



*God is Triune*  
*Holy Trinity Sunday*

**PEACE**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Houghton, Michigan  
Sunday, June 14, 2026

## **Welcome to Worship**

God's grace welcomes you, and so do we — the pastor and members of Peace! Jesus Christ is the only Savior of all people. By his perfect life, innocent death and triumphant resurrection, Jesus saves all sinners. We learn these truths from the Bible — God's complete plan for our salvation and his guidebook for our lives. Peace greets you with a warm welcome. We look forward to seeing you again soon!

## **About Our Service**

The gospel (or good news) is not just information about what Jesus did to save sinners. It is also the power God uses to work faith in our hearts, transform our lives, and give us lasting peace. Therefore, Lutheran Worship places the gospel in central focus in an order of service called the liturgy. In the message and meal (Holy Communion), in specially selected Scripture readings, and in carefully crafted songs, prayers, and creeds, the liturgy proclaims the good news about Jesus from start to finish. Lutheran worship is also designed to include the participation of the entire assembly (including children). For your ease and convenience, the order of service is printed out on the following pages. If a song is not found in this service folder, it can be found in the red or blue hymnals located on the chair in front of you.

## **Current Worship Series: Say it Out Loud**

**June 14: (Holy Trinity) God is Triune**

June 21: God Loves Sinners

June 28: Jesus Leads Us

July 5: Keep the Faith

July 12: Love God Above All

## **Today's Focus: *God is Triune (Holy Trinity Sunday)***

We believe in the triune God. He is the only true God. The festival of the Holy Trinity is a time to celebrate God revealing himself to us as one God in three persons. The triune God wants his people to teach this mystery in its biblical truth and purity. This festival of the Holy Trinity begins the second half of the Church Year with a proclamation of people being baptized and blessed in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, the only true God.

### **Service Participants:**

Computer Organ: Cody Stopel

Pastor of Peace: Pastor Welch



# THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR

## *Trinity Sunday*

The name of the triune God and the sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.

*Please stand*

### **Invocation**

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### **Dialogue for Holy Trinity Sunday**

Blessed are you who by speaking created all things;

**Blessed are you, O Lord!**

### **Hymn**

*Oh That I Had a Thousand Voices st. 1*

I Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es  
To praise my God with thou - sand tongues!  
My heart, which in the Lord re - joic - es,  
Would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs

To all, wher - ev - er I might be,  
 What great things God has done for me.

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Blessed are you who maintains all of creation;  
 Blessed are you whose word is deed, whose decrees are fulfillments;

**Blessed are you, O Father!**

## Hymn

*Oh That I Had a Thousand Voices st. 2*

2 Dear Fa - ther, end - less praise I ren - der  
 For soul and bod - y, no - bly joined;  
 I praise you, Guard - ian kind and ten - der,  
 For all the dai - ly joys I find  
 So rich - ly spread on ev - 'ry side  
 And free - ly for my use sup - plied.

Blessed are you who has compassion on all people.  
To you, O Son of God, we confess our sins.

*Silence for confession*

In you, we have forgiveness.  
Blessed are you, our Savior and Lord;

**Blessed are you, O Christ!**

## Hymn

*Oh That I Had a Thousand Voices st. 3*

3 I praise you, Sav - ior, whose com - pas - sion  
Has brought you down to ran - som me.  
Your pit - ying heart sought my sal - va - tion;  
You bore the cross tri - um - phant - ly,  
Brought me from bond - age full re - lease,  
Made me your own, and gave me peace.

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Blessed are you who richly blesses all who serve you;  
Blessed are you who lives forever and exists from all eternity;

**Blessed are you, O Spirit of God!**

## Hymn

*Oh That I Had a Thousand Voices st. 4*



4 Glo - ry and praise, still on - ward reach - ing,  
Be yours, O Spir - it of all grace,  
Whose ho - ly pow'r and faith - ful teach - ing  
Give me a - mong your saints a place.  
What - ev - er good by me is done  
Is worked by grace di - vine a - lone.

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Blessed are you, O Lord, our God; we your people glorify you and worship  
in the mystery of the most high and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**Blessed is God's holy name!**

## Hymn

*Oh That I Had a Thousand Voices st. 5*

5 Shall I not then be filled with glad - ness?  
Shall I not praise you ev - er - more  
And tri - umph o - ver fear and sad - ness,  
Al - though my cup of woe runs o'er?  
Though heav'n and earth shall dis - ap - pear,  
Your end - less love is ev - er near.

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ, in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true, immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

# The Word

## First Reading

Genesis 1:1–2:3



The triune God demonstrates his power at creation.

