



# ST PAUL PINE GROVE MILLS

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



**HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY**

MAY 31, 2026

# WELCOME TO SAINT PAUL!

We are happy to have you here!

## HOW TO KNOW WHEN TO STAND, SIT, OR SPEAK

Whenever you see an asterisk (\*) at a heading, you are invited to stand as you are able. You are not required to stand, so if, for health or emotional reasons you cannot or do not wish to stand, that is okay. You are invited to speak the words printed in **bold type**.

## HOW TO SING HYMNS IN HARMONY

To save space in printing the bulletin, we usually limit what is printed to the melody. If you'd like to sing in harmony, the hymn numbers are listed in our bulletin so you can open the red books in the pews (called ELWs).

## WE ARE AN OPEN COMMUNION CONGREGATION

This means that any Christian who has received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism is invited to receive Holy Communion.

## HOW TO FINANCIALLY SUPPORT US



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## A NOTE ON COMMUNION WAFERS



To topple barriers that prevent participation in worship, we want to make it possible for individuals with Celiac Disease or gluten intolerance to be able to eat the Body of our Lord. Our default wafers are made by Parish Crossroads and are known as "Low Gluten Wafers" because they contain trace amounts of gluten. However, the wafers are tested at least once a year for how much gluten is in them. Since 2020, the wafers have routinely tested to contain 15ppm gluten or less (The US FDA defines most food products with 20ppm or less as "gluten free"). Use the QR Code and look for the link that gives the most recent test results. If you still have concerns, we have some truly gluten-free wafers available upon request.

# GATHERING

*The Gathering for worship began when you started readying yourself for worship*

## **AN INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

*Most of us don't come to church on Sunday to study a doctrine. We come because we need something — strength for the week, a word that holds, a reminder that we are not alone. Today is Trinity Sunday. And the Trinity is not primarily a puzzle to solve. It is a relationship to live inside of — the God who creates, redeems, and sustains us, named in Paul's greeting today and in Jesus' commission to baptize in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We celebrate that mystery in word and sacrament. We will profess our faith together — not as a test, but as a declaration of whose we are. And then we will be sent.*

**PRELUDE** — *Out of consideration for our musicians, please refrain from talking during the prelude.*

## **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠Son, and of the Holy Spirit. A: Amen.

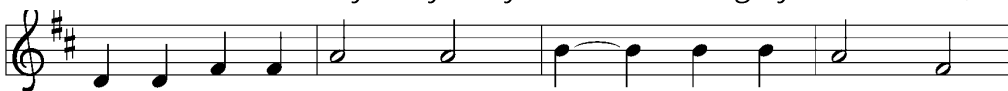
P: Let us confess our sin, in the presence of God and of one another.

P Compassionate God, **A: 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.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **A: Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!"**

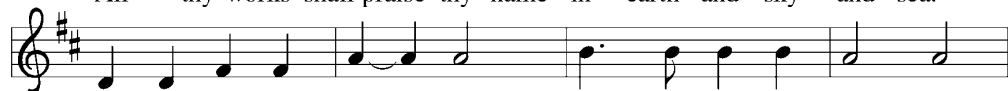
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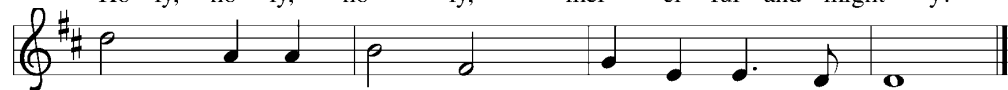
1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.  
 Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

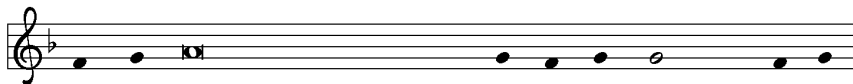
**\*GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **A: And also with you.**

**\*KYRIE**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us

pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

## \*THIS IS THE FEAST

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. **A: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**A: Amen.**

## WORD

### **FIRST READING: GENESIS 1:1—2:4A**

*Genesis begins with the Trinity – before the creation, the Spirit broods over chaos, and then God speaks the Word to bring light (and everything else) into existence.*

<sup>1</sup>When God began to create the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” <sup>7</sup>So 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. <sup>8</sup>God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>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, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>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.” <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply 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 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. <sup>25</sup> 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.

<sup>26</sup> 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.”

