



A COMMUNITY REFLECTING GOD'S LOVE WITH A PLACE AT THE TABLE FOR EVERYONE

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Holy Trinity Sunday, May 31, 2026

Pr. Ben Colahan Presiding

Prelude, *Praeludium [e-Moll]*, Nicolaus Bruhns

Welcome by Pr. Ben Colahan

Greeting by Pr. Ben Colahan

CALL) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

RESP) And also with you.

Gathering Hymn, *All Are Welcome* v. 1, 3, 5, ELW Hymnal #641

Confession and Forgiveness

CALL) Compassionate God,

RESP) we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, amen.

Prayer of the Day by Pr. Ben Colahan

Children Sermon by Josh Edwards, Dir. Children & Youth Ministries

Children's Reponse, *This Little Light of Mine* verse 1, ELW hymnal #677

A Reading from Genesis 1:1-2:4a by Carol Grandy

¹When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then 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 a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. ⁹And

God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. 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 dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. ²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. ²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." ²⁷ So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸ 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 air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹ God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air 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. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. ² On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and

hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.
4a These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

CALL) Word of God, word of life.

***RESP)* Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation, *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*, ELW hymnal #172

Gospel of Matthew 28:16-20 by Pr. Ben Colahan

CALL) The holy gospel according to Matthew.

***RESP)* 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."

CALL) The gospel of the Lord.

***RESP)* Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon from Pr. Ben Colahan: *We coronate individuals; Jesus commissions community.*

Hymn of the Day, *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!*, ELW hymnal #413

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who

has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People by Craig Fellner, *Rain Down*, VT hymnal #703

***SUNG RESP*) Rain down, rain down, rain down your love God of life.**

Sharing of the Peace by Pr. Ben Colahan

CALL) The peace of Christ be with you all.

***RESP*) And also with you.**

Welcoming of Visitors

Offering, *I Lift My Eyes*, Laura Story, Emily Puerta, vocalist

If parents would like their children in communion, please get them during this time.

Great Thanksgiving

CALL) The Lord be with you.

***RESP*) And also with you.**

CALL) Lift up your hearts.

***RESP*) We lift them to the Lord.**

CALL) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***RESP*) It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The 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, ACS Setting 12, p. 40

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, grant us peace.

Communion Songs, *Come to the Table*, Ben McDonald, Dave Fret, & Ben Glover
Every Table Is An Altar, Music by Ben Smith & Jason Upton



If you would like one-on-one, personal prayer at this time, we invite you to pray with today's Healing Minister on the north side of the room/wall facing East 1st Ave.

Prayer after Communion by Craig Fellner

Announcements/God's Work, Our Hands from Pr. Ben Colahan

Sending Song, *Come, Join the Dance of Trinity* v. 1, 3-4, ELW hymnal #412

Blessing by Pr. Ben Colahan

Dismissal by Craig Fellner

CALL) Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

RESP) Thanks be to God.

Postlude, *Festival Piece on "Nicaea"*, Arr. Jerry Westenkuehler

Giving

Financial gifts to Faith Lutheran Church's general fund support our operating budget, staff salaries, maintenance, and benevolence. You can also donate to a designated fund like the capital campaign, visiting musicians, or children and family ministry. Cash or checks may be dropped into the offering plate during service, or dropped off at the office during the workweek. If you have a smartphone, you may use this QR code to give online.



Thank you to today's ministers...

Presiding Minister: Pr. Ben Colahan

Assisting Minister: Craig Fellner

On-Site Council Member: Dawn Stafford

On-Site Equipping Minister: Dottie Erhardt

Lector: Carol Grandy

Communion: Penny Melvin, Sharon Prindle, Janine Rush, and Dianna Snyder
(shepherd)

Communion Clean-up: Suzie Ernest

Ushers: Dave Barnum and Molly Barnum

Welcome Table: Laurae Dunn and Lynette Stensrud

Coffee Hour: Bonnie Pulliam and Glenn Pulliam

A/V Desk: Greg Massa, Kate Ory, and Pat Snyder

Healing Minister: Caryl Quiñones

Offering Counters: Lori Briggs-Oman and Gayle Palys

Parking Lot: Tom Melvin, Jacob Souza, and Jon Stafford

Musicians: FLC Contemporary Team and Emily Puerta, *vocalist*

Cantor: Luke Nicolay

Young Adult Bible Study

Starts June 1 ~ Will meet Mondays at 6:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Josh Edwards, our Director of Children and Youth Ministries, hopes to bring young adults together in community with a young adult Bible study on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. We'll start with the book of James which is a recommended starting point for folks looking to pick up a Bible for the first time due to the directness of the text, and its message of prevailing through hardship. If you can't make the first meeting but still want to attend that's okay, please sign up at the back of the sanctuary on the sheet that says Young Adult Bible Study.

Stonewall Chico Pride at Downtown Plaza

Saturday, June 6, 11am-4pm

Stonewall Chico Pride is a time for our local LGBTQ+ community and allies to come together in joy and solidarity. "Pride" is more than just an event; it's a powerful expression of identity, a celebration of our resilience, and a commitment to building a more equitable and accepting society right here in Butte County and beyond. It's an opportunity to be visible, to connect with others, and to support the ongoing work towards LGBTQ+ equality. Join Faith Lutheran Church at our booth! We're there every year, and we'd love help at our booth interacting with the community. If you'd like to serve at the booth or help with setup/cleanup, please sign up at the back of the church on Sunday, or call/email the office anytime.

Chico Coexist Fair: Resource Swap, Mutual Aid, and Messages of Hope

Saturday, June 27 from 10am-1pm

On Saturday, June 27 from 10am-1pm, we'll host Chico Coexist Fair, a free mutual aid fair where humanitarian organizations and nonprofits can share information about food, housing, and help in the area in conjunction with this community-wide clothing and nonperishable food swap. Cold drinks and popsicles are provided, and we'll have refreshing water activities for kids. There are a variety of ways you can get involved whether you'd like to pick up supplies, volunteer, or both!

- Donate clothing the day-of (this is a great time to clean out your closet! All laundered clothing welcome. Donations of new socks and underwear welcome)
- Donate nonperishable food the day-of (most helpful food items: canned protein/meat, peanut butter, soft snack bars, shelf-safe boxes of milk and juice)
- Help with setup or cleanup
- Hand out clothing or food
- Aid with childcare/outdoor water activities
- Haul leftover items to thrift stores and pantries
- Play live music - mic and speakers provided
- Serve water and popsicles
- Direct traffic in the parking lot

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Teagan Flanagan at (510) 910-7695, teagan.a.flanagan@gmail.com

We coronate individuals; Jesus commissions community

The Trinity is the doctrine that God is three co-eternal and co-equal persons (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) who share one being. The Trinity rejects the idea that Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are either three separate gods, or one god who changes into three forms.

1 John 4:8 says "God is love." Love requires relationship. For God to exist as love, God must exist as relationships, even before the universe was created. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are one God who exists as the mutual giving and receiving of love between three persons. We are made in this image of relational existence (Gen. 1:26).

In Genesis 1, we see the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit whose singular action brings forth all of existence. The Father is the voice. The Holy Spirit is the "wind" or "breath" that hovers over the waters. Jesus is the Word, which is spoken to create each thing. Voice, breath, and spoken word are distinct and yet share one existence. Together they speak all creation into being.

Questions:

1) When have you put your hopes in a single individual, only to be disappointed?

2) In what ways do you exist as a distinct individual? In what ways do you exist as a set of relationships?

3) This week, how can you use the relationships you have to create the world you want to live in?