**1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2** Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

**3** And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. **4** God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

**5** God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

**6** And God said, “Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water.” **7** So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. **8** God called the vault “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day.

**9** And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. **10** God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good.

**11** Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. **12** The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. **13** And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day.

**14** And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, **15** and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. **16** God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. **17** God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, **18** to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. **19** And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” <sup>21</sup> So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>22</sup> God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase 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 land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

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

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

<sup>29</sup> Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. <sup>30</sup> And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

<sup>31</sup> God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array.

<sup>2</sup> By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. <sup>3</sup> Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Lesson

### Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-14

<sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

<sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. <sup>13</sup> All God's people here send their greetings.

<sup>14</sup> May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

By sharing his  
grace, love,  
and  
fellowship,  
the triune  
God gives us  
unity and  
peace.

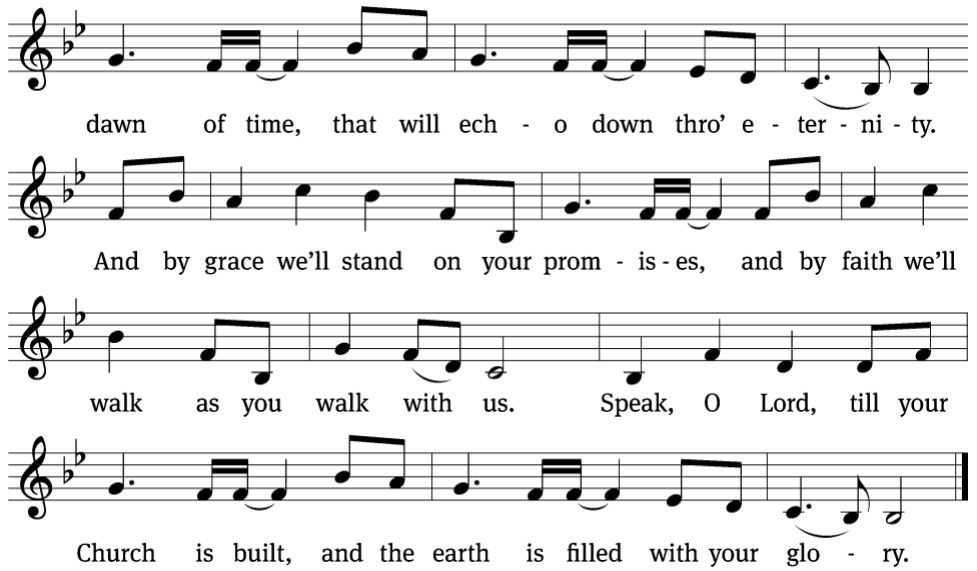
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

### Verse of the Day

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.

3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds, help us grasp the heights  
of your plans for us, truths un - changed from the



dawn of time, that will ech - o down thro' e - ter - ni - ty.

And by grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es, and by faith we'll

walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your

Church is built, and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

## Gospel

*Matthew 28:16-20*

Jesus calls us  
to do ministry  
in the name of  
the Father,  
Son, and Holy  
Spirit.

<sup>16</sup>Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Therefore go 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 I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

# Hymn of the Day

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name* sts. 1, 3-5



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of  
3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your  
4 You are King of glo - ry, Christ, Son of  
5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly



all, we bow be - fore you. All on  
sa - cred name they hal - low; proph - ets  
God, yet born of Mar - y, for us  
Spir - it, three we name you, though in



earth your scep - ter claim; all in heav'n a -  
swell the glad re - frain, and the white - robed  
sin - ners sac - ri - ficed, on the cross our  
es - sence on - ly one, un - di - vid - ed



bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your vast do -  
mar - tyrs fol - low, and from morn to set of  
sins did car - ry; first to break the bars of  
God we claim you, and, a - dor - ing, bend the



main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
sun through the Church the song goes on.  
death, you have o - pened heav'n to faith.  
knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

## Sermon

2 Corinthians 13:11-14

This creed is named after St. Athanasius, a staunch defender of the Christian faith in the fourth century. It was prepared to assist the Church in combating two errors that undermined biblical teaching. One error denied that God's Son and the Holy Spirit are of one being or Godhead with the Father. The other error denied that Jesus Christ is true God and true man in one person. The Athanasian Creed continues to serve the Christian Church as a standard of the truth. It declares that whoever rejects the doctrine of the Trinity and the doctrine of Christ is without the saving faith. This morning we confess part of the creed that is devoted to the Holy Trinity.

## Athanasian Creed

Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith.

Now this is the true Christian faith:

**We worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.**

For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct, **but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.**

What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.

