

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

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*A Christ Caring People Who Gather Around Word and Sacrament,
Yoked Together, In Personal Service to Christ in Worldwide Missions*



✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠

OPENING HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

(LSB 507)

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father, who endlessly creates and re-creates all living things;
C **Glory to God the Father.**
- P** and of the Son, who forever redeems, restores, and forgives;
C **Glory to God the Son.**
- P** and of the Spirit, who continually sanctifies and calls us by name.
C **Glory to God the Spirit.**

OPENING SENTENCES

based on Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31

- P** God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit possess all wisdom before the very work of creation.
C **Praise be to the Holy Trinity.**
- P** Wisdom, begotten of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, reveals the incarnate Christ—the appointed Messiah, working out our salvation's story.
C **Praise be to the Holy Trinity.**
- P** Eternal wisdom delights, rejoices, and is the workman of all things created and redeemed.
C **Praise be to the Holy Trinity. Amen.**

P Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.

P By God's work of mercy, we are granted forgiveness. By Christ's work of suffering, crucifixion, and death, we are granted eternal life. By the work of the Spirit, we are continually sanctified in the glory of God's holy triune name—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are forgiven by the work of the Holy Trinity. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.**

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.
Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

C **I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

P Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.

C **For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.**

P You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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.**

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.
Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

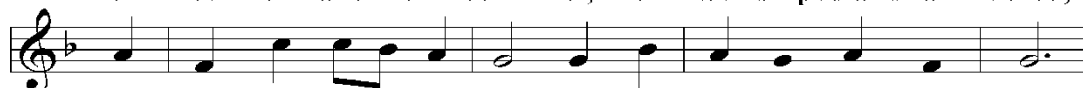
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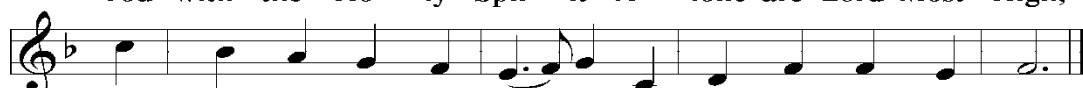
- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

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SALUTATION *and* COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting triune God, grant us abiding faith that we may steadfastly believe and confess Your divine work as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Throughout our temporal and eternal living, be our constant companion—creating and renewing, redeeming and forgiving, calling and sanctifying us. In all suffering and service, grant that we be mindful that You are the one true God, undivided, uncreated, infinite, and almighty, in whose triune name we pray.

C Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING

Hebrews 11:1-4

(By Faith)

11 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"He Is Exalted" (Twila Paris, arr. L. Larson)
Women's Ensemble

EPISTLE READING *Acts 2:14a, 22–36* (God richly supplies Jesus with the credentials to accomplish all divine works, wonders, and signs.)

After the reading:

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 8:48–59* (Jesus reveals His eternal identity with God the Father before the time of Abraham.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

BIBLE LESSON

SERMON HYMN "Father Most Holy, Merciful and Tender" (LSB 504)

SERMON

"By Faith – Cain & Abel"

(Hebrews 11:4)

Pastor Sam Handschke

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OFFERING AND SHARING GOD'S PEACE

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Blessed Father, from You comes all that is, and we are forever indebted to Your grace for the gift of life. Receive this day our special thanks for the redemption You have provided in Jesus Christ, Your Son, and for the work of the Spirit in bringing us to know You by faith and to be adopted as Your children by Baptism into the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,



C hear our prayer.

P Blessed Father, Your Son was the voice that spoke all things into existence, and Your grace still preserves all that You have made. You did not abandon Your people but have delivered us by the blood of Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may know Your Word and keep it in faith through all the days of our earthly pilgrimage until we are joined with faithful Abraham, with patriarch, prophet, apostle and evangelist, in Your presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Blessed Father, You have established marriage and sanctified the home to be a place of blessing and love. Give to parent and child the courage to love as You have loved us. Unite them in their common life by Your Spirit to know Jesus and serve Him. Bless the single with chastity, comfort the widowed, protect the orphan and defend the helpless. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Blessed Father, you give all authority to Your Son, Jesus Christ, yet You call us to honor our worldly rulers. Give wisdom to Your people to render rulers their due, always under Christ, by whom all kings reign. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Blessed Father, grant healing and patience in every affliction to the ailing, the dying and those in need [*especially* _____]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Blessed Father, You give us Your Son's body and blood, that we may taste and see that You are good. Grant that we may use Your gifts faithfully and frequently draw near to Your table in true repentance. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Blessed Father, reform and renew us by Your Word and Spirit. Where we lack love, build us up in Christ, and where we are distracted, give us a single focus upon our Lord Jesus, that at last we may be found faithful, be reunited with those who have gone before us to Your nearer presence, and enjoy the marriage supper of the Lamb in His kingdom without end. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, from whom all fatherhood is named, we give You thanks for earthly fathers. Give them confidence in their station and zeal for their task to care for their families faithfully. Make them examples to their children of godly life and love of Your Word. Bless their work of bringing up children in the fear and instruction of the Lord and give them the comfort of Your absolution over all their shortcomings. Gather us together with all our fathers to Your eternal household; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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 11:00 am service continues on page 9 with the Benediction.

