

*Festival of the Holy Trinity – May 31, 2026*



*Welcome to*  
**St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
**Lakewood, Colorado**

**A Warm Welcome in Christ to our Worship Guests.** The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and are happy that you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservation to the entire truth of God's Word, the Bible. We have found joy and hope in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Holy Scriptures. It gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again! Questions? Please speak with one of the ushers. They will be happy to assist you!

## Opening Prayer

### Hymn

LSB 506 – "Glory Be to God the Father"

### The Invocation

P: Welcome ... in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. (*spoken*)

### Confession of Sins & Announcement of Forgiveness

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

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

C: Amen. (*spoken*)

### Lord, Have Mercy *The Kyrie*

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

### Glory to God in the Highest *The Gloria in Excelsis*

C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:

We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
 Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,

Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

### Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray ...

C: Amen. (*spoken*)

### First Lesson – Genesis 1:1–2:3

1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day. 6 Then God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters." 7 Thus God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. 8 And God called the firmament Heaven. So the evening and the morning were the second day. 9 Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear"; and it was so. 10 And God called the dry land Earth, and the gathering together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that it was good. 11 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth"; and it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth grass, the herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 13 So the evening and the morning were the third day. 14 Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years; 15 and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth"; and it was so. 16 Then God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He made the stars also. 17 God set them in the firmament of

the heavens to give light on the earth, 18 and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 So the evening and the morning were the fourth day. 20 Then God said, "Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens." 21 So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." 23 So the evening and the morning were the fifth day. 24 Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind"; and it was so. 25 And God made the beast of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." 29 And God said, "See, I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be for food. 30 Also, to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, I have given every green herb for food"; and it was so. 31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day. 2:1 Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. 2 And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. 3 Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

### **Psalm of the Day – Psalm 150**

P: Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary:

**C: Praise Him in His mighty firmament!**

P: Praise Him for His mighty acts:

**C: Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!**

P: Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet:

**C: Praise Him with the lute and harp!**

P: Praise Him with timbrel and dance:

**C: Praise Him stringed instruments and flutes!**

P: Praise Him with loud cymbals?:

**C: Praise Him with clashing cymbals!**

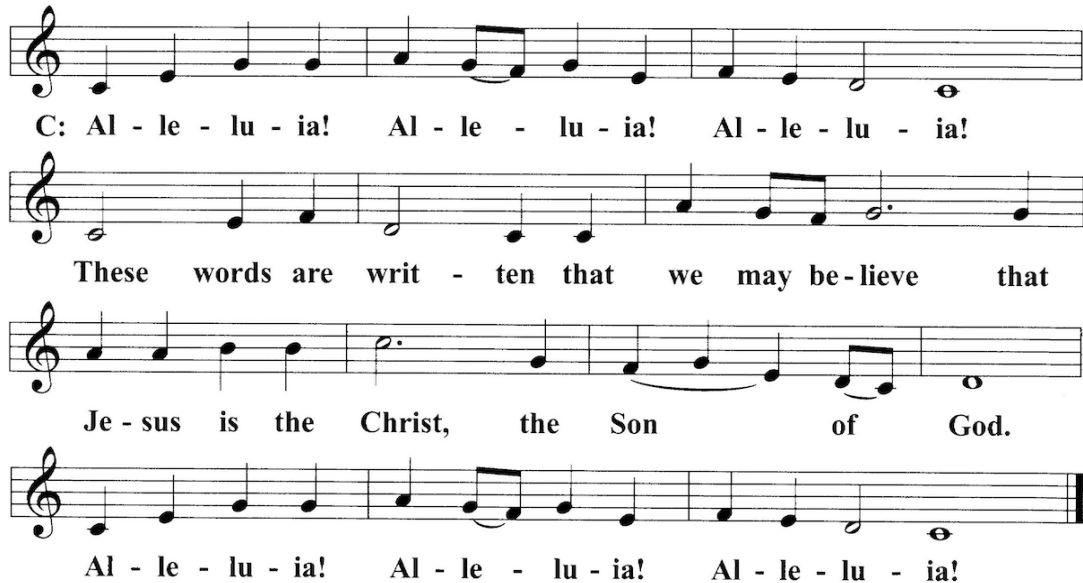
P: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!:

**C: Praise the LORD!**

## **Second Lesson – 2 Corinthians 13:11-14**

11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Become complete. Be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. 12 Greet one another with a holy kiss. 13 All the saints greet you. 14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it. Alleluia!



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## **Confession of Faith – Athanasian Creed**

*(Read responsively, as printed on pages 7-8)*

### **Hymn of the Day**

LSB 507 – *"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"*

## **Sermon, based on Matthew 28:16-20**

### ***The Mystery of Our Triune God Revealed***

1. His limitless power.
2. His amazing love.

16 Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. 17 When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

## Offertory



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me  
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly  
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

## Offering of Thankful Hearts

### Special Petitions / Prayer of the Church

#### The Lord's Prayer

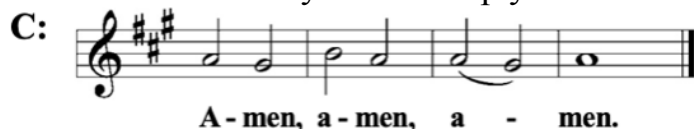
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### Hymn

LSB 590 – *"Baptized into Your Name Most Holy"*

#### Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you . . .



C: A - men, a - men, a - men.

