



Holy Trinity Sunday

Eucharist

Sunday, May 31, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

CENTRAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Exploring the promise of God for all

You are welcome. No exceptions.

Central Lutheran Church experiences God's expansive love and strives to share it abundantly. We affirm all people without regard to age, race, biological sex, housing status, ethnicity, sexual orientation, immigration, refugee or migration status, gender identity or expression, socioeconomic status, and physical or mental health or ability. All are a part of God's family, created in God's image.

We strive to practice radical hospitality with all people and work toward racial equity. Everyone is invited to immerse themselves in the life of this community of faith as we explore the promise of God for all.

Worship



Bold print indicates responses spoken by all.



Congregational hymns are found printed in this bulletin or in the red hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW).



You are encouraged to listen to your body and stand or remain seated at any point in the service.



Masks are welcome, but not required.



Children are welcome and celebrated in worship. Each Sunday there are Children's Bags at each of the ushers' tables at the entrances to the sanctuary. Inside each bag is a worship activity and snack. Many families sit near the children's tables next to the baptismal font, but you are welcome to sit anywhere in the sanctuary that is comfortable to you.



All are welcome to receive communion at Central. At the ushers' invitation, you will proceed toward the altar where there are regular and gluten-free wafers served with wine or grape juice. Your server will offer bread and wine for all, including children. If you prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, please let your server know.



Offering can be made online using the QR code in the bulletin or left in the offering plates just outside the sanctuary doors.

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Welcome to worship at Central Lutheran Church. As you arrive for worship, you are invited to prepare your hearts and minds while listening to the prelude before the service begins today.



The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on this first day of the week.

PRELUDE

Partita on “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Piet Post

(At the sound of the bell, please stand and face the font.)

Gathering

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

We begin as we live, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus’ wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for water everywhere. In our shared community, we give thanks for the Mississippi, Minnesota and St. Croix; for Minnehaha, Basset, Browns, Nine Mile and Rice Creeks and these shared watersheds.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!”

Hymn 413

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Leader sings verse one, all sing verses 2 and 3



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

We turn our hearts to God: Creator of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

Word

FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1--2:3

First this: God created the Heavens and Earth—all you see, all you don't see. Earth was a soup of nothingness, a bottomless emptiness. God's Spirit brooded like a bird above the watery abyss.

God spoke: "Light!" And light appeared. God saw that light was good and separated Day and Night. It was evening, it was morning—Day One.

God spoke: "Sky! In the middle of the waters; separate water from



*God speaks to us in
scripture reading,
preaching, and song.*

*This reading is adapted
from The Message Bible
by Eugene Peterson.*

water!” God made sky. God separated the water under sky from the water above sky.

And there it was: God named sky the Heavens; It was evening, it was morning— Day Two.

God spoke: “Separate! Water-beneath-Heaven, gather into one place; Land, appear!” And there it was. God named the land Earth. God named the pooled water Ocean. God saw that it was good.

God spoke: “Earth, green up! Grow all varieties of seed-bearing plants, every sort of fruit-bearing tree.” And there it was. Earth produced green seed-bearing plants, all varieties, and fruit-bearing trees of all sorts. God saw that it was good. It was evening, it was morning—Day Three.

God spoke: “Lights! Come out! Shine in Heaven’s sky! Separate Day from Night. Mark seasons and days and years, lights in Heaven’s sky to give light to Earth.” And there it was. God made two big lights, the larger to take charge of Day, the smaller to be in charge of Night; and God made the stars. God placed them in the heavenly sky to light up Earth and oversee Day and Night, to separate light and dark. God saw that it was good. It was evening, it was morning— Day Four.

God spoke: “Swarm, Ocean, with fish and all sea life! Birds, fly through the sky over Earth!” God created the huge whales, all the swarm of life in the waters, and every kind and species of flying birds.

It was evening, it was morning— Day Five.

