

# Holy TRINITY SUNDAY



BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH  
PASTOR CALVIN KONOP, PRESIDING  
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10:00 AM-MAY 31, 2026-SETTING 4

*Belonging to Christ, Sharing Christ on the North Shore & Beyond!*

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## INTRODUCTION

Though the word *trinity* is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

## PRELUDE

**Karina Roth**

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG: *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* ELW 414**

## **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.**

## **KYRIE**

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## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

*This is the Feast*

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

On the way up the aisles, the children will be collecting “Noisy Change” for the “Holy Cow” fund, which will support ELCA World Hunger.

## **WORD**

**GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE READING, PREACHING, AND SONG**

### **FIRST READING**

**Genesis 1:1—2:4a**

<sup>1</sup> When God began to create the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup> the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> Then 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>6</sup> And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” <sup>7</sup> So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup> God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup> And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry

land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.<sup>11</sup> Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so.<sup>12</sup> The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. 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 dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years,<sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so.<sup>16</sup> God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars.<sup>17</sup> God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth,<sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the 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 waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.”<sup>21</sup> So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good.<sup>22</sup> God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply 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 earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so.<sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

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

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them, 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 air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”<sup>29</sup> God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food.<sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air 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.<sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2:1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup> On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4a</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

## Psalm 8

<sup>1</sup> O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

<sup>2</sup> **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

<sup>4</sup> **what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings** that you should care for them?

<sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

<sup>6</sup> You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:

<sup>7</sup> all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup> **the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

<sup>9</sup> O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## SECOND READING

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 13:11-13

[Paul writes:] <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia*

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The holy gospel according to St. Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 28:16-20**

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they 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> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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

**SERMON**

**Pastor Calvin Konop**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*The Play of the Godhead*

**ACS 946**

**CYF VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION**

Congregational response: **Lead us in your truth, O God.**

**SHARING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived  
by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated  
at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living  
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of  
saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life  
everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world. (*A brief silence.*)

Holy God, we are in awe of your creative work. Continue that work in your church, making us a new creation that proclaims your presence and love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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

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

Sustaining God, 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 any experiencing hardship *especially for Kamryn, Ed, Linda, Lynn, Luke, Sarah, Katrina, Carolyn and Nancy*. We pray now for those we name aloud, or in the silence of our hearts. *(A time of silence)*. We pray for all those dealing with issues of mental health or addiction. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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

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

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

## MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING      *Womb of Life and Source of Being*      ACS 948

### OFFERING PRAYER

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 to you, almighty and merciful God. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Almighty God, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

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# THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 COMMUNION

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast! All are welcome!

*Bethlehem Lutheran Church believes in the real presence of Christ in Holy Communion, and we practice eucharistic hospitality. All persons, whether visiting or a member, are welcomed to Communion. (Offered in these sacraments are wine or apple juice; and regular or gluten-free wafers.)*

### COMMUNION MUSIC

*Lamb of God*

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*Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*

ELW 735

### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in grace unto everlasting life. Amen.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

## SENDING

God BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD

### BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✚ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. Amen.

SENDING HYMN *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty* ELW 413

### DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

### POSTLUDE

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### This Week at Bethlehem:

Sun May 31	8:40 AM	Choir practice
	10:00 AM	<b>Worship Service</b>
Tues June 2	8:30 AM	Staff Meeting
Wed June 3	8:00 AM	Church in Society Zoom meeting
	12:30 PM	Text Study
Thurs Jun 4	8:00 AM	Bible Study
	9:00 AM	Quilting
Fri June 5	-----	Clarity Hearing
Sat June 6	11:00 AM	Joan Bieber Memorial service
Sun Jun 7	8:40 AM	Choir practice
	10:00 AM	<b>Worship Service &amp; Sunday School</b>
	11:00 AM	Church Picnic
	2:00 PM	Grad party for Martina - Jacobsen's



### We pray for healing for these members & friends:

Linda Zenk, Kamryn Johnson, Stacey Johnson, Lynn Schulte, Clayton & Nancy Koss, Lois Johnson, Butch & Rhonda Schulte, Luke Gulstrand, Sarah Coe, Phyllis Olson, Paulina Backstrom, Shae Lindholm, Char Anderson, Stacey Schulte, Hank Ferland, Margaret Dahl, Katrina Crouse, Karen Shannon, Tom Christiansen

### This week we lift up these members:

Duane & Joan Ege; Gene Erickson; Brent & Marja Erickson; Lois Eynck; Chad, Heather, Hunter & Logan Smith. May God walk with these friends in their faithful journey.

**The memorial service for Joan Bieber** will be held on Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> @ 11am. Family visitation at 10 am. *“Mom didn’t wear black. So feel free to wear color” - Denise*

“Super Hero Training” Vacation Bible School will be **July 13-17, 2026**. 9 am to noon for K-5th grade students. \$15/student if registered by June 30; \$25/ student for registrations after 6/30. Scholarships available. More to come.

### Reconciling in Christ Celebration Service

On Sunday, June 7th, we’ll be having a service celebrating becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation. Please join us, invite your family and friends and neighbors, and celebrate being an open, affirming, and inclusive church. All are invited to join us for a picnic after service (please bring a side to share).

### Fisherman’s Picnic Worship

Bethlehem has been asked to lead worship at Fisherman's Picnic on Sunday, August 2nd. We will host worship at Harbor Park **in place of** worship at Bethlehem. Coffee An’ will also be served at Harbor Park. More information to come.