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

<sup>28</sup> 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.” <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> 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. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2:1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4a</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

L: The word of the Lord. **A: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 8

*This psalm, like the first reading, presents humanity as made in the image of God to steward the rest of creation.*



<sup>1</sup>O [LORD] our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in [all] the earth!—  
<sup>2</sup> you whose glory is chanted above the heavens ...  
out of the mouths of [infants] and children;  
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, ...  
to silence the [foe and] avenger.     *Antiphon*

<sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens, ... the [work of] your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have [set in] their courses,  
<sup>4</sup> what are mere mortals that you should be [mindful] of them,  
human beings that [you] should care for them?  
<sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them little [less than] divine;  
with glory and [honor] you crown them.     *Antiphon*

<sup>6</sup> You have made them rule over the [works of] your hands;  
you have put all things [under] their feet:  
<sup>7</sup> all [flocks] and cattle,  
even the wild [beasts of] the field,  
<sup>8</sup> the birds of the air, ... the [fish of] the sea,  
and whatever passes along the [paths of] the sea.

<sup>9</sup> O [LORD] our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in [all] the earth!     *Antiphon*

## SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 13:11-13

*Paul concludes his letter to the Corinthians with the words we use to begin our services, indicating not only our shared confession of the Trinity, but that we pick up and continue the apostle's proclamation of the Word*

[Paul writes:] <sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

L: The word of the Lord.     **A: Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Holy, holy, holy is the <sup>l</sup> Lord of hosts;\* God's glory fills <sup>l</sup> the whole earth.

## \*GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 28:16-20

*For most of Lent and Easter our Gospel readings have been from John. Now we return to the year's dominant Gospel reading, with the capstone of Matthew's Gospel – the Great Commission. This reading includes not only the affirmation that we baptize in the Name of the Trinity, but also Matthew's great theme -- that Jesus continues to be Immanuel, "God-with-us," to the end of the age.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

**A: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>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 <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

" P: The gospel of the Lord. **A: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

## \*HYMN OF THE DAY: "God Whose Almighty Word"

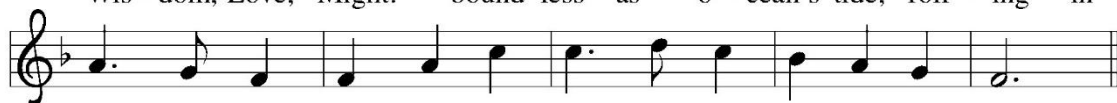
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1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light.  
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

## THE QUINCUNQUE VULT (AKA, THE ATHANASIAN CREED)

**P** Whoever wants to cling to the catholic faith, to guard it whole and inviolable, believes these mysteries:

**A** **We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being.**

1 For the Father is one person,  
2 the Son is another,  
3 and the Spirit is still another.

**A** **But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory, coeternal in majesty.**

1 What the father is,  
2 the Son is,  
3 and so is the Holy Spirit.

1 Uncreated is the Father;  
2 uncreated is the Son;  
3 uncreated is the Spirit.

1 The Father is infinite;  
2 the Son is infinite;  
3 the Holy Spirit is infinite.

1 Eternal is the Father;  
2 eternal is the Son;  
3 eternal is the Spirit.

**A And yet there are not three eternal beings, but one who is eternal;  
as there are not three uncreated and unlimited beings,  
but one who is uncreated and unlimited.**

1 Almighty is the Father;  
2 almighty is the Son;  
3 almighty is the Spirit:

**A And yet there are not three almighty beings, but one who is almighty.**

1 Thus the Father is God;  
2 the Son is God;  
3 the Holy Spirit is God:

**A And yet there are not three gods, but one God.**

1 Thus the Father is Lord;  
2 the Son is Lord;  
3 the Holy Spirit is Lord:

**A And yet there are not three lords, but one Lord.**

**A As Christian truth compels us  
to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord,  
so catholic religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords.**

1 The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten;  
2 the Son was neither made nor created,  
but was alone begotten of the Father;  
3 the Spirit was neither made nor created,  
but is proceeding from the Father and through the Son.

1 Thus there is one Father, not three fathers;  
2 one Son, not three sons;  
3 one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.

**A And in this Trinity, no one is before or after, greater or less than the other;  
but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal.  
and so we must worship the Trinity in unity  
and the one God in three persons.**

P This is how we think of the Trinity.

P But we also faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus became flesh.

**A For this is the true faith that we believe and confess:  
That our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is at once God and a human being.**

1 He is God, begotten before all ages from the being of the Father,  
2 and he is a human being, born in this age from the being of his mother.

