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**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR
HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY
SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING**

OPENING HYMN.....PAGE 905

“COME THOU ALMIGHTY KING” *STAND ON LAST VERSE*

OPENING VERSICLES.....PAGE 260

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C **Teach me Your paths.**

L Sanctify us in Your truth.

C **Your Word is truth.**

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

C **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.**

OLD TESTAMENT HYMN.....PAGE 528

“OH, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING” (*VERSES 1-4*)

OLD TESTAMENT READING – GENESIS 1-2:4A

L The Old Testament reading is from the first and second chapters of Genesis.

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. ⁶And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. ⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together He called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. ¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. ²⁰And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." ²¹So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth 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. ¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ²And 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. ³So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all His work that He had done in creation. ⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE -- ACTS 2:14A, 22-36

L The Epistle reading is from the second chapter of Acts.

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . . ²²“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—²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised Him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for Him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning Him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for He is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷For You will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let Your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; You will make me full of gladness with Your presence.’ ²⁹“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. ³⁰Being 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, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being 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. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the

heavens, but he himself says, “The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, ³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.’ ³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL – MATTHEW 28:16-20

✠L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-eighth chapter.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw Him they worshiped Him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

✠RESPONSORY PAGE 263

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

✠THE TEN COMMANDMENTS PAGE 264

C You shall have no other gods.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

C Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.

And the catholic faith is this,

that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.

For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.

Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.

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

just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.

In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty; and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.

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

and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.

The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.

The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.

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

And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;

but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:

perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh; equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:

one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;

one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ, who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,

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

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

And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER PAGE 264

HYMN OF THE DAY PAGE 840

"CHRIST HIGH-ASCENDED NOW IN GLORY SEATED"

THE SERMON

OFFERING

✠ PRAYER PAGE 265

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, and for Pastor Simon as he makes his plans for when he joins us at Trinity as our new pastor, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

✠ **COLLECT OF THE DAY** PAGE 265

L 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.

C **Amen.**

✠ **COLLECT FOR THE WORD** PAGE 265

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

✠ **MORNING PRAYER** PAGE 266

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

THE NEW TESTAMENT HYMN PAGE 484

“MAKE SONGS OF JOY” (STAND ON VERSE 6)

✠ **BLESSING** PAGE 267

L Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN PAGE 923

“ALMIGHTY FATHER, BLESS THE WORD”

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NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS: Psalm 119:65-72; Hosea 5:15-6:6; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13



Trinity Stewardship Ministry

We demonstrate God's Grace at work within us as we do His will by serving him through serving others.

“So then, as we have opportunity let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith” (Galatians 6:10).

Lola Ableidinger, Stewardship Chair

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SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026 THROUGH SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	<i>Holy Trinity Sunday</i>
	10:15 A.M.	<i>Christian Education Hour</i>
TUESDAY	9:30 A.M.	<i>Divine Worship</i>
WEDNESDAY	10:30 A.M.	Ruth Bible Study
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	TOPS Meeting
	10:15 A.M.	<i>Christian Education Hour</i>
		<i>Divine Worship/Communion</i>

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by Dick & Jan Dommers in celebration of their 64th wedding anniversary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPRING CLEANING! We are planning a spring clean up day for June 6th. There is a list of cleaning projects posted in the narthex. Sign up for a project (you can sign up with a friend if you would like)! We will meet June 6 to work on our projects but if you aren't available on the 6th feel free to do your project anytime during the week before June 6. Let Norbert Sanchez know if you need any cleaning supplies by May 31 and he will make sure we have them available. Talk to Cindi or Stacy if you have any questions.

LIGHTS & COOLING UNITS: The lights and cooling units in some parts of the church are being left on by whoever turned them on. If you have turned on the lights or cooling units, **please make sure that everything is turned off again before you leave the church building.** The thermostats are set on a schedule according when different events are scheduled to lower the use of the cooling units to help save on monthly operating costs.

THE MISSION FOR MAY AND JUNE: Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute, El Paso (LHMI) - From their website at: <http://www.missionaryinstitute.org/> "The central purpose and role of the LHMI is expressed by the following mission statement: The mission of the Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute is training workers to multiply healthy Hispanic Ministries.

