

The Holy Trinity

May 31, 2026 | 8:30 & 10:00 AM

St. John's Lutheran Church & School
Chaska, MN



WELCOME AND INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

LSB 507

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 shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

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!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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BAPTISMS (10:00)

Declan Dale Miller and Brody Blayne Miller are the sons of Tracee and Blayne Miller.

Declan's sponsors are Kyle Miller and Kim Schrank.

Brody's sponsors are Travis Schrank and Tiernee Loiz.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Great Three in One and One in Three, You alone we call upon this day.

I confess that I have sinned against You. Some of the sin I know – the thoughts and deeds of which I am ashamed – but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in Your peace. Renew me that the desire of my heart may be to keep Your commands and the words and actions of my life may be holy and righteous through Jesus Christ, my Lord, and my Savior. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “Glory Be to God the Father” LSB 506, vv. 1-2

Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit:
Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory
While eternal ages run!

Glory be to Him who loved us,
Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to Him who bought us,
Made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory
To the Lamb that once was slain!

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ATHANASIAN CREED

Interspersed throughout our service are portions of the Athanasian Creed. A creed is simply a statement of belief. As members of the Christian faith, we use the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, and today we speak responsively the Athanasian Creed which defines in great detail our understanding of the Trinity. We believe there is only one God as it is recorded in Mark 12:29: "Hear O Israel! The Lord our God is one Lord." We distinguish among the three Persons of the Trinity, but we do not divide the Substance. The Creed of Athanasius affirms this biblical truth.

PROFESSION OF FAITH FROM THE ATHANASIAN CREED **Part 1**

Whoever will be saved shall, above all else, hold the catholic* faith. Which faith, except everyone keeps whole and undefiled, without doubt he will perish eternally.

And the catholic* faith is this, that we worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.

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

But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is all one:

the glory coequal, the majesty coeternal.

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

The Father is uncreated, incomprehensible, eternal.

The Son is uncreated, incomprehensible, eternal.

The Spirit is uncreated, incomprehensible, eternal.

So likewise the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, and the Holy Spirit is almighty.

And yet they are not three almighties but one almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God.

And yet they are not three gods but one God.

So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord, and the Holy Spirit Lord.

And yet they are not three Lords but one Lord.

For we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge every person of the Godhead by Himself to be both God and Lord,

So we cannot by the catholic* faith say that there are three Gods or three Lords.

**catholic with a lower case "c" means "universal, Christian".*

RESPONSE HYMN “Glory Be to God the Father” LSB 506, v. 4

Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings;
Honor, riches, pow’r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

from Genesis 1:1-2:3

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.”... ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. ⁹And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so... ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. ¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years...” ¹⁶And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars... ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. ²⁰And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.”... ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. ²⁴And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so... ²⁶Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”... ³¹And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day... ²And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Acts 2:14a, 22-24, 32-36

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them... ²²“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it... ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “‘The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, ³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.’ ³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 205

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe

That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "We All Believe in One True God" LSB 953

We all believe in one true God,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present help in need,
Praised by all the heav'nly host;
All He made His love enfolds,
All creation He upholds.

We all confess the Holy Ghost,
Who from both in truth proceeds,
Who sustains and comforts us
In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blessèd, holy Trinity,
Praise forever be to Thee!

We all believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Mary's son,
Who descended from His throne
And for us salvation won;
By whose cross and death are we
Rescued from all misery.

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PROFESSION OF FAITH FROM THE ATHANASIAN CREED **Part 2**

The Father is made of none, neither created nor begotten. The Son is of the Father, not made nor created but begotten. The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten but proceeding.

So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits. And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another.

But the whole three persons are coeternal together and coequal,
So that in all things, as has been said, the Unity in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshiped.

Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation that we also believe faithfully the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. For the right faith is that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and man.

God of the substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; and man of the substance of His mother, born in the world; Perfect God and perfect man, of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting.

Equal to the Father concerning His Godhead and inferior to the Father concerning His manhood; who, although He is God and man, yet He is not two but one Christ;

Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead. He ascended into heaven, He sits at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

This is the catholic* faith which we believe and confess.

**catholic with a lower case "c" means "universal, Christian".*

RESPONSE HYMN "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" LSB 940, v. 5

Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one, Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee While we own the mystery.

