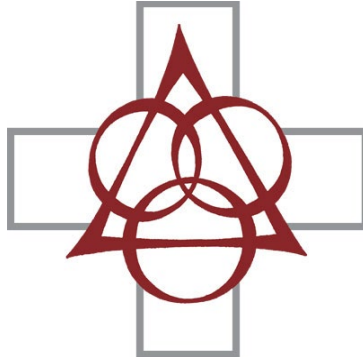




# St. John's Lutheran Church

A congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

**The Holy Trinity**  
**May 31, 2026**  
**10:45 a.m. Worship**



Regarding Holy Communion, the scriptures teach that in this sacramental meal, our Lord gives His own true body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. In the forgiveness of our sins we become partakers of the new covenant in His blood. For this reason, scripture also teaches that anyone who receives the sacrament ought to examine himself (see 1 Cor. 11:17-29). To that end, we encourage all who receive the sacrament regularly to make use of the literature provided for this purpose and to regularly visit with the pastor personally.

**For guests and visitors: If you are a member of a Missouri Synod church or a church which shares fellowship with the Missouri Synod, you are welcome to commune with us. If not, you are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing while the sacrament is being given out (Please indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms in front of you). If you would like a pastoral exception, please arrange for a meeting with the pastor.**

# One God in Holy Trinity

*On Holy Trinity Sunday, we worship the one true God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—who reveals Himself in perfect unity and eternal love. Though the mystery of the Trinity is beyond our full understanding, we rejoice in knowing that God has made Himself known to us in creation, redemption, and sanctification. As we gather today, may our hearts be drawn into deeper wonder, stronger faith, and joyful trust in the God who is three in one and who lives and reigns forever for our salvation.*

## ♪ “Our God Saves”

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In the Name of the Father, in the Name of the Son,  
In the Name of the Spirit, Lord, we come.  
We're gathered together to lift up Your Name,  
To call on our Savior, to fall on Your grace.  
Hear the joyful sound of our offering,  
As Your saints bow down,  
As Your people sing. We will rise with You,  
Lifted on Your wings, and the world will see that:

Chorus: Our God saves... Our God saves...  
There is hope... in Your Name...  
Mourning turns... to songs of praise...  
Our God saves... Our God saves... *(Repeat from the beginning)*

*Repeat Chorus*

Ending: Our God saves.

## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

- P** Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.
- C** **Almighty God, we confess that we often resist the leading of Your Holy Spirit. We have relied on our own strength instead of Your power, spoken words that do not build up, and failed to love You with our whole heart and our neighbors as ourselves. We have ignored Your prompting and neglected the gifts You have freely given. Forgive us, renew us, and fill us afresh with Your Spirit, that we may live as Your faithful people and bear witness to Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**P** God, who is rich in mercy, has poured out His Holy Spirit upon His Church and given His Son, Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of sins. Upon this your confession, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Introit

*Ps. 16:8-11; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

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

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

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

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

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

**Glorify 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.**

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

## Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

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.

## First Reading

*Genesis 1:1-2:4a*

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The 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.

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let

it separate the waters from the waters.” And 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. And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

And 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. The 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. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And 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, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” So 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. And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And 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. And 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.

Then 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.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

And 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.” And 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. And 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. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And 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. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Acts 2:14a, 22-36*

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words...

“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—this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“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. Being 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, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being 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. For David did not ascend

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

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 28:16-20*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Athanasian Creed

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

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

**P** And the catholic faith is this,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**C** **just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**

**P** In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy

Spirit almighty;

**C and yet there are not three Almighty, but one Almighty.**

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

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

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

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

**P** 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.

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

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

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

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

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

**P** 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.

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

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

**C 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.**

**P** 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:

**C perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**

**P** equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

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

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

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

**P** For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,

**C who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,**

- P** 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.
- C** **At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.**
- P** And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- C** **This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.**

## Children’s Message

Brad Massey

### “King of Kings”

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In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light,  
 Till from Heaven You came running. There was mercy in Your eyes.  
 To fulfil the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word  
 From a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

Chorus: Praise the Father, Praise the Son,  
 Praise the Spirit Three in One. God of Glory, Majesty,  
 Praise forever to the King of Kings.

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,  
 To redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross.  
 For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side.  
 Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died.

Chorus: Praise the Father, Praise the Son,  
 Praise the Spirit Three in One. God of Glory, Majesty,  
 Praise forever to the King of Kings.

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath  
 Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.  
 And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,  
 For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.  
 Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.  
 By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free,  
 For the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me.

Chorus: Praise the Father, Praise the Son,  
Praise the Spirit Three in One. God of Glory, Majesty,  
Praise forever to the King of Kings.

*Last time:* (Praise forever to the King of Kings.)

## **Sermon**

## **Offering**

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **The 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.

