



# First Lutheran Church

Sunday, May 31, 2026, 8:30am | The Holy Trinity

Though the word *trinity* is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.



## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INVOCATION

#### BAPTISMAL HYMN | *Baptized in Water* | ELW #456

1. We are people created, chosen by God. Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love. Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.
3. We are nourished by water, all living things, and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings. As we journey toward home, may your presence be known: precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.
4. Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song. All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong. Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Merciful God, **C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out our offenses. Release us from the guilt and shame we carry, and renew a right spirit within us. Teach us your ways, and uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### HOLY BAPTISM

*Names of Baptized: Paislee Jeanne Jo Ellingson  
Parents: Sadie and Dylan Ellingson | Sponsors: Jen Nicklaus, Adam Oden, Zach Nicklaus, and Zack Lapos*

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus...

**ALL: We renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**ALL: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**ALL: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### KYRIE | *Create in Me a Clean Heart* | ELW #186

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

### HYMN OF PRAISE | *Glory be to God* | ELW pg 204, vs 1

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth.  
We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you, here on earth our songs we raise.

## BRIEF ORDER OF HEALING

*"In its ministry of healing, the church does not replace the gifts of God that come through the scientific community nor does it promise a cure. Rather, the church offers and celebrates gifts such as these: God's presence with strength and comfort in time of suffering, God's promised wholeness and peace, and God's love embodied in the community of faith." -ELW Leader's Desk Edition (pg. 660).*

### Silent Invocation

#### Introduction

P: Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing – with prayer, the presence of community, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need. Amen.

#### Prayers for Healing *(silent reflection between petitions)*

P: Merciful God, you sent your son to be our peace. Help all those who suffer any pain or grief, hopelessness or anxiety. *In your great mercy, C: Hear us, O God. \*silent reflection\**

P: Mighty God, mercifully grant strength to those who need it, and comfort those who suffer, that their sickness and pain may be turned to health. *In your great mercy, C: Hear us, O God. \*silent reflection\**

P: God of peace and reconciliation, bring an end to the sickness of the world, especially violence, terrorism, oppression, war, and their causes. *In your great mercy, C: Hear us, O God. \*silent reflection\**

P: Holy God, Holy One, your Son prayed that your people may be one. May the gift of baptism be a power for healing the church's brokenness, and bless all efforts for renewal and Christian unity. *In your great mercy, C: Hear us, O God. \*silent reflection\**

P: God of stillness, too many of us are trapped in grips of busyness. Caught up in the incessant and relentless deadlines and schedules. Our minds race in worry. Our hearts beat with anxiousness. Our breaths are short and clipped. Drive away this tightness, call us into sabbath, wrap us in your peace, help us to calmness and stillness. *In your great mercy, C: Hear us, O God. \*silent reflection\**

P: Loving God, mend broken relationships and bring peace to our families, our congregation, our community, our country, and our world. *In your great mercy, C: Hear us, O God. \*silent reflection\**

P: Gracious God, send your healing to those who suffer, who weigh heavily on our hearts, and heavily in the heart of this congregation. We pray this especially for *Bill Wegschied, Judy Wood, Larry Kjono, Tyler Wilson, Dave & Pam Nustad, Cami Eckhoff, Kathy Larson, Dianne McKinney, Haley & Mel Johnson, ad we pray prayers of comfort for the families whose loved ones have recently died...* *In your great mercy, C: Hear us, O God. \*silent reflection\**

P: Prince of Peace, in this moment of silent reflection, we ground ourselves upon and lift up to you, all for which we deeply thankful...*In your great mercy, C: Hear us, O God.*

P: Into your hands O God we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, and hear us now as we pray together the one he taught us to pray:

**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.**

#### Litany of Divine Promise

P: "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me." Psalm 23:4

**C: We are not alone.**

P: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." John 16:33

**C: God is our refuge and strength.**

P: "Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God." Isaiah 41:10

**C: We are not alone.**

P: "The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer." Psalm 18:2

**C: God is our refuge and strength.**

P: "Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20

**C: We are not alone.**

P: "The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms." Deuteronomy 33:27

**C: God is our refuge and strength.**

P: "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Matthew 18:20.

