

 GRACE LUTHERAN
CHURCH • SCHOOL



God's Character

May 31	God Is Our Creator
June 7	God Knows Everything
June 14	God Is Our Safe Place
June 21	God Is Love
June 28	God Is Forever

TRINITY SUNDAY
SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026 - 5:00 PM

(The * indicates when the congregation is to stand.)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

People: **Amen.**

Leader: In this time of worship, let us humbly bow before our good and gracious God and confess our need for Him.

(Please kneel or be seated for confession)

Leader: O Good and gracious God,

People: **We confess that *without* You, we would be captive to sin and unable to free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, be good to us, and lead us to walk in Your ways. Amen.**

Leader: Friends in Christ, God is good all the time. In the goodness and mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for His sake, God forgives you all of your sins. As a servant of the Word and by Christ's authority, I therefore declare to You the entire forgiveness of all Your sins, in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us arise and greet one another saying: "God is Good!"

*OPENING HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Hymn 507

*SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR THE SEASON

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord, in Your Word You tell us that You are "*The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet You do not leave the guilty unpunished.*" (Ex. 34:6-7)

People: **We give You thanks for showing Your love to us in Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Move in our hearts, that Christ's compassion and grace would be displayed in our lives and shown in our character, for His Name's sake. Amen.**

THE VERSE OF THE DAY

Psalm 103:22

Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 1:1-5, 24-31

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The 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. ³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day... ²⁴And 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. ²⁵And 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. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶Then 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." ²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸And 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 heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." ²⁹And 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. ³⁰And 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. ³¹And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 3:1-4

¹Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ²who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. ³For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. ⁴(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:1-5, 9-13

Pastor: The Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

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

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it... ⁹The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*SERMON HYMN

“Earth and All Stars” (vv. 1-3, 6-7)

Hymn 817

THE SERMON

“God Is Our Creator”

*THE CONFESSION OF FAITH - ATHANASIAN CREED (in part)

(Early in the fourth century, a north African pastor named Arius began teaching that Jesus Christ was not truly God. The Church responded decisively in AD 325 with a statement of faith (The Nicene Creed), which confessed that Jesus is, in fact, true God. Toward the end of the fifth century, another creed was written that delved further into the mystery of the Trinity. Though attributed to Athanasius, a fourth-century opponent of Arius, this anonymous creed clearly came at a later stage in the debate. The Athanasian Creed declares that its teachings concerning the Holy Trinity and our Lord’s incarnation are “the catholic faith.” In other words, this is what the true Church of all times and all places has confessed. More than fifteen centuries later, the Church continues to confess this truth, confident that the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, has given Himself for our salvation.) (LSB p. 319)

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: So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God;

People: **and yet there are not three Gods but one God.**

Pastor: The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone. 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 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: Equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

People: Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again from the dead,

Pastor: 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.

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.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,
People: Hear our prayer.

***PREFACE**

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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.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

*SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
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.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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.

*AGNUS DEI

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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.

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MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

Hymn 940

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

**All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice with us and sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One;
Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**O ev'ryone of tender heart, Forgiving others, take your part,
Oh, praise Him! Alleluia!**

**All you who pain and sorrow bear, Praise God and lay on Him your care.
Oh, praise Him! Oh, praise Him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**All praise to God the Father be, All praise, eternal Son, to Thee.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Whom with the Spirit we adore Forever and forevermore:
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

*PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS AND CONSECRATION FOR THE LORD'S WORK

*THE BENEDICTION *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

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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.

***SENDING HYMN** “We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God”

Hymn 941

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Finale on “We Praise You and Acknowledge You”

Jeffrey Blersch

WORSHIP SERVICE LEADERS

SATURDAY, 5:00 PM

Preacher

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Lector

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