1 He is perfect God  
2 and a perfect human being,  
3 composed of a rational soul and human flesh.

1 He is equal to the Father with respect to his divinity,  
3 less than the Father with respect to his humanity.

**A Although he is God and a human being,  
nevertheless he is not two but one Christ.**

1 However, he is not one by the changing of the divinity into the flesh,  
but by the taking up of the humanity in God.

2 Indeed, he is one not by a confusion of substance but by a unity of person.

3 For, as the rational soul and the flesh are one human being,  
so God and the human being are one Christ

**A He suffered death for our salvation.**

**He descended into hell and rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**At his coming all people shall rise bodily  
to give an account of their own deeds.**

P This is the catholic faith. We believe this firmly and faithfully.

*Formatting of Quincunque Vult done by the Rev. Dr. Mark W. Oldenburg*

*Textual editing was done by the Rev. Paul Tomkiel*

## **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, we are in awe of your creative work. Continue that work in your church, making us a new creation that proclaims your presence and love. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Creator God, nature reveals your power and glory. Protect water sources, vegetation, and wildlife as reminders of who you are. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Redeemer God, you call us to pray for those in authority. Guide our leaders to pursue the work of fostering peace and community. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sustaining God, you are mindful of your people in every circumstance. Heal those who are sick. Provide for all who hunger. Protect those in harm's way. Comfort any experiencing hardship (*especially*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we pray for the children of our church and community. Provide for their needs. Support their caregivers. Nurture their faith. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Loving God, we give thanks for those who have died and claimed their baptismal promises especially Ed Magnuson, George Conrad, and Jim Rearick. Strengthen us to live as they did in communion with you. 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

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **A: And also with you.**

## MEAL

### OFFERING

### MUSICAL OFFERING

### \*OFFERTORY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures  
here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise God, a - bove all heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son,  
and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, alt.  
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Geistliche Kirchengesange, Koln, 1623

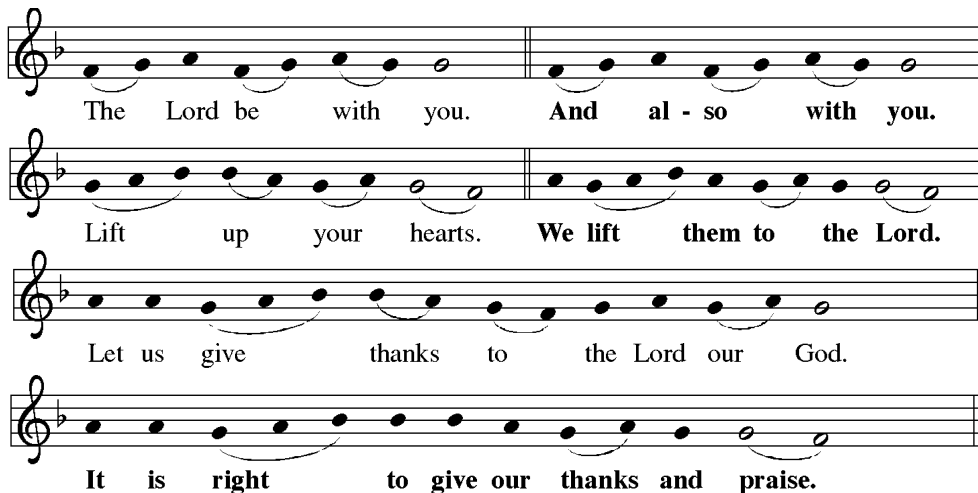
## \*OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

. **A: Amen.**

## \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

\* DIALOGUE




The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

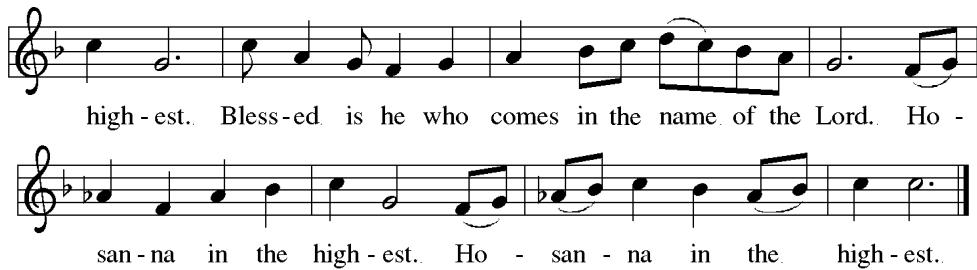
\*PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

\*SANCTUS



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



\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

Before all that is, you were God.

Outside all we know, you are God. After all is finished, you will be God.