IN REGARD TO HOLY COMMUNION: According to Scripture, Holy Communion should



be celebrated by those who are: **United in a common faith** (1 Cor. 10:16-17, 21-22; Rom. 16:17); **Repentant of sins** (1 Cor. 5:11, Matt. 18:17-18); **Able to examine their lives** (1 Cor. 11:27-29); and believe that in this precious meal they **receive the true body and blood of Jesus** given and shed for the forgiveness of their sins (Luke 22:19-22).

Since Scripture teaches that those people who do not fully understand the meaning of this meal eat and drink to their own harm (1Cor. 11:27-29), and because the Lord's Supper is the supreme act of stating our unity in faith and doctrine, we would ask those people who are visiting with us to **please speak with our pastors**, before communing, in order that we might fulfill our responsibility of properly instructing people in the right use of the precious Sacrament.

Communion Distribution: We offer both the common cup and individual cup. If you desire to receive Jesus' blood in the common cup, you are invited to come forward in the first group (after the Elders and Pastors receive communion). If you desire to receive his blood in the individual cups, you may remain in your seat and the Ushers will dismiss you row by row. If you desire to receive Jesus' body and blood in your seat, please let one of our Ushers know and we will bring you communion at the end of the distribution.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

8:30 service

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"O Blessed, Holy Trinity"

(LSB 876)

"All Glory Be to God Alone"

(LSB 948)

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

(LSB 543)



(Please stand)

NUNC DIMITTIS

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;

A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P ²⁰ Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us^[a] that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.



C Amen. (Spoken)

CLOSING HYMN

“Jesus Shall Reign Where-er the Sun”

(LSB 832)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY



AS WE GATHER The Holy Trinity presents profound complexities. The church wrestles to dissect and sync together the identities and the activities of the Father, Son, and Spirit. The Athanasian Creed is the treatise that sews together the equality and uniqueness of the three persons of the Trinity. With faith’s assurance, the church confesses trinitarian substance, coeternal majesty, and seemingly unattainable mystery. The Uncreated, the Infinite, the Almighty are One in Three. The Holy Trinity is vested in working in our midst today, every day, and eternally. In faith, the church and its members forge ahead in life because the Holy Trinity just works! We may not understand fully, and yet, by faith we believe the Father works—creating; the Son works—redeeming; and the Spirit works—sanctifying. Our entire life of frailty and faith is only possible because the Holy Trinity just works—all the time—with us, for us, and alongside us!

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Invocation

If there are prayer concerns for you, your family, your friends, or your neighbors, please put them on the back of the blue attendance/communion card.

Our Board of Elders are prayerful with our pastors about these joys and struggles of our earthly journey.

"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." James 5:16b

Welcome to Faith Evangelical Lutheran on this Holy Trinity Sunday! We are delighted to have you in worship with us. If you are visiting from out of town, we bid you welcome and God-speed on your journey. Should you be from our community, and have no church home, we invite you to make Faith your church home.

Preaching this morning is Rev. Sam Handschke.

Holy Communion is celebrated at our 8:30 service this Sunday. In this Sacrament, our Lord gives His true body and blood for our forgiveness. Those who confess the faith declared at this altar and who desire to receive communion today are asked to read our communion statement found in the bulletin. Thank you.



Hebrews Come, join us for Word, coffee & mini muffins courtesy of the book of Hebrews. Today we will read chapters 5 & 6 and see what passages reach out and grab us!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER **Wed. Jun. 4, Att. 55;** Offering \$220.00; **Sun., Jun. 8, Att. 269;** General Fund \$9,252.84; Sunday School \$0.00; Building Fund \$305.00; Love Fund \$100.00; Contingency Fund \$100.00; Mexico Mission \$720.00; Broadcasts \$120.00; Refund \$24.88; Bible Study \$20.00; Flowers \$75.00.

ENDOWMENT FUND When giving to the Endowment Fund **PLEASE** make it a **SEPARATE CHECK**. Must be a **CHECK** as the account doesn't accept cash for the deposit. It is not always easy to find a check for the correct amount to substitute for cash or for a check made out for multiple purposes that includes an Endowment donation. The counters would greatly appreciate your help in this matter. Thank you.