#### Closing Hymn

LSB 805 – *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

## The Athanasian Creed

*Early in the fourth century a north African pastor named Arius began teaching that Jesus Christ was not truly God. The Church responded decisively in AD 325 with a statement of faith, THE NICENE CREED, which confessed that Jesus is, in fact, true God. Toward the end of the fifth century another creed was written that delved further into the mystery of the Trinity, THE ATHANASIAN CREED. This creed is named after 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 declares that its teachings concerning the Holy Trinity and the incarnation of our Lord are the true Christian faith. More than five centuries later, the Church continues to confess this truth, that our great and loving Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – is the sole source of our eternal salvation.*

P: Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all, hold to the true Christian faith.

**C: Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.**

P: 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.

**C: For each person—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—is distinct.**

P: But the deity of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, is one, equal in glory and coequal in majesty.

**C: What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.**

P: The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

**C: the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;**

P: 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,

**C: 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.**

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

**C: So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; yet they are not three Gods, but one God.**

P: So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord; yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.

**C: 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.**

**Men:** The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten by anyone. The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.

**Women:** The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

**Men:** 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,

**Women:** but all three persons are coequal and coeternal, so that in every way, as stated before, all three persons are to be worshiped as one God and one God worshiped as three persons.

**All:** Whoever wishes to be saved must think in this way about the Trinity.

P: But is also necessary for eternal salvation truly to believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh.

**C:** Now this is the true Christian faith: We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.

**Men:** He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father,

**Women:** and He is man, born in time from the nature of His mother,

**Men:** fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human flesh,

**Women:** equal to the Father as to His divinity, less than the Father as to His humanity;

**Men:** and though He is both God and man, Christ is not two persons, but one,

**All:** One, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God; one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person;

P: For just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being, so God and man are one Christ,

**All:** He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead. He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty, and from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. At His coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds.

P: Those who have done good will enter eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.\*

**All:** This is the true Christian faith. Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.

**Lord, grant and preserve this true Christian faith unto us all! Amen!**

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\* This statement towards the close of the Athanasian Creed is a quotation of Jesus' words in John 5:29. It underscores that while salvation is indeed through faith alone, good works play an integral role in our lives as Christians as they are evidence of a faith that is alive, whereas a faith that is without good works is dead (cf. James 2:20).

### **This Week at St. Paul**

Today (5/31)      9:30 am    Worship Service  
                      10:45 am    Lisa Chiappetti Graduation Reception  
                      11:15 am    Choir Rehearsal  
Sunday (6/7)      9:30 am    Worship Service with Holy Communion  
                      10:45 am    Choir Rehearsal

### **Front Range Mission Festival**

Hosted by Prince of Peace Lutheran in Loveland

Date: Sunday, June 14; Time: 3:00 pm

Guest Speaker: Missionary Bruce Naumann

Mission Presentation: 2:00 pm

Meal to follow the service



### **Upcoming In June & July**

- Elders Zoom Meeting: Thursday, June 11, 6:30 pm
- 37<sup>th</sup> CLC Delegates Convention, Eau Claire, WI: Thu-Sun, June 25-28
- Summer Clean-Up Day: Saturday, July 11 (8 to noon)
- Mary & Martha Ladies Meeting: Sunday, July 12, 10:45 am
- Church Council Meeting: Sunday, July 19, 8:30 am
- Vacation Bible School: Days/Times TBD
- Quarterly Voters Meeting: Sunday, July 26, 10:45 am

**In Our Prayers:** Carrol Rankin who is scheduled to undergo carpal tunnel surgery this Wednesday. <> Linda Heinrich, sister of Bobbie Brethauer, who recently suffered a stroke. <> May our Triune God continue to sustain and keep them spiritually as well as physically.

### **June Birthday (Anniversary) Blessings To . . .**

Sarah Potter, Jun 18    (Terry & Debbie New, Jun 28)

**The May CLC World Missions Prayer List**, provided by Missionary Todd Ohlmann, is available in the tract rack. Help yourself. Please read and remember, with thanks to God: *"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much"* (James 5:16). Missionary Ohlmann has also provided a QR code (at right) you can scan that will take you to the online version of the prayer list.



**Call News:** Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, has returned the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI.

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

June 1-6

**Mon John 3:1-15** The triune God whom we worship is all about saving mankind for eternity. Thus Jesus points Nicodemus to being born of the Spirit (v8) without which he cannot see or enter the kingdom of God.

**Tues Romans 11:33-36** To sit in judgment of God, His words, or His actions, on the basis of our human knowledge and reason is really ridiculous. He is so far above us! We always do better to learn from Him.

**Wed Ezekiel 18:30-32** The Lord God calls upon His people to repent and turn away from rebellious acts. He does this not because they could ever overthrow Him, but because He wants them to live (v32)!

**Thurs Psalm 115:1-8** The name of God is glorious because He acts in great mercy and truth. How unlike Him are mankind's idols, who cannot speak or grunt, see or hear, smell or feel, or even walk around!

**Fri Psalm 115:9-18** The Lord is worthy of His people's trust, for He actively helps them and also shields them. He is worthy of their praises, for He remembers them and blesses, blesses, and blesses them more!

**Sat Psalm 67** May the shining face of God ever smile upon us. His way is the path of salvation. He deserves the praise of people – all of them (v3,5). God's ruling on earth means blessing for His people (v6,7).

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