Archangels sound the trumpets, angels teach us their song,  
and the saints and martyrs pull us into your presence.

Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three!

You beyond the galaxies, you under the oceans, you inside the leaves,  
you pouring down rain, you opening the flowers, you feeding the insects,  
you giving us your image, you carrying us through the waters,  
you holding us in the night;

your smile on Sarah and Abraham, your hand with Moses and Miriam,  
your words through Deborah and Isaiah.

You, the Son, lived as among us, healing, teaching, dying, rising,  
inviting us all to your feast.

In the night in which he was handed over, he took bread, and gave thanks; broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,  
saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Holy Father, we remember your Son,  
his life with the humble, his death among the wretched,  
his resurrection and ascension for us all:

Your wisdom our guide, your justice our strength,  
your grace our path to rebirth.

And so, with the church from across the eons, yearning for his mercy, glory, and blessing we cry,

**A: Amen! Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy Father, we beg for the Spirit:

Enliven this bread, awaken this body, pour us out for each other.

Transfigure our minds, ignite your church, nourish the life of the earth.

Make us, while many, united, make us, though broken, whole,  
make us, despite death, alive.

And so with the whole church and the earth itself, we cry out:

**A: Amen! Come, Holy Spirit!**

You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three,

our Life, our Mercy, our Might, our Table, our Food, our Server,

our Rainbow, our Ark, our Dove,

our Sovereign, our Water, our Wine, our Light, our Treasure, our Tree,

our Way, our Truth, our Life.

You, Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three, Holy Father, Holy Son, and Holy Spirit!

Praise now, praise tomorrow, praise forever.

**A: Amen, amen, amen!**

\*LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

**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.**

**Lead us not into time of trial,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

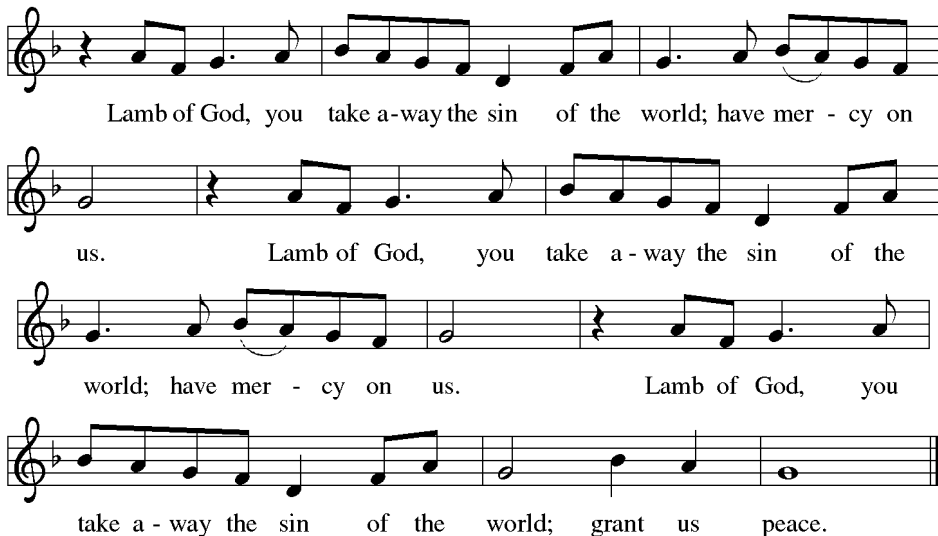
**and the glory are yours**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