**The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**

**the Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite; the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;**

yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal, **just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite, but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.**

in the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty;

**yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.**

So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; **yet they are not three Gods, but one God.**

So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord; **yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.**

For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord,  
**so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.**

The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.  
The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.  
The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
**So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.**

And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior;  
**but all three persons are coequal and coeternal,**

so that in every way, as stated before, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.  
**Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.**

## **Offering**

*The members of Peace have joined together in the grace of giving (2 Corinthians 8:7) to do the Lord's work of sharing the message of Jesus. Visitors need not feel obligated. You are our guests!*

*Kindly fill out one of our Connection Cards. You may place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher.*

## **Prayer of the Church**

Please stand.

Triune God, you are the one eternal God, whose name we praise forever. We would not have known you if you had not revealed yourself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three persons, yet one God. Remove from us all doubt and grant us humble faith as we contemplate this high and holy mystery.

**Enlighten and empower us to worship you as the triune God, the holy Trinity.**

God our Father, whatever good is in us, whatever good things we have, and whatever good we do comes from you alone. In you we live and move and have our being.

**Open our eyes to see the gifts you provide every day purely out of your own love and care.**

Lord Jesus our Savior, you came into our world to make the Father known to us. You joined yourself to us by taking on our humanity and brought us back to God by shedding your blood. In love you walked the way of suffering and carried the wrath of God that we deserved because of our sins. Help us believe that all you did and all you endured you did to rescue us and set us free.

**In the bright new hope of your resurrection teach us to offer our lives in praise to God and love to our neighbor.**

Creator Spirit, you breathed into us new life by the power of the gospel, opened our eyes to see the light of your grace, and filled our minds with the clear sound of your voice. Through Word and sacrament lead us to understand more completely how broad and deep and high is the love of God in Christ Jesus. Firm up our resolve to do battle with Satan and sin.

**In every weakness be our strength, that we may show ourselves to be God's children: faithful in prayer, constant in hope, and fervent in love.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Holy Trinity, you are the God of glory, the God of grace, and the God of all comfort.

**We rejoice to call you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and praise your holy name forever. Amen.**

## **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.**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Numbers 6:22*

# Hymn

Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me;  
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.  
I the Lord will smile up - on you and give you peace;



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here his ten - der com - fort  
I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and



ev - er. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.  
glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
stilled you. Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.  
Broth - er. Go, my chil - dren; I will keep you and give you peace.

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# Announcements

## Foundations of Faith

Foundations is for everyone: people interested in becoming members, those looking to build their faith, or the curious observer who wants to study the Bible without feeling obligated to join a church. This study is Bible-based and discussion-centered. Classes can be arranged to fit personal schedules

To get plugged in or to request more information, contact Pastor Welch (pastor@peacehoughton.org). Childcare is available upon request.

## Online Offering Option

If you would like to give an online offering today, please scan the QR code. All online donations are safe and go directly to Peace.



## Volunteer Schedule

Date	Usher	Counter	Computer	Snacks
June 14	Cody	Steve	Mary Ann	Karin
June 21	Steve	Cody	Mary Ann	Amy Spahn
June 28	Cody	Scott	Mary Ann	Heather
July 5	Steve	Craig	Mary Ann	Sarah

## Congregational Meeting Today After Worship

After worship today, there will be a congregational meeting. There are three major items to discuss and vote on. 1) The building project update/the hiring of an architectural firm, 2) the 2026-2027 budget, and 3) the new administrative assistant position. All congregational meetings are important, but this one is one you do not want to miss. What we decide in this meeting will influence the work of our church for many years to come.

## **New Administrative Assistant Position**

As mentioned above, Peace is looking to hire an administrative assistant. This position is pending the approval of the budget at the congregational meeting on June 14. More details about this position will come later, but for now, you can know that this person will be responsible for many of the day-to-day tasks that help our church run effectively. If you are interested in learning more, please speak to Pastor Welch.

## **New June Bible Study Format**

Currently, all adults are invited to join our Sunday morning Bible study at 9:00 AM.

**Special June Women's Fellowship Hour:** Beginning June 7 through June 28, we're introducing a new Women's Fellowship Hour that will temporarily replace our regular Sunday Bible study format.

**Women and Children:** Join us at the parsonage for a short devotion, snacks, and meaningful fellowship while the children play. This special time is designed for all women in our congregation—whether you have children or not, you're welcome! Just walk past the campus house and follow the path to the parsonage.

**Men:** During the Women's Fellowship Hour, men will gather in the fellowship hall for a men's Bible study.

This four-week program offers a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our friendships while providing focused fellowship time for both men and women. Mark your calendars and plan to join us!

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