WE COMMIT TO:

- TRAIN...men and women as missionaries for service as evangelists, deacons/deaconesses with a spirit of humble obedience (Philippians 2:5-8), sowing the seed of the Gospel among Hispanics.
- PARTNER...with individuals, congregations, and other Lutheran organizations to extend outreach to Hispanics.
- NURTURE...new workers and ministries in response to His Great Commandment (Mt. 22:37-40)"

LWML RUMMAGE SALE: We are collecting rummage for our annual Rummage Sale. Please place your rummage in the center Sunday School Room, the other two rooms are used for Children's Sunday School Classes. The East Shed is also available for storage of rummage. The shed key is available through Jan Thede during office hours 575-437-1482 or call Nora Sotak 575-439-7524, or Norbert Sanchez 575-921-2239.

TRACT OF THE MONTH: What about Confession and Absolution? Are we poor, miserable sinners? What is Confession? What sins should we confess? By What authority does the church forgive sins? What do you believe according to the promise of God? Is confession and absolution a Sacrament? What is private absolution and what is its benefit? **These questions, are answered by Dr. A. L. Barry, former President of The LCMS.** Pick one up on the spinning rack in the Narthex.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM850 & KFUE.org: Tune in for a brand-new series on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT)! This week marks the start of "The Reign of Heaven Stands Near", a study on the book of Matthew! On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT), we're discussing Romans chapters 8-9. Stay tuned for this month's edition of Free-Text First Friday (6/5 at 11 a.m. CT)! Pastor Booe and Rev. Robert Smith will be tackling the subject of how to read the Bible. Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting kfuo.org!

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026: WORSHIPPED: 63 COMMUNION: 58

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026: GENERAL FUND: \$840.00

LUTHERAN HISPANIC MISSIONARY INST. DISASTER FUND: \$1.00

DOLLAR PROJECT: \$3.00

SUNDAY MORNING, ADULT BIBLE STUDY: 14

SUNDAY MORNING, CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: 2

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY: 10

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS:	Jim & Diane Kline	ELDER:	Allen Burmeister
LITURGIST:	Allen Burmeister	SERMON:	Dick Dommers
ALTAR GUILD:	Christine Schlehuser	TELLERS:	Lola Ableidinger
	Beverly Van Duyn		Cheryl Sandenaw
ATTENDANCE:	Hannah Keeler	SOUND TECH:	Matt Anderson
USHERS:	Volunteers		

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 7TH

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS:	Vicki Leonard, Cheryl Richey	ELDER:	Dick Dommers
ALTAR GUILD:	Jan Thede	TELLERS:	Sandy Klose
	Cindi Anderson		Susan Kelly
ATTENDANCE:	Cheryl Sandenaw	SOUND TECH:	Jim Kline
USHERS:	Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer		
	Larry & Beverly Van Duyn		

**HEAVENLY FATHER, WE COME TO YOU IN
PRAISE AND PRAYER**

FOR COURAGE, GRACE, FAITH, AND HEALING WITHIN YOUR WILL

Darrell & Sheila Anderson, Ellen Clark, Jim Coburn, Vicky Cosio, Sammie Feldman, Bob Freeman, Rob Gressman, Jill Guitierrez, Veronica Holman, Jim Johnson, Jim & **Hannah Keeler**, Janet Kushlan, Issac Love, Carly Lowen, Kiley Martin, Carey Mitchell, Rob Ostash, Tim Polling, Rachel Preus, Logan Radford, Janet Rooker, Connie Rogers, Dana Sandenaw, Jessica Schroeder, Donn Schlehuser & family, Drew Schlehuser, **Glen Schlehuser**, Pete Stebbins, Roger Storm, **Tammy Thede**, Rogelio Torres, Matt Vick, Ann Waghorn, Karen Zinn, Don Zumwalt, Martyrs for the faith, Our Nation's Leaders, Public Safety Personnel,

We also pray for those who are on the long-term prayers in the Trinitarian.

FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN THE MILITARY

Tom Bass, Heather Beck, **Zac Collins**, Brendon Garritano, Ryan Hobson, Caleb Jaecks, Daniel Smelser, Bryant Roeske, Kyle Steeby, Arcadia Thomason, Ethan Trowbridge, Tanner Wedd, and all troops serving in harms way

LEST WE FORGET

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

**Bill English, Tom & Darlene Gilmore, Rodney Greer, Shirley Hill,
Jim & Ruth Wilkes, Lee Wood,**

AMEN

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS

If you wish to place a name on the prayer list, you must complete a **blue prayer request card**. The cards are located on the credenza to the right as you leave the sanctuary. If the individual needs to remain on the prayer list, the requester will have to update the request card every two weeks by calling the church office or completing a new card. If not updated after two weeks on the weekly prayer list, each name will be transferred to the extended prayer list which will be published in the Trinitarian.