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**Trinity Sunday**

**June 15, 2025**

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# UNDIVIDED ATTENTION

**ON THE MYSTERY AND MAJESTY OF OUR GOD**

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## **WELCOME**

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning, whether in-person or online. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word.

## **PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS**

If you would like to meet with Pastor Koepke, please contact him to make an appointment. Our pastor is here to serve both Lamb of God members and our community.

## **CHILDREN'S ROOM**

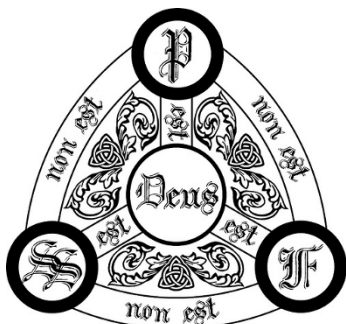
We love having children in our service. However, if you feel your child needs to be taken out for a while, you may choose to use the children's room off the hallway near the mailboxes. We also ask everyone to reserve the back few rows for families with young children, making it easier to leave the church area if needed.



## **GIVING TO LAMB OF GOD**

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## TRINITY SUNDAY



**Christian Symbolism** This is an ancient symbol for the Trinity. The center circle reads *Deus*, Latin for God. The three outer circles contain abbreviations. The P is for *Pater*, Latin for Father. The F is for *Filius*, Latin for Son. The SS stands for *Sancti Spiritus*, Latin for Holy Spirit. The outside arms, connecting the three outer circles, all read *non est*, literally “is not.” The center arms, connecting each outer circle to the center circle, reads *est*, “is.”

Thus, this simple diagram depicts one entity. The Father is God. The Son is God. The Spirit is God. But the Father is not the Son. The Son is not the Spirit. The Spirit is not the Father. It is as good a diagram for the Trinity as one will find in the history of the church.

### ✠ The Gathering ✠

**OPENING SONG:** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (CW 234:1, 3, 5)*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,  
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.  
What need or grief ever has failed of relief?  
Wings of his mercy did shade you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the Amen sound from his people again;  
Gladly forever adore him!

### INVOCATION

**M:** In the name of God the Father, who created us, preserves us, protects us, and sent his Son to save us:

**C:** Alleluia!

M: In the name of God the Son, who redeemed us with his holy precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death:

**C: Alleluia!**

M: In the name of God the Holy Spirit, who called us by the gospel and brought us to believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior:

**C: Alleluia!**

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

M: Let us confess our sins to our Triune God and ask for his forgiveness:

**C: Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—  
I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart.  
In what I have done and left undone,  
I have pursued my ways instead of your ways.  
I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself.  
For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.  
I am truly sorry for my sins.  
I repent of them.  
Heavenly Father, I beg for your mercy.  
Gracious Lord Jesus, cleanse me from my sins through your suffering and death.  
O Holy Spirit, grant me the strength to amend my sinful life and live for you alone.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins.  
By the perfect life and innocent death of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
he has removed your guilt forever.  
You are his own dear child.  
May the Holy Spirit give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**SONG:** *Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty (CW 195:1 & 2)*

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,  
Who was and is and evermore shall be.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ: in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **✠ The Word ✠**

### **FIRST READING:** *Numbers 6:22-27*

*The Lord charges his priests to speak a threefold blessing upon the people. We close our services confident that our Triune God gives us the majestic things these words pronounce.*

<sup>22</sup> The LORD said to Moses, <sup>23</sup> "Tell Aaron and his sons, 'This is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them:

<sup>24</sup> "The LORD bless you and keep you;

<sup>25</sup> the LORD make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you;

<sup>26</sup> the LORD turn his face toward you  
and give you peace."

<sup>27</sup> "So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."

**PSALM: *Earth and All Stars (CW 247 v.1,3,5 - based on Psalm 150)***

Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Oh, victory! Loud shouting army!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
He has done marvelous things.  
I, too, will praise him with a new song!

Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos!  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
He has done marvelous things.  
I, too, will praise him with a new song!