Forever Young Join us this Thursday, June 19th, **at noon** for our Forever Young Potluck. Forever Young is a group of members who are 55 years and older, semi-retired or retired, who like to eat and have fellowship with other members in our Faith family. If you are in this category or are new to the congregation, please come. Bring a friend. We may even play a few games of Bingo! Bring a dish to share or just bring yourself. There is always plenty of food. Hope to see you there!



Former Member Tom Fahey died last week on June 4th at a memory care center in Arizona. Tom and Betty were members here for several years. They were both faithful members of the choir as well. If you wish to send Betty a card, her address is: Betty Fahey, 718 W Rio San Pedro, Green Valley, AZ 85614-3928

2025 Mexico Mission Trip Presentation

The Mexico Mission team will present a summary of their most recent trip on **Sunday July 6th** between services. Please come hear about how the Lord used this group to advance His Kingdom and to bless many, including and even more so those on the trip.



COMING THIS FALL We will begin our study of the book of **Revelation**.

Our fearless leader is Jerry Wulf. Keep watching for more information as September gets closer.



Building Healthy Families: It is a challenging time to be a parent, perhaps especially a father. Our culture takes every opportunity to malign fathers, and popular media often goes out of its way to portray them as undependable, immature, and ineffective. Yet an endless stream of research (not to mention God's Word and our own life experience) clearly identifies the vital role of fathers in the lives of their children. Fathers, don't give up! Take heart and persevere – you are not alone! “Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9) Happy Father's Day- You are appreciated and so greatly loved! **Lutheran Family Service**
www.LutheranFamilyService.org

Main Street Living “Main Street Living” is a liturgical worship service broadcasting a different local pastor each Sunday morning. It airs along with the classic Lutheran Hour program, “This is the Life.” Both can be viewed on KDLT (NBC) & KEVN (FOX) Visit www.mainstreetliving.com to view current and past episodes. **Did you know** you can see

the Worship Service and Kid's Crossing on our website at anytime? All programs are streamed on www.mainstreetliving.com, and are available the day before they are broadcast.

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KDLT (NBC) channels 5.1 / 46.1

10:00 AM - "The Sin of Roy Baxter" - A man is overcome with guilt, after making a decision that goes terribly bad.

10:30 AM - Rev. Greg Lehr, pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD presents a message titled "The God of New Beginnings." The sermon is based on Matthew 28:16-20. This program is interpreted and closed captioned for the deaf and hard of hearing. For more information visit: www.mainstreetliving.com.

Life Quotes "You have a higher purpose than living for yourself. Your work is His. You live for the one who died and rose for you. You share the good news about Him. That's how God grows His family, adding branches to His tree. You get to be part of this family—a family with a rich past and a glorious future." *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Faith Lutheran Youth



It's time once again to start thinking about the **LCMS Youth Gathering!** The LCMS Youth Gathering will be July 19-23, 2025, in New Orleans, Louisiana. LCMS youth and adult leaders will visit the city under the theme Endure based on Hebrews 12:1-3. Held every three

years, LCMS Youth Gatherings provide young people an opportunity to learn more about Jesus Christ, the Christian faith and their Lutheran identity. During the five-days of the Gathering youth spend time together in worship, God's Word, prayer, song and service. This event is organized by LCMS Youth Ministry in Saint Louis, Missouri.



Camp Minneboji Begins today and runs through June 21st. Pray for all the campers that they may gain greater insight of God, their faith in Jesus, and have a wonderful experience with fellow Christians.

Circuit Bible Camp Students who are finishing 4th – 8th grade are invited to join us for Circuit Bible Camp, which takes place July 7-9. We will be travelling to Hot Springs and taking in some of the local natural sights. This includes hiking, swimming, and eating outdoors. Packing list includes: Bible, clothes for 2 days (plus extra just in case), toiletries and towel, swimsuit, shoes for hiking, and an outdoor game if you have any.



This Week at Faith Lutheran

Today: Jun. 15

8:30 am Communion
 9:45 am Hebrews Reading
 11:00 am Worship
 1:00 pm Bd. of Stewardship/Endow.
 3:00 pm Board of Education

Mon: Jun. 16

6:30 pm Prayer Care

Tues: Jun. 17

8:00 am Staff Devotions
 10:30 am Women's Study (Joshua)
 6:00 pm Board of Early Education

Wed: Jun. 18

7:00 pm Chapel/Communion
 8:00 pm LYF

Thurs: Jun. 19

8:00 am Staff Devotions
 12:00 pm Forever Young Potluck

Sun: Jun. 22

8:30 am Worship
 9:45 am Hebrews Reading
 11:00 am Communion



HEBREWS



Join us this summer (June & July) as we read through Hebrews. We will take the time for coffee & goodies, fellowship and will read Hebrews between services each Sunday.

**Hebrews is a rich book of the Bible with so many verses that give guidance to our life's journey.
Please join us and enrich your life!**