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## Trinity Sunday

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### TODAY'S DIVINE SERVICE

(Rite One, pages 41-59 in the *Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary*)

#### THE OPENING PRAYER (*Stand*)

P: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

#### ENTRANCE HYMN: 42 "God, We Praise You" (*Sit*)

**1** God, we praise You! God, we bless You!  
God, we name You sovereign Lord!  
Mighty King whom angels worship,  
Father, by Your church adored:  
All creation shows Your glory,  
Heav'n and earth draw near Your throne,  
Singing "Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord of hosts, and God alone!"

**2** True apostles, faithful prophets,  
Saints who set their world ablaze,  
Martyrs, once unknown, unheeded,  
Join one growing song of praise,  
While Your Church on earth confesses  
One majestic Trinity:  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

God, our hope eternally.

**3** Jesus Christ, the king of glory,  
Everlasting Son of God;  
Humble was Your Virgin Mother,  
Hard the lonely path You trod:  
By Your cross is sin defeated,  
Hell confronted face to face,  
Heaven opened to believers,  
Sinners justified by grace.

**4** Christ, at God's right hand victorious,  
You will judge the world You made;  
Lord, in mercy help Your servants  
For whose freedom You have paid:  
Raise us up from dust to glory,  
Guard us from all sin today.  
King enthroned above all praises,  
Save Your people, God, we pray.

### THE CONFESSION OF SIN (*Stand*)

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us: have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us a true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### THE KYRIE ELEISON (LORD, HAVE MERCY)

**C: ♪ O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us. O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.**

### THE ABSOLUTION

P: Lift up your hearts unto God! Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. Amen.

### THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

P: Glory be to God in the highest!

**C: ♪ And on earth peace, good will toward men. All glory be to God on high who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, the strife at last is ended; God showeth His good will to men, and peace shall dwell on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!**

## THE SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: ♪ And with your spirit.**

## THE COLLECT (Prayer for the Day):

P: Almighty God, by Your grace alone we are called into Your kingdom, to confess the true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the true Unity: We beseech You, that You would keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one true God, now and forever.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

## THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Samuel 17:32-50 (*Sit*)

<sup>32</sup> And David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." <sup>33</sup> And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are but a youth, and he has been a man of war from his youth." <sup>34</sup> But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father. And when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock, <sup>35</sup> I went after him and struck him and delivered it out of his mouth. And if he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and struck him and killed him. <sup>36</sup> Your servant has struck down both lions and bears, and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God." <sup>37</sup> And David said, "The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you!"

<sup>38</sup> Then Saul clothed David with his armor. He put a helmet of bronze on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail, <sup>39</sup> and David strapped his sword over his armor. And he tried in vain to go, for he had not tested them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them." So David put them off. <sup>40</sup> Then he took his staff in his hand and chose five smooth stones from the brook and put them in his shepherd's pouch. His sling was in his hand, and he approached the Philistine.

<sup>41</sup> And the Philistine moved forward and came near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. <sup>42</sup> And when the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was but a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. <sup>43</sup> And the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. <sup>44</sup> The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field." <sup>45</sup> Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup> This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies

of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, <sup>47</sup> and that all this assembly may know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hand.”

<sup>48</sup> When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. <sup>49</sup> And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground.

<sup>50</sup> So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. There was no sword in the hand of David.

### **Psalm 8**

P: <sup>1</sup> O Lord, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.

**C: <sup>2</sup> Out of the mouth of babies and infants,  
you have established strength because of your foes,  
to still the enemy and the avenger.**

P: <sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

**C: <sup>4</sup> what is man that you are mindful of him,  
and the son of man that you care for him?**

P: <sup>5</sup> Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings  
and crowned him with glory and honor.

**C: <sup>6</sup> You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under his feet,**

P: <sup>7</sup> all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,

**C: <sup>8</sup> the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

P: <sup>9</sup> O Lord, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**THE EPISTLE: Romans 11:33-36**

<sup>33</sup> Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

<sup>34</sup> “For who has known the mind of the Lord,  
or who has been his counselor?”