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” LSB 805

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of all creation, we offer our gifts in gratitude this morning – not just for what you do in our lives, but for who you are in our lives. You are with us in the person of the Father, the God above us. You come to meet us as the Son, as God beside us. You empower us to do the work of kingdom building by the Holy Spirit – God within us, providing strength and boldness that we would never find on our own. May these gifts be tools that make the transformation of the world a reality. We pray in the name of one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Holy are You, most glorious Trinity. Through the gift of baptism You have made us Your own and called us into community; enrich our lives and guide us into all truth that we may confess before the world the wonder of Your presence in our midst. Triune God,
hear our prayer.

God of all that lives and thrives, establish in the hearts of all people a sense of awe for all Your creation, that all people of the world may be faithful stewards and caretakers of the earth. Triune God,
hear our prayer.

Lord of the nations, we pray for peace in the world, wisdom for the world's leaders and justice for the oppressed. Bless all nations with peace. Grant wisdom to our President and all the leaders of the world that they may dispel our fears and insecurities working toward what is just and merciful for all. Triune God,
hear our prayer.

God of comfort and healing; lift up all those who suffer from illness and grief, and strengthen them with hope that does not disappoint... Give to them the abiding peace that comes from You alone. Triune God,
hear our prayer.

As we come to the end of this school year, we offer our thanks and praise to You for the blessings of the past year. We thank You for the accomplishments of the students, for the dedication and commitment of the teachers and staff, and for the growth and transformation that took place. We pray for Your guidance and direction for students and graduates, that they may have wisdom, discernment, and protection as they navigate the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. May they continue to grow in knowledge, faith, and character, confident in Your love and grace. Triune God,
hear our prayer.

With heaven and earth and all creation, we offer our prayers in the name of the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life and source of eternal joy. Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

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.

GRADUATION MILESTONE

Congratulations, Class of 2026!

High School Graduates: Shaun Baseman, Brianna Brandmire, MacTaggart Colehour, Henry Johnson, Cara Krenz, Mason Krueger, Bennett McGlothlin, Madalyn Tesch and Brody Wercinski.

Milestone ministry is a way for us to celebrate the promises made in baptism, provide learning opportunities for families, and recommit ourselves as a congregation to nurture one another as the body of Christ as we mark "milestones" in the faith journey.

As the family of God at St. John's, we have publicly celebrated the milestones of baptism, receiving Bibles (3rd grade), confirmation, and marriage anniversaries. Today, as we mark the end of high school for these seniors, we celebrate together the High School Graduation Milestone. Although graduation is a secular milestone, God is present in the lives of these young people as they take this important step in their lives. We celebrate today God's work in their lives and the faith that has been nurtured in them since baptism. We continue to pray as a congregation for their faith journey.

Parents will commemorate this moment in their child's spiritual life by presenting them with a blanket reminding them that just as they once brought them wrapped in a blanket to the waters of Baptism, they now go out into the world wrapped in God's love and covered by the love of their family and their faith family at St. John's.

"...For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future." – Jeremiah 29:11

Pastor: Students, in Christian love your parents and guardians presented you for Holy Baptism. In your baptism, sacred promises were made. Your parents have fulfilled their calling as Christian parents: they have brought you to God's house for worship, they have taught you the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, they have placed the Holy Scriptures in your hands, and they have instructed you in the Christian faith.

Students, turn now to your parents and please take a moment to thank them for their faithfulness in raising you in the Christian faith.

Pastor: Parents, will you continue your baptismal promise of nurturing faith, trusting in the Holy Spirit to work in your child's life?

Parents: *I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

Pastor: Members of the congregation, we ask that you also continue your commitment to lift up, equip, and pray for the faith journey of these young people.

All: *Our continued blessing goes with them. Amen.*

PRESENTATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL GIFT OF BLANKETS

Blankets are embroidered with the following: St. John's Lutheran Church | Jeremiah 29:11

Pastor: Students, the arms of this congregation are wrapped around you as you go out into the world. May this blanket be a reminder of our love for you, and a reminder that you are covered in God's grace and wrapped in the arms of Jesus. You are God's child and marked with the sign of the cross forever. Be strong and courageous as you go out into the world. Know that Christ is with you everywhere you go. Amen.

Parents should place the blanket around their child's shoulders.

INDIVIDUAL BLESSING OF EACH STUDENT

Parents should place their hands on their child as the pastor blesses each child.

PRAYER FOR GRADUATES

God of creation, pour out Your Spirit on these students as they enter a new period of life and faith. Bless these seniors as they begin new ventures as faithful people, hearing Your word, responding in thankfulness by proclaiming Your love and grace through words and deeds, and serving all people while doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with You. We pray all this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“Jesus Shall Reign”

LSB 832, vv. 1-3, 5

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,
And endless praises crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

People and realms of ev'ry tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.

