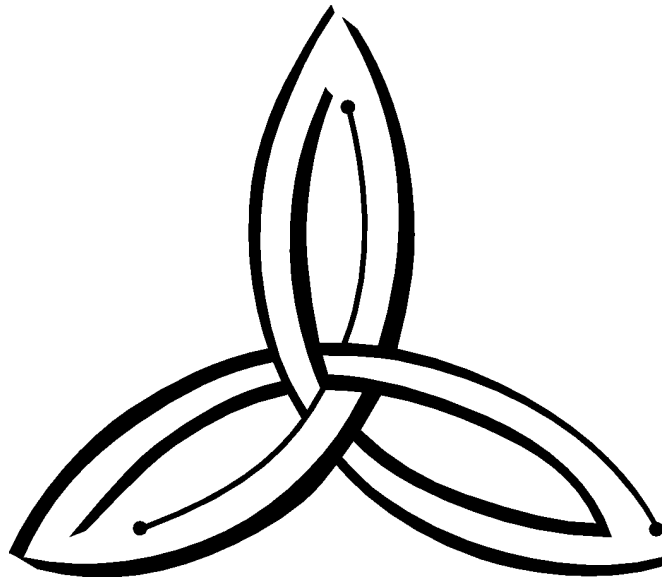


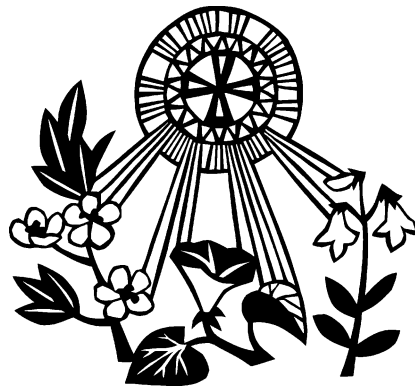
+ Contemporary Worship +  
At Redeemer Lutheran Church  
9:45 am May 31, 2026

**Our mission is to share Christ's love with the greatest number of people.**

Trinity Sunday



*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 TO WORSHIP +

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Based on Psalm 8*

Pastor O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**All Your glory is chanted above the heavens.**

Pastor When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,

**All the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**

Pastor what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,

**All human beings that you should care for them?**

Pastor With glory and honor you crown them.

**All You have put all things under their feet.**

Pastor O Lord our Lord,

**All how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

**GATHERING HYMN**  
*All sing.*

**Great is the Lord**

Great is the Lord, he is ho - ly and just, by his  
 pow - er we trust in his love. Great is the Lord, he is  
 faith - ful and true, by his mer - cy he proves he is  
 love. Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of glo - ry.  
 Great is the Lord, and wor - thy of praise. Great is the Lord, now  
 lift up your voice, now lift up your voice: Great is the  
 Lord! Great is the Lord!

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**CONFESSION OF SIN**

**Pastor** Christ has risen and we have risen to new life with him. Let us confess the ways we have continued to remain in the tombs of sin and death.

**All** **Living God, when we stand before the empty tomb we do not always feel the joy of the resurrection. We sometimes live in fear, doubt, and distrust. We sometimes feel empty. Forgive that which paralyzes us and prevents us from enjoying our new life in Christ. Forgive that which makes us doubt your unfailing love. Forgive that which tempts us away from the joy of your presence. Fill our emptiness with your glorious light.**

**Pastor** Let us awaken and rise from our sleep. Let the light of Christ shine on us. Christ has forgiven our sins. Christ calls us to new life. Christ will lead us into righteousness. I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Receive the Holy Spirit and be empowered to be witnesses of God's love that we know through his Son, Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**All** **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor 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.

All Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### + THE WORD +

#### Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

*At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.*

<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.

Reader Word of God, word of life.  
All **Thanks be to God.**

### Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

*Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.*

[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.

Reader Word of God, word of life.  
All **Thanks be to God.**

***Please stand  
and sing.***

### Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.  
When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,  
warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.  
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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The Gospel is announced.

Pastor           The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.  
All                **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20**

*After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

<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."

Pastor           The Gospel of the Lord.  
All                **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*A Disciple-Making Church  
Pastor Sharon Core*

***Please stand and sing.***

**Go, Make Disciples**

"Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach - ing them.

Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.

Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.

Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you're

serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples."

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## APOSTLES' CREED

Asst. Min. With the whole Church, let us confess our faith.

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

## PRAYERS

*Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish and special concerns. After each portion of the prayers:*

Asst. Min. Merciful God.

**All** **receive our prayer.**

*At the end of the prayer:*

Pastor Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**All** **Amen.**

## SHARING THE LORD'S PEACE

Pastor May the peace of Christ be with you always.

**All** **And also with you.**

*Please greet one another with words such as "God's peace be with you."*

*Sit*

## + SHARING OUR GIFTS +

## OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Our offerings to God are first of all just that – offerings of thanksgiving to God. As you are able please continue to support our ministry with your financial gifts.*

*Please sign the red attendance book and pass it down the pew.*

## OFFERING MUSIC

*"Tradin' My Sorrows" by Darrell Evans*

## OFFERTORY

*Please stand and sing.*

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Chords: G C<sup>2</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup>/E C/E

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our

Chords: F C/E Dm<sup>7</sup> Dm<sup>7</sup>/G C

lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Asst. Min. Let us pray.  
**All Risen Lord,  
you call us to believe and bear fruit.  
May the gifts that we offer here  
be signs of your abiding love.  
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.  
Amen.**

**+ COME TO THE TABLE +**

Pastor The Lord be with you.  
**All And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts.  
**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastor Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.  
**All 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.**

Pastor Come, for all is now ready.  
**COMMUNION**

***All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.***

*Communion will be offered by intinction. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.  
For those not comfortable receiving from those who are distributing the elements, a separate tray is  
available.*

*Anyone not comfortable receiving the bread or the wine is invited to come forward for a blessing. To receive a  
blessing, please cross your arms.  
You are an important part of our faith community.*

*In Holy Communion we receive the true body and blood of Christ.*

**COMMUNION  
SONG**

**Glory and praise to our God**

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*Refrain*

Glo - ry and praise to our God, who a - lone gives

light to our days. Man - y are the

bles - sings he bears to those who trust in his ways.

1 We, the daugh - ters and sons of him who built the  
2 In his wis - dom he strength - ens us, like gold that's  
3 Ev - 'ry mo - ment of ev - 'ry day our God is

val - leys and plains, praise the won - ders our God has  
test - ed in fire. Though the pow - er of sin pre -  
wait - ing to save, al - ways read - y to seek the

done in ev - 'ry heart that sings.  
veils, our God is there to save.  
lost, to an - swer those who pray.

4 God has wa - tered our bar - ren land and spent his

*Final refrain*

Glo - ry and praise to our God, who a - lone gives

light to our days. Man - y are the

bles - sings he bears to those who trust in his ways.

**Please stand.**

Pastor

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and his precious blood,  
strengthen and preserve you unto eternal life.

**All Amen.**

**PRAYER**

Asst. Min.

Let us pray. Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

**All Amen.**

**+ THE SENDING +**

**BENEDICTION**

Pastor

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, + bless you now and forever.

**All Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**

*All sing.*

**I Will Celebrate**

E  
I — will cel - e - brate, —

C#m7  
sing — un - to the Lord, —

Amaj7 A/B  
sing — to the Lord — a

A/E E  
new song. —

E  
I — will cel - e - brate, —

C#m7  
sing — un - to the Lord, —

Amaj7 A/B  
sing — to the Lord — a

F#m/E E *Last x* *Fine*  
 new song. With my  
 G#m7 B/C#  
 heart re - joic - ing with -  
 C#9 F#m7  
 in, with my mind  
 Amaj7/B A/B B/A  
 fo - cused on Him. With my  
 G#m7  
 hands  
 B/C# C#9  
 raised to the heav - ens, all I  
 F#m7 Amaj7/B  
 am wor - ship - ing  
 F#m7/B *D.C. al Fine*  
 Him.

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**DISMISSAL**  
 Asst. Min.  
**All**

Go in peace. Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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## ***Sunday Services***

***8:30 and 11:00 am for the traditional service and 9:45 am for the contemporary service***

Next Sunday's Scripture:

Genesis 12:1-9

Psalms 50:7-15

Romans 4:13-25

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

*The flowers are given to the glory of God.*

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