<sup>35</sup> “Or who has given a gift to him  
that he might be repaid?”

<sup>36</sup> For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 3:1-15 (Stand)**

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

<sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**C: ♪ God be praised for His glad tidings.**

**THE ATHANASIAN CREED**

1 Whoever will be saved shall, above all else, hold the catholic faith.

2 Which faith, except it be kept whole and undefiled, without doubt, one will perish eternally.

3 And the true Christian faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity,

4 Neither confusing the Persons nor dividing the substance.

5 For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Spirit.  
6 But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is all one; the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.  
7 Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit.  
8 The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, and the Holy Spirit uncreated.  
9 The Father infinite, the Son infinite, and the Holy Spirit infinite.  
10 The Father eternal, the Son eternal, and the Holy Spirit eternal.  
11 And yet there are not three eternal, but one eternal;  
12 Just as there are not three uncreated, nor three infinites, but one uncreated and one infinite;  
13 Likewise the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, and the Holy Spirit is almighty.  
14 And yet there are not three almighties, but one almighty.  
15 So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God.  
16 And yet there are not three gods, but one God.  
17 Likewise the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, and the Holy Spirit is Lord.  
18 And yet there are not three lords, but one Lord.  
19 For as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge every Person by Himself to be both God and Lord,  
So we are forbidden by the true Christian faith to say that there are three gods or three lords.  
20 The Father is made of none, neither created nor begotten.  
21 The Son is of the Father alone, not made nor created but begotten.  
22 The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten but proceeding.  
23 So there is one Father, not three fathers; one son, not three sons, one Holy Spirit, not three holy spirits.  
24 And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;  
25 But all three Persons are coeternal together and coequal, so that in all things, as said before, the Unity in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshiped  
26 Whoever will be saved is compelled thus to think of the Holy Trinity.  
27 Furthermore it is necessary for everlasting salvation that one also believe faithfully the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
28 For the right faith is that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man;  
29 God of the substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; And Man of the substance of His mother, born in the world;  
30 Perfect God and perfect Man, of a rational soul and human flesh subsisting.  
31 Equal to the Father as touching His Godhead and inferior to the Father as touching His manhood.  
32 Who, although He is God and Man, yet He is not two but one Christ;  
33 One, not by changing of the Godhead into flesh, but by taking the manhood into God;  
34 One indeed, not by confusion of substance, but by oneness of person.  
35 For just as the rational soul and flesh is one man, So God and Man is one Christ;

- 36 Who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead.
- 37 He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, God almighty, from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
- 38 At whose coming all will rise again with their bodies and will give an account of their own works.
- 39 And they that have done good will enter into life everlasting; and they that have done evil into everlasting fire.
- 40 This is the catholic faith; whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.

**SERMON HYMN: 250 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”**

1 A mighty Fortress is our God,  
 A trusty Shield and Weapon;  
 He helps us free from ev'ry need  
 That hath us now o'ertaken.  
 The old evil foe  
 Now means deadly woe;  
 Deep guile and great might  
 Are his dread arms in fight;  
 On earth is not his equal.

3 Though devils all the world should fill,  
 All eager to devour us.  
 We tremble not, we fear no ill,  
 They shall not overpower us.  
 This world's prince may still  
 Scowl fierce as he will,  
 He can harm us none,  
 He's judged; the deed is done;  
 One little word can fell him.

2 With might of ours can naught be done,  
 Soon were our loss effected;  
 But for us fights the Valiant One,  
 Whom God Himself elected.  
 Ask ye, Who is this?  
 Jesus Christ it is.  
 Of Sabaoth Lord,  
 And there's none other God;  
 He holds the field forever.

4 The Word they still shall let remain  
 Nor any thanks have for it;  
 He's by our side upon the plain  
 With His good gifts and Spirit.  
 And take they our life,  
 Goods, fame, child, and wife,  
 Let these all be gone,  
 They yet have nothing won;  
 The Kingdom ours remaineth.