### **Communion Preparation**

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Gracious Lord, as we come to Your Table, prepare our hearts by  
Your Holy Spirit to receive the gifts of Christ's body and blood  
with repentance, faith, and thanksgiving. Cleanse us from all sin,  
strengthen our trust in Your promises, and unite us as one body in  
Christ. Feed us with Your grace, that forgiven and renewed, we  
may go forth to live as Your people in love and service; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **The Words of Institution**

# ♪ “He Will Be”

Words and Music by James Ferguson and Jaywan Maxwell  
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God is faithful to His Word,  
Even when there seems no way.  
Though time may pass, His memory will not fade,  
His promises will never fail.

Chorus 1: Faithful He has been, faithful He will be.  
Time and time again, His Word returns complete.  
To His truth, I cling when the night is deep.  
Faithful He has been, faithful He will be.

God is gracious when I doubt.  
He draws near though I retreat.  
Though I may wander through the wilderness,  
He goes with me and gives me peace.

Chorus 2: Gracious He has been, gracious He will be.  
What I don't deserve, the Father gives to me.  
Where He leads my feet, I shall not want or need.  
Gracious He has been, gracious He will be.

God is worthy of my song.  
Countless are His awesome deeds.  
His mighty hand has parted raging seas.  
For those He loves, He has redeemed.

Chorus 3: Worthy He has been, worthy He will be.  
Crowned in endless praise, all earth and heaven sing,  
Holy is the Lord, who reigns in majesty.  
Worthy He has been, worthy He will be.

Bridge (2x): He is my provider, covenant protector.  
All my hope is in the Lord, my God.  
He is my sustainer, merciful redeemer.  
All my hope is in the Lord, my God.

Chorus 3 (2x): Worthy He has been, worthy He will be.  
Crowned in endless praise, all earth and heaven sing,  
Holy is the Lord, who reigns in majesty.  
Worthy He has been, worthy He will be.

Ending: Worthy He has been, worthy He will be.  
Worthy He has been, worthy He will be.

# 🎵 “How Great Is Our God”

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves and Ed Cash

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The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty,  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
and trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!  
And all will see how great...how great...is our God!

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;  
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End  
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!  
And all will see how great...how great...is our God!

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.  
My heart will sing; How great is our God!  
Name above all names, worthy of all praise.  
My heart will sing; How great is our God!

How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!  
And all will see how great...how great...is our God!

## Day School Graduation Class of 2026



*Savannah Curley  
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Sophia Wasson*

*Hannah Lewis  
Regan Martin  
Ashley Brown  
Adalena Allen*

*Valedictorian: Hannah Lewis & Regan Martin  
Salutatorian: Ashley Brown*

♪ **“Holy, Holy, Holy (God With Us)”**

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Holy, holy, holy! \_\_\_ Lord God Almighty! \_\_\_  
Early in the morning, our song shall rise to Thee. \_\_\_  
Holy, holy, holy \_\_\_ merciful and mighty, \_\_\_  
God in three Persons, \_\_\_ blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! \_\_\_ All the saints adore Thee, \_\_\_  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea. \_\_\_  
Cherubim and seraphim \_\_\_ falling down before Thee, \_\_\_  
Which wert and art, and \_\_\_ evermore shall be.

Chorus:    From the cradle to the cross, God with us! God with us!  
              For this broken world, You love.    God with us! God with us!  
              You gave up Your only Son, God with us! God with us!  
              So that all the world will know our God with us!

Holy, holy, holy! \_\_\_ Lord God Almighty! \_\_\_  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea. \_\_\_  
Holy, holy, holy, \_\_\_ merciful and mighty! \_\_\_  
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So that all the world will know our God with us!

## Announcements

### Blessing and Dismissal

- P** May God the Father, who created you, God the Son, who redeemed you, and God the Holy Spirit, who sanctifies and keeps you in the true faith, bless you and remain with you always.
- C** Amen.
- P** Go in peace, serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

As we conclude, please feel free to stay for a few minutes if you would like to connect or chat with people Jesus has brought together today. Remember that we are all in this together!

## Announcements

**SJL Men's Softball!** Come cheer on the St. John's men's softball team **this Monday at 9:00 at RC 5**. You can find the season schedule along with directions to the fields on the bulletin board and the church website. See you there!

**Lost and Found** Please check the lost and found closet in 1F near Room 1. All items will be donated if not claimed by June 8<sup>th</sup>.

*Alter Flowers for are given in celebration of  
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### Our Mission Statement

"We are here to share the good news of salvation and make disciples of Jesus Christ, in accordance with the Scriptures (Matt. 28:18-20) and with the help of the Holy Spirit. This mission begins with our St. John's family and extends to the Midland Community and the world."