Children of God, Dying and rising,  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
Heaven and earth, Hosts everlasting,  
Sing to the Lord a new song!  
He has done marvelous things.  
I, too, will praise him with a new song!

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**GOSPEL READING: *John 16:12-15***

*The Son receives what he has from the Father. The Spirit receives what he has from the Son. We receive what we have from the Spirit.*

<sup>12</sup> "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. <sup>13</sup> But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. <sup>15</sup> All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty (CW 195)*

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,  
Who was and is and evermore shall 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!

**SERMON:** *Romans 5:1-5*

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

**The Athanasian Creed** This creed is named after St. Athanasius, a staunch defender of the Christian faith in the fourth century. It was prepared to assist the Church in combating two errors that undermined Bible teaching. One error denied that God's Son and the Holy Spirit are of one being or Godhead with the Father. The other error denied that Jesus Christ is true God and true man in one person. The Athanasian Creed continues to serve the Christian Church as a standard of the truth. It declares that whoever rejects the doctrine of the Trinity and the doctrine of Christ is without saving faith.

The section of the Athanasian Creed included here is the portion that confesses the Bible's teaching about the Triune God. This portion serves as a very fitting confession of faith for Trinity Sunday. A translation of the entire text of the Athanasian Creed may be found on pages 132-133 in *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal*.

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH:** *First Section of the Athanasian Creed*

**Minister:** Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith.  
Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.

**All:** **Now this is the true Christian faith:**  
**We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God,**  
**Without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.**  
**For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct,**  
**but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one,**  
**equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.**

**Men:** **What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.**  
**The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**  
**The Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;**  
**The Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;**  
**yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal,**  
**just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are infinite,**  
**but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.**

**Minister:** In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty;  
yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.

**Women:** **So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;**  
**yet they are not three Gods, but one God.**  
**So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;**  
**yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.**  
**For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually**  
**to be God and Lord,**  
**so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.**

**All:** **The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.**  
**The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.**  
**The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten,**  
**but proceeds from the Father and the Son.**  
**So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons;**  
**one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.**  
**And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior,**  
**But all three persons are coequal and coeternal,**  
**so that, in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshipped as**  
**one God, and one God worshipped as three persons.**



**All:       Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.  
             This is the true Christian faith.  
             Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.**

## **✠   The Prayers   ✠**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M:** Triune God, you are the one eternal God, whose name we praise forever. We could not have known you, our only Savior, if you had not revealed yourself to us as Father, Son, and Spirit—three persons, yet one God. Remove from us all unbelief, and grant us humble faith as we contemplate this high and holy mystery.

**C:   Scatter all those who are wise in their own conceits, and give us a simple, childlike trust to worship you as Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity.**

**M:** God our Father, whatever good is in us, whatever good things we have, and whatever good we do comes from you alone. In you we live and move and have our being.

**C:   Open our eyes to see the gifts you shower down on us daily—purely out of your own fatherly love and care.**

**M:** Lord Jesus our Savior, you came into our world to make the Father known to us; you joined yourself to us by taking on our humanity; you brought us back to God by shedding your blood. In love you walked the way of suffering and bore alone the wrath of God, the wrath that we deserved for our sins.

**C:   Help us believe that all you did, all you suffered, and all you endured, you did to rescue us and set us free.**

**M:** Creator Spirit, you have opened our eyes by the bright light of your Word; you have burst through our deafness with the clear sound of your voice in the Scriptures; you have breathed into us new life by the power of the gospel. Through Word and Sacrament, help us grow in understanding how wide and high and deep is the love of God.

**C:   Make us firm in our resolve to do battle with our sin. In every weakness be our strength, that we may show ourselves to be God's true children.**

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

## Silent prayer

M: O Holy Trinity, you are the God of glory, the God of grace, the God of every comfort. From you and through you and to you are all things. We rejoice to call you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and so to praise your holy name forever.

We join to pray the prayer Christ taught us:

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## THE LORD'S BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace.

Live in harmony with one another.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give ☩ you peace.

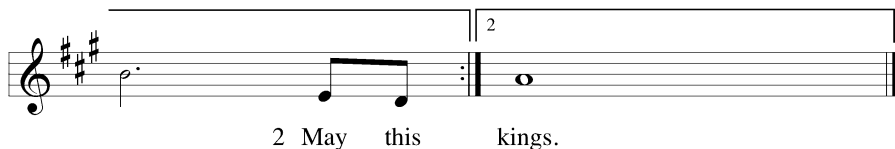
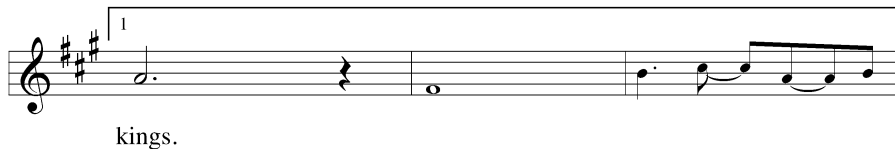
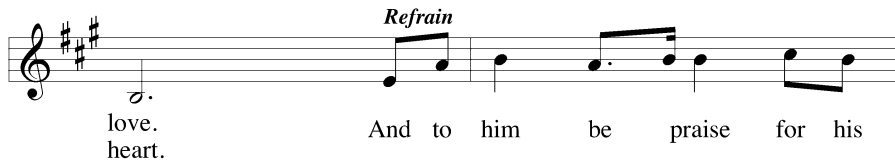
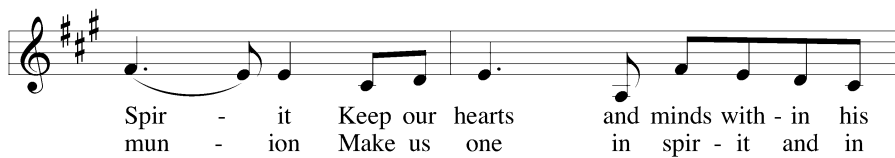
C: Amen.

## CLOSING SONG: *May the Peace of God (CWS 745)*

I May the peace of God our heav'n - ly Fa -  
peace which pass - es un - der - stand -

ther, And the grace of Christ the ris - en  
ing, And this grace which makes us what we

Son,  
are, And the fel - low-ship of God the  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BIBLE CLASSES

- ✝ Our Sunday Bible class and Children's Sunday School will resume in August.
- ✝ Foundations class, Tuesdays at 6:30pm at church.

### DIVINE CALL

Last week Pastor Koepke received a divine call to serve dual parishes in Missouri: Zion Lutheran Church in Springfield and Peace Lutheran Church in Marshfield. This means that our pastor now holds two calls—one to Lamb of God and the other to Zion/Peace. Over the next few weeks he will prayerfully deliberate and decide where he can best serve in his ministry. He welcomes your input and prayers as well.

### JOB OPENINGS AT ARIZONA LUTHERAN ACADEMY

Interested in joining the Arizona Lutheran Academy staff? Two new positions are being added to better serve the students.

- In-House Substitute Teacher, on campus each day to complement the teaching staff
- Financial Operations Manager to work with the Finance Director, serving as the day-to-day financial contact for families and staff

Contact Doug Meyer, [Meyer@ALAcoyotes.org](mailto:Meyer@ALAcoyotes.org) or 602-626-0084, if you are interested in more information.

### GOOD SHEPHERD BIBLE CAMP

Dates: July 13-19, 2025

Campers: entering the 4th - 10th grade in fall 2025

Staff: entering 11th grade in fall 2025 and older

Get more information and register at [goodshepherdbiblecamp.com](http://goodshepherdbiblecamp.com)

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### REQUESTS FOR PRAYER AND CARE

When all you can do is the most powerful thing we can do for you...Let us pray. Your prayer request will be treated with great discretion and shared with a limited group of prayer warriors who will consider it a gift to cover you in prayer. This is also a way to reach the Caring Committee if you need other assistance.



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