**THE SERMON: “The Triune God of the Church”**      1 Samuel 17:45-47

**THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** (*Stand*)

P: Everlasting and merciful God, we beseech You in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**C: To have mercy upon us and to hear our prayer.**

P: Look in mercy upon Your Church. Protect it and sanctify it by Your truth. May Your Word be taught in its purity and Your Sacraments be rightly administered. Grant unto Your Church faithful pastors who shall declare Your truth with power and shall live according to Your will.

Send forth laborers into Your harvest and open the door of faith unto all unbelievers and unto the people of Israel. In mercy remember the enemies of Your Church and grant to them repentance unto life.

**C: O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, hear us in the truth of Your salvation.**

P: Let Your protecting hand be over our country and over all who travel. Prosper what is good among us and bring to naught every evil counsel and purpose. Protect and bless Your servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this state, our judges and magistrates and all in authority. Fit them for their high calling by the gift of Your Spirit of wisdom and fear, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

**C: Hear, O Lord, and have mercy! Lord be our helper.**

P: According to Your promise, O God, be the defender of the widow and the father of the orphan. Relieve and comfort the sick and the sorrowful. Graciously help those who are assaulted by the devil and who are in peril of death. Be the strength of those who are suffering for the sake of Christ's holy name. Grant that we may live together in peace and prosperity. Bestow upon us good and seasonable weather; and bless us with upright Christian counsel in all that we undertake.

**C: O Lord, be with all in trouble. Hear their prayers to the honor of Your Name.**

P: We especially commend to Your care and keeping this Your congregation which You have bought with a great price. Keep from us all offenses and bind us together in the unity of Your holy love. Grant that the little ones who are baptized in Your name may be brought up in Your fear. At Your table give to those who there commune with You peace and life everlasting.

**C: Let all rejoice who trust in You; let them shout for joy because You defend them.**

P: In Your mercy look upon ..... In Christ's name we pray.

**C: Lord, in Your mercy hear our prayer.**

P: Be merciful, O God, to all, according to Your great love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. When our final hour shall come, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection to Your glory.

**C: Amen. Grant us Your peace, O Lord!**

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into**

temptation, **But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

THE APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION

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

THE OFFERING

*If you are a first time visitor with us, we encourage you to fill out a welcome card which is in the pew in front of you. You may place it in the offering plate as it comes by and our Pastor will happily reach out to you.*

A HYMN: 252 “I Walk in Danger All the Way” (Sit)

1 I walk in danger all the way;  
The thought shall never leave me  
That Satan, who has marked his prey,  
Is plotting to deceive me.  
This foe with hidden snares  
May seize me unawares  
If e'er I fail to watch and pray;  
I walk in danger all the way.

2 I pass through trials all the way,  
With sin and ills contending;  
In patience I must bear each day  
The cross of God's own sending.  
Oft in adversity  
I know not where to flee,  
When storms of woe my soul dismay;  
I pass through trials all the way.

3 Death doth pursue me all the way;  
Nowhere I rest securely.  
He comes by night, he comes by day,  
And takes his prey most surely.  
A failing breath, and I  
In death's strong grasp may lie  
To face eternity for aye.  
Death doth pursue me all the way.

4 I walk with angels all the way;  
They shield me and befriend me.  
All Satan's pow'r is held at bay  
When heav'nly hosts attend me.  
They are my sure defense,  
All fear and sorrow, hence!  
Unharmed by foes, do what they may,  
I walk with angels all the way.

5 I walk with Jesus all the way;  
His guidance never fails me.  
Within His wounds I find a stay  
When Satan's pow'r assails me,  
And, by His footsteps led,  
My path I safely tread.  
In spite of ills that threaten may,  
I walk with Jesus all the way.

6 My walk is heav'nward all the way;  
Await, my soul, the morrow,  
When thou shalt find release for aye  
From all thy sin and sorrow.  
All worldly pomp, begone!  
To heav'n I now press on.  
For all the world I would not stay;  
My walk is heav'nward all the way.

THE COLLECT (Stand)

P: Lord God, our heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your great mercy You have given us Your holy and blessed Word, by which You also among us gather Your Christian Church.