God spoke: “Earth, generate life! Every sort and kind: cattle and reptiles and wild animals—all kinds.” And there it was: wild animals of every kind, every sort of reptile and bug. God saw that it was good.

God spoke: “Let us make human beings in our image, make them reflect our nature so they can be responsible for the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the cattle, and, yes, Earth itself, and every animal that moves on the face of Earth.”

God created human beings; God created them godlike, reflecting God’s nature. God created them from male to female.

God blessed them.

“Prosper! Live, enjoy and fill the earth! Take charge! Be responsible for fish in the sea and birds in the air, for every living thing that moves on the face of Earth.”

Then God said, “I give, I provide, I sustain.” And there it was. God looked over everything God had made; it was so good, so very good! It was evening, it was morning— Day Six.

Heaven and Earth were finished, down to the last detail. By the seventh day God had finished this work. On the seventh day God rested from all this work.

God blessed the seventh day. God made it a Holy Day because on that day God rested from this work, all the creating God had done.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



(Please stand)

GOSPEL HYMN

Hymn 735

“Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth”

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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.”

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

(Please be seated)

SERMON

(Please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hymn 673

“God, Whose Almighty Word”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

Each petition concludes:

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.**

PEACE

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

(Please be seated)

MUSICAL OFFERING



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financial offering.*



God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Meal

(Please stand)

PRESENTATION HYMN
“God Extends an Invitation”

Hymn 486

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.

It is indeed right...and join in their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe...
...Praise to you, blessed and holy Trinity, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

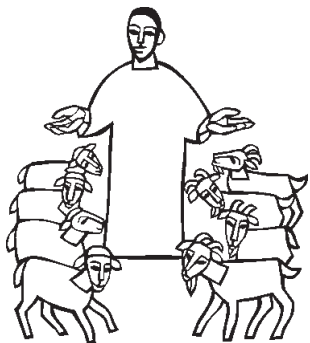
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

*All are invited to receive these
gifts of God.*

*Children are welcome to
come forward and receive
communion or a blessing.*



*God blesses us and sends
us for shared mission in
our shared world.*

COMMUNION

(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever. **Amen.**

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

Sending

BENEDICTION

The peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and your minds
in † Christ Jesus.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Earth and All Stars”

Hymn 731
Stanzas 1, 4, and 5

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune in A”

David N. Johnson

Serving Today

Pastor Peter Nycklemoe	<i>preacher</i>
Pastor Stephanie Friesen	<i>presider</i>
Pastor Melissa Pohlman	<i>hospitality</i>
Sara Masters	<i>assisting/reading</i>
Michael Acuña Dee	<i>crucifer</i>
JoAnna Johnson	<i>soloist</i>
Gregory Peterson	<i>organist</i>
Mark Kieffer	<i>video/sound</i>

Thanks to:

Sacristans, Usher, Hospitality, and Décor Ministry Teams.

Chancel flowers this week are given by Jan and Dave Erickson-Pearson in celebration of their 50th anniversary on May 28.

Chancel flowers are also given by Pastor Brian Gutzmann in thanksgiving for the 50th anniversary of Bob Johnson's ordination to the priesthood.

If you wish to donate flowers, please contact Judy Korogi at 612-788-1288 or receptionist@centralmpls.org.

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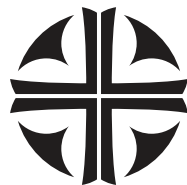
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Piper Arcand (Mounds View High School), Hannah Brenke (Wayzata High School), Lucy Blechert (Irondale High School), Sara Pearl Kabat (Breck High School), Ingrid Lyle (Eastview High School), Elizabeth Shirilla (Central High School), Carrie Surla (De La Salle High School), Morgan Williams (Franklin Academy), Evelyn Anderson (Sweet Briar College), Anna Heilsberg (Luther College), Edwin Mizen (Northwestern University), and Karl Nycklemoe (SUNY Stony Brook).



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