30 pm at Freistatt
Thursday	June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation - 5:30 pm
Friday	June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Pastor's Day Off
Saturday	June 6 <sup>th</sup>	City Wide Garage Sale - 7:00 am – 3:00 pm
Sunday	June 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am - Happy Half Hour, Bible Study 9:30 am - Fellowship 10:00 am – Service with Communion
Monday	June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Braille – 9:00 am & 1:00 pm

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**Birthdays:** June 5<sup>th</sup>-Scott Stafford  
**Anniversaries:** None

**Greeters**  
31: Charlie & Edee Chambers

May

**Ushers**  
31: Charlie Chambers

**Greeters**  
07: Stan & Sharon Crandall  
14: Charlie & Edee Chambers  
21: Bill & Joanne Michel  
28: Emily Ernest & Sue Doss

June

**Ushers**  
07: Bill Michel  
14: David Lampe  
21: Charlie Chambers  
28: Matthew Springer

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**Transportation Help Needed:** One of our shut-ins is in need of transportation help to and from her doctors' appointments. We would like to have a list of people who are willing to help. You would **not** be signing up to be a driver for every appointment. You would only be signing up to be on the list of individuals willing to be contacted, if needed. Please contact Pastor Heitshusen if you are willing to put your name in the list and/or if you have any questions.



**LWML will meet on June 1 at 1:30 pm in Trinity Chapel.** The program will be presented by Pam Wormington - "Dress a Girl Around the World". There will be no business meeting. Please join us.

### Outreach News and Updates

Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> – Aurora City Wide yard sale - If you have items to donate, please make sure they are priced. The lot will be open for members and to the public.

Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Annual Car and Truck Show. Are you crafty? Grace would like to sell your treasures. We will have a small booth, and we would love to sell a couple of your crafts for the benefit of the church. Questions? See or call Bernie (Phone 417-838-2022)