We humbly entreat You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we receive Your Word with thankful hearts, and live according to it, and ever increase in Christian faith, and hope, and love, and at last obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

#### THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and give † you peace.

**C: ♪ Amen, amen, amen.**

#### THE CLOSING HYMN: 80 “O Blessed Holy Trinity”

1 O blessed Holy Trinity,  
Divine, eternal Unity,  
God Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Be Thou this day my Guide and Host.

2 My soul and body keep from harm,  
O'er all I have extend Thine arm.  
That Satan may not cause distress  
Nor bring me shame and wretchedness.

3 The Father's love shield me this day,  
The Son's pure wisdom cheer my way;  
The Holy Spirit's light divine  
Illumine my heart's benighted shrine.

4 My Maker, strengthen Thou my heart;  
O my Redeemer, help impart;  
Blest Comforter, keep at my side  
That faith and love in me abide.

5 Lord, bless and keep Thou me as Thine;  
Lord, make Thy face upon me shine;  
Lord, lift Thy countenance on me  
And give me peace, sweet peace, from Thee.

#### THE CLOSING PRAYER

P: O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus

Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

### **TRINITY**

Israel was justly satisfied with the able rule of Samuel. Under him she had definitely begun to rise to national greatness. A thorough reformation of religion and morals had been instituted. But now Samuel was old. His sons, to whom he had entrusted many of his duties, proved unworthy of their great father and shamefully allowed the administration of justice to be corrupted by bribes. The leaders of Israel approached Samuel and requested that Israel have a king like all other nations. Although God acknowledged that the people were rejecting His reign over them, He would give them a king. But He also warned them that their kings would eventually rob them of their personal freedom and over-burden them with taxes and enforced military service. Samuel then anointed Saul, son of Kish, of the tribe of Benjamin. By this act Israel entered the new age – the period of the Kings. Saul was modest, able, head and shoulders above the average in stature and personality, just the kind of king the people had in mind.

#### **Sermon Thoughts**

- 1) What does the law in this text teach us ourselves?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) How does the Gospel in this text comfort us?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3) How may I personally apply this text to my life today?

#### **CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS for May 31, 2026**

**Wednesday 9:30 AM: Women's Bible Study - I Corinthians**

**7:00 PM: Women's Bible Study - Ephesians**

(Meet at Chandia House - 14971 Oak Summit, 78232)

**Thursday 6:30 PM: Men's Bible Study on PAUSE**

**Saturday 9:00 AM: Church Clean Up Day**

**Sunday 9:00 AM: Sunday School & Bible Study**

**10:30 AM: Divine Service**

**June 14th - Trustee's meeting with potluck.**

We are updating the Faith Directory and will be taking pictures of members after church in May and June.



**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH VBS**

***Jesus, the Good Shepherd***

Monday-Thursday, July 14 - 16, 2026

9:00am-12pm (snack provided)

@ Faith Lutheran Church, San Antonio, TX  
for those children going into Kindergarten - 6th grade

Cost: \$10 per participant

Event limited to first 50 participants. All others will be placed on a waitlist.

**Register Early! No registrations accepted after June 28, 2026**

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**VBS Registration Form – Due June 28, 2026** (one form per family)

**Lime Creek Church Decommissioning Service**

On Saturday, June 20, 2026 at 10:30 AM, the Friends of Lime Creek Society is planning a decommissioning service for the historic Lime Creek Lutheran Church building, where our synod reorganized in 1918 (rural Lake Mills, Iowa). Please register to attend the worship service, meal, and program at [FriendsofLimeCreek.org](http://FriendsofLimeCreek.org). If you plan to ride the charter bus from Bethany Lutheran College to Lime Creek, the deadline for bus registration is June 1. You can register and find more information at [FriendsofLimeCreek.org](http://FriendsofLimeCreek.org).

**LYA**

We are less than one week away from the early registration deadline for LYA (June 1). Please encourage your youth to take advantage of the early registration price (\$375). Late registration goes from June 1–July 1 (\$425). We have a wonderful LYA planned for our youth and would like to have as many as possible as we seek to encourage them with the wonders of God's creation and providence as we visit the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter.