



# The Holy Trinity

*Saturday*

Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church

Saturday May 30, 2026 \* 5:00 PM

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**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING SONG**

Worthy You Are Worthy/Holy, Holy, Holy

Worthy, You are worthy, King of kings, Lord of lords,  
You are worthy.

Worthy, You are worthy, King of kings, Lord of lords,  
I worship you.

Mighty, You are Mighty, King of Kings, Lord of Lords,  
You are mighty,  
Mighty, You are Holy, King of kings, Lord of Lords,  
I worship you.

Jesus, You are Jesus, King of Kings, Lord of Lords,  
You are Jesus.

Jesus, You are Jesus, King of Kings, Lord of Lords,  
I worship you.

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-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!  
God in three Persons, Blessed Trinity!

## **WE CONFESS OUR NEED FOR GOD'S SPIRIT**

**ALL: God of spirit and truth, we confess we are sinful and unclean. Our spirits are dry and we need to be refreshed by your Spirit. We have tried to live life on our own terms but we have failed. Our days run together and we lack adventure and motivation in our lives. God of spirit and truth, forgive our sin and refresh us with your Spirit.**

## **THE GOOD NEWS OF GOD'S SPIRIT**

L: God created the world out of powerful love and continues to bless us. God, in Jesus, went to the cross in powerful love to take the sin of the world to himself, so our sin would no longer weigh us down. God, in the Holy Spirit, continues to demonstrate powerful love as we experience God's life-changing power each day of our lives. Once we were powerless; now we have God's power. Praise God for the power to change lives. **ALL: Amen.**

## **FIRST READING:**

## **Genesis 1:1—2:4a**

<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.

## SECOND READING

## 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

[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.

## **GOSPEL READING**

**Matthew 28:16-20**

<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."

## **SERMON**

Pastor Shawn O'Brien

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**All: God is love, and in God is the source of all goodness and truth.  
God is the creator of the universe and continues to recreate  
a community of compassion for all humankind.  
Jesus is God's Son. Jesus was born of Mary  
and lived a life of kindness and concern.  
Jesus died a cruel death on an executioner's cross  
and was raised to new life on the third day.  
Now I can live a life of kindness and concern.  
Now I can die and be raised to new life.  
Now I can live as a forgiven sinner, confident in my place in eternity.  
The Holy Spirit is alive and at work,  
establishing and building the church of God on this earth.  
The Spirit of God leads me into the true faith,  
guides me through the difficult choices of life,  
and comforts me when I feel as if I cannot go on.  
God is with me, living inside of me, through the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

## **PRAYERS of INTERCESSION**

**P:** God of Grace,

**ALL:** Hear our prayer.

## **SHARING THE PEACE**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always

**C:** And also with you.



*(Please offer those around you a sign of peace as you are comfortable..  
this can be a handshake, a thumbs up, a fist bump or simply a smile...)*

## OFFERING SONG

## We Give Ourselves to You

Father in heaven we thank you for all the blessings you give.  
You are the source of our power. You are the reason we live.  
Help us to constantly follow and keep our eyes on you.  
Father with daily commitment we give ourselves to you.

## OFFERING PRAYER

P: Loving God,

**C: we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION LITANY

P: Jesus invites us to gather for this holy meal.

**All: In response to the call of God, the command of Christ, and the bond of our common faith, we come to the table.**

P: Our Lord, Jesus, on the night of his betrayal, in a quiet room with his disciples, took bread, gave thanks and when he had blessed it, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat, this is my body." And then he took a cup and when he had given thanks he gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." Do this in remembrance of me.

**All: Gracious God, we are thankful for these gifts of love and sacrifice. In this meal may we know your presence, be assured of your forgiveness, and may your love fill us with power to share your grace with the world around us. Amen.**

## THE 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**

## THE DISTRIBUTION



### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Compassionate God,

**C: through the gifts of bread and wine  
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.  
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,  
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.  
Amen.**

### BLESSING

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, one God,  
bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

**ALL: Amen**

### SENDING SONG

Soon and Very Soon

1. Soon and very soon, we are goin' to see the King.  
Soon and very soon, we are goin' to see the King.  
Soon and very soon, we are goin' to see the King.  
Hal-le-lu-jah, hal-le-lu-jah, we're goin' to see the King.
2. No more cryin' there, we are goin' to see the King ...
3. No more dyin' there, we are goin' to see the King.
4. Soon and very soon, we are goin' to see the King.

### DISMISSAL

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!  
Thanks be to God. **ALL: Amen.**

### POSTLUDE

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**We welcome you to St. John Lutheran Church.  
We are...“creating and nurturing life changing relationships  
based on the love of God in Jesus Christ,  
so that we may grow in faith, serve God, and serve our neighbor.”**

LisaAnne Gregg, Office Administrator  
Church Office Hours: M-T-W 9am—3 pm  
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Contemporary Worship: Saturday 5:00 pm  
Traditional Worship: Sunday 9:00 am

***Welcome!***

St. John practices “open communion”. All who are baptized and instructed are welcome to share the Lord’s Supper with us today. Starting with the right side of the church, followed by the left when they are finished, the Pastor will distribute the bread and the communion assistant will serve the wine. We will also have pre-sealed elements available for those who would prefer the more hygienic option (or those who wish to receive grape juice instead of wine). Indicate to the Pastor that you would like pre-sealed elements and skip the wine server. Those who wish to receive a blessing should indicate their wishes to the Pastor by crossing their arms over their chest.