**C: We are not alone.**

### **Signs of Healing**

P: Friends, at this time I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the Triune God.

P: Let us pray. Living God, through today's signs of healing, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY | *There Is a Balm in Gilead* | ELW #614**

**Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.**

1. Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,  
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. **Refrain**
2. If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot pray like Paul,  
you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all." **Refrain**
3. Don't ever be discouraged, for Jesus is your friend;  
and if you lack for knowledge he'll ne'er refuse to lend. **Refrain**

### **SHARING OF PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

### **OFFERING / NOISY OFFERING | *May: Lutheran World Relief***

#### **OFFERTORY SONG | *Holy, Holy, Holy* | ELW #473**

1. Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.  
My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy God. **(Sing 2x)**

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Loving God, **C: receive this offering for the building up of your kingdom: the proclamation of your word and the loving of our neighbor. Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

#### **SENDING HYMN | *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!* | ELW #413, vs1-2, 4**

1. 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!
2. 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.
4. 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!

### **SENDING**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

The Helping Hands Ministry is looking to restart in 2026! This ministry "...exists to assist the frail, elderly, and disabled of the Detroit Lakes area with routine minor repairs and home maintenance, through recruitment, training, and the sending of First Lutheran members and friends in the spirit of Matthew 25:35 . . . *for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me . . .* If you would like to become a Helping Hands volunteer and are interested in further information, please contact Paul Weber, 218-849-4354.

## ITEMS COLLECTED ALL YEAR

Bring your donations to the church office. Thanks!

- We Care Receipts *from Central Market*
- Children's Christmas Store Items (*new, gently used gift items*)
- Blessing Closet (*clothing, blankets, toiletries, reusable bags, etc.*)

## ADULT VBS

Save the Date!  
August 3 & 10.

Watch for more information!

## SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES

May 24—August 30  
8:30 & 10:30am

Summer is almost here and our worship service times will be changing on May 24 to 8:30 am indoors and 10:30am outdoors on the lawn. If you are joining us outside, please bring a lawn chair or blanket.

## IN THE STEPS OF MARTIN LUTHER

April 12-22, 2027

Join Pr Wade & Holly Dutton next spring, as they travel to Germany to experience firsthand the life & times of Martin Luther. If interested, trip packets are in the church office.

## FLOWER TEAM

We are looking for a couple more volunteers to help with the outdoor flowers. It is a week long commitment. This could be for a single person, a couple, or a family project. For more info, call Shan at 218-234-0312 or Belinda at 218-841-2962.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

We are currently seeing persons willing to musical talents with us this summer. If you are provide special music during one of our worship services this summer, contact the church office or Karen Bimberg.

## Prayers for God's People

*Ongoing prayers for:*  
Bill Wegschied, Larry Kjono, Tyler Wilson, Dave & Pam Nustad, Cami Eckhoff, Kathy Larson, Haley & Mel Johnson, Pr. Matthew Rossler, Betty Johnston

*Prayers of comfort for those who mourn the loss of a loved one including the families of Sharon Hill, and Judy Wood*

## Youth & Family

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 22-25 from 9am—3pm

Open to kids completing K-5th grade. Cost: FREE!  
Scan the QR code to register!



Planning to be away from home this summer? Catch our worship service at home on the

### RADIO

Sunday @ 10am on KDLM  
1340-AM and 93.1-FM.

### TV

Sat @ 9am on Arvig Cable ch14.

### ON-LINE

Live streamed on Facebook & on the FLC YouTube channel.

## Thanks for worshipping with us!

Lead Pastor: Joe Skogmo  
Music Director: Karen Bimberg

*"Opening Doors to life in Christ."*



## Give online

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