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SENDING

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

+ Today's Worship Servants +

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Pastor Snow
Reader: DCE Justin Weber
Organist: Kristin Johnson

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Elders: 8:30 Zac Lewis/10:00 Michael Johnshoy
Usher Team: 8:30 Jay Molnau/10:00 Dave Hagen
Welcome Team: 8:30 Gayle Degler/10:00 Christine Reis
Tech Crew: 8:30 Jason Eickhoff, Hunter Krueger
10:00 Bennett McGlothlin
Coffee Hour: 9:30 Steve and Ruth Vance
Banner & Paraments: Joan Bode

Today at St. John's

8:30 | 10:00AM Traditional Worship
NO Education Hour

Upcoming Week

Sunday, May 31	6:00 PM Youth Night
Monday, June 1	5:15 PM Monday Night Meal
	7:00 PM AA
Tuesday, June 2	6:30 PM Trustees Meeting
Friday, June 5	6:30 PM AA
Saturday, June 6	9:00 AM Trail Life Leader's Meeting
Sunday, June 7	8:30/10:00 AM Worship with Communion

Thank you for worshipping with St. John's today!

If this is your first time at St. John's, we invite you to fill out a CONNECTCard located at the Welcome Desk or by using the QR code. We look forward to CONNECT-ing with you.



+ Prayers and Announcements +

Prayers for Healing and Strength

Gary Herreid
Kim Siegle
Jason Beussman

Angeline Rannow
Rog Forner
Rick Ellingson

David Burfield
Stephen Wetzel
Brody Miller

Ongoing Prayers

Carol Affeldt
John Barney
Merlin Bentz
Jack Boman
Jimann Campbell
Julie Carver
Len Kallsen
Sunnie Deis

Anita Doss
Sid & Merna Fjelstad
Dennis Gaarder
Ruth Harms
Eugene Henke
Melinda Meuwissen
Marguerite Craighead
Tim & Gretchen Laubach

Marilyn Lenzen
Carol Jones
Steve Pond
Cliff Waller
Lois Wenz
Ruth Ziegler

Expectant Moms

Clara Crawley-Reid

Haley Griffin

Christina Krueger

Celebrating Birthdays

5/31

Joan Bode
Merna Fjelstad
Ami Fuller
Trent Kirchoff
Brian Kloos
Willow Lenz
Walker Struble

6/1

Claire Buesgens
Landon Gilmore

6/1

Derek Rosenwinkel
Sheri Scheidt
6/2
Evelyn Bates
Jeff Kuester
Pat Oliver
John Spry

6/3

Stacy Hammons
Ben Lamers

6/3

Maddy Leao
6/5
Nancy Borman
Scott Feltmann
6/6

Ronald Fiebelkorn
Steven Hartwig
Anna Panning
Pete Stephan
Jenni Swenson

Celebrating Anniversaries

5/31 Brian and Mary Dahlke
5/31 Josh and Krystal Wille
6/2 Bruce and Doris Coghil
6/2 Steven and Ruth Vance
6/3 Sharon and John Gates

6/3 Dante and Megan Langmade
6/4 Jim and Deanne Hofer
6/4 Joel and Laura Stender
6/5 Gordon and Barbara Gentz
6/6 Ryan and Stacy Waldner

Weekly Word Preview

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The Trinity Banner: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

The hymn HOLY, HOLY, HOLY was written by Reginald Herder (1783-1826), specifically for Trinity Sunday. The Trinity Banner was created in memory of Julie Goodwin Pallas (1963-2024) and gifted by Joan Bode to St. John's.

Trinity Sunday, celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost, begins the long green season of the church year and provides an opportunity for the inclusion of a Trinitarian banner to be used during this season as a reminder of the Triune God we believe in.

This banner design is comprised of three framed panels which can be folded into a triangle to focus on each side independently. Each panel features a symbol for the role of one person of the Holy Trinity: God the Father - Creator, God the Son - Redeemer, and God the Holy Spirit - Sustainer of faith. The word HOLY frames each of the panels. Connected together, the panels depict the combined roles of the One Triune God.

Sheer fabrics were used as backgrounds, creating a combined semi-transparent view of the Three in One. Small five-pointed stars (the traditional Christmas star), are scattered throughout the panels, symbolizing the saints now in the heavenly places above us.

The number three is emphasized throughout the entire design. Three primary colors are used: gold symbolizing worth, virtue and the glory of God; white symbolizing light, perfection, purity and joy; and green symbolizing new life and spiritual growth. (Silver has been added as a reflector of the light.)

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