## \*LAMB OF GOD

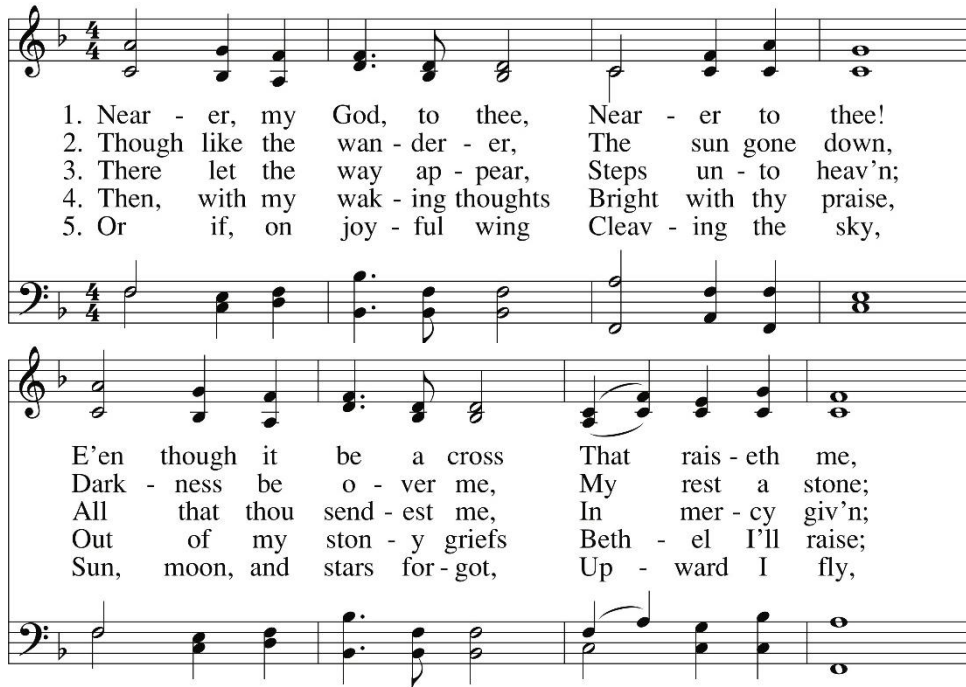


Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

P: The body of Christ, given for you. L: The blood of Christ, shed for you. **A: Amen.**

### COMMUNION HYMN: "Nearer, my God, to Thee"



1. Near - er, my God, to thee, Near - er to thee!  
2. Though like the wan - der - er, The sun gone down,  
3. There let the way ap - pear, Steps un - to heav'n;  
4. Then, with my wak - ing thoughts Bright with thy praise,  
5. Or if, on joy - ful wing Cleav - ing the sky,

E'en though it be a cross That rais - eth me,  
Dark - ness be o - ver me, My rest a stone;  
All that thou send - est me, In mer - cy giv'n;  
Out of my ston - y griefs Beth - el I'll raise;  
Sun, moon, and stars for - got, Up - ward I fly,

Still all my song shall be, Near - er, my God, to thee;  
 Yet in my dreams I'd be Near - er, my God, to thee;  
 An - gels to beck - on me Near - er, my God, to thee;  
 So by my woes to be Near - er, my God, to thee;  
 Still all my song shall be, Near - er, my God, to thee;

Near - er, my God, to thee, Near - er to thee!

Text: Sarah F. Adams, 1805-1848  
 Tune: BETHANY, 6 4 6 4 66 6 4; Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

## \*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you, body, mind, and soul, now, and unto eternal life. **A: Amen.**

## \*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE – *Nunc Dimittis* (Now, Lord)

Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -  
 filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -  
 pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the  
 na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

## \*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. . **A: Amen.**

## SENDING

### \*SENDING OF COMMUNION

P: Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *sick, homebound, and imprisoned*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **A: Amen.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*You may be seated.*

### \*CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE

### \*BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. **A: Amen.**

### \*SENDING HYMN: "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

(ELW 414)



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred  
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,  
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with  
and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to  
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"  
set of sun through the church the song goes on.  
bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900  
Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774

## \*DISMISSAL

L: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

**A: Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE





## DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 31

Genesis 1:1–2:4a

Psalm 8 (1)

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

Thursday, June 4

Lamentations 1:7-11

2 Peter 2:17-22

Psalm 50:7-15

Monday, June 1

Job 38:39—39:12

1 Corinthians 12:1-3

Psalm 29

Friday, June 5

Lamentations 3:40-58

Acts 28:1-10

Psalm 50:7-15

Tuesday, June 2

Job 39:13-25

1 Corinthians 12:4-13

Psalm 29

Saturday, June 6

Isaiah 59:1-8

Matthew 9:27-34

Psalm 50:7-15

Wednesday, June 3

Job 39:26 —40:5

John 14:25-26

Psalm 29

Sunday, June 7

Hosea 5:15—6:6

Psalm 50:7-15 (15)

Romans 4:13-25

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26



**SERVING TODAY**

Worship Leader ..... Pastor Paul Tomkiel  
 Assisting Minister.....  
 Musician ..... Michelle McMullen  
 Sacristan..... Karen Magnuson  
 Reader.....

**ABOUT ST. PAUL**

PURPOSE

We are a beacon, boldly sharing the light of Jesus’ grace and love.

MISSION

Guided by Jesus, we strengthen faith, deepen compassion, extend generosity, and serve community.

CORE VALUES

Faith ♡ Compassion ♡ Generosity ♡ Community

**OUR BIBLE VERSES**

As Paul was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. [Jesus said,] ‘Paul is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before the nations.’– Acts 9:3,15

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