

**Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
The Holy Trinity  
Sunday, May 31, 2026

# GATHERING

## Prelude

## Welcome to Worship

## Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness: **Forgive us Lord.**

For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves: **Forgive us Lord.**

For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others: **Forgive us Lord.**

For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create conflict and warfare: **Forgive us Lord.**

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation: **Forgive us Lord.**

For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm: **Forgive us Lord.**

For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace: **Forgive us Lord.**

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! In the water of baptism we are washed and made clean.

In Christ, + you are a new creation: your sins are taken away and you are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit that you may live in peace and love with your neighbor. **Amen.**

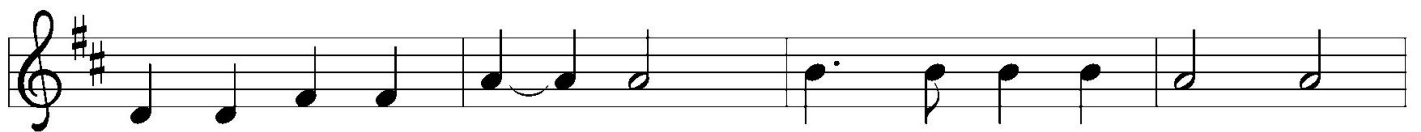
# Gathering Hymn: *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!* #413



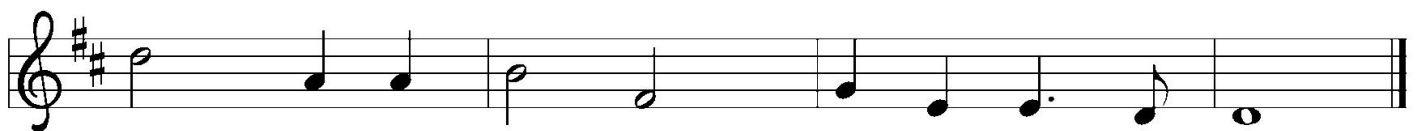
1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.  
Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

# Hymn of Praise

## Refrain

*Congregation:*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,



all of cre - a - tion sings for joy



to the God of life and love and



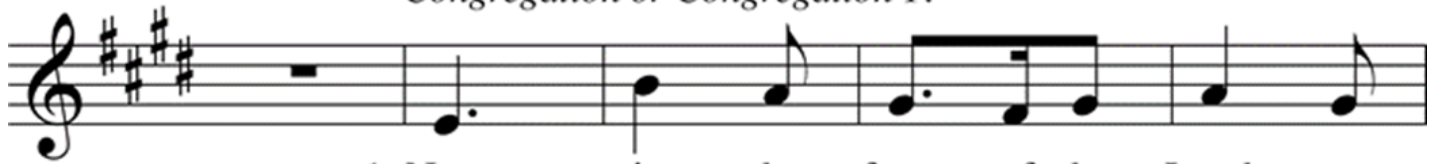
free-dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -



er - more!

### Verse 1

*Congregation or Congregation 1:*



1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once



slain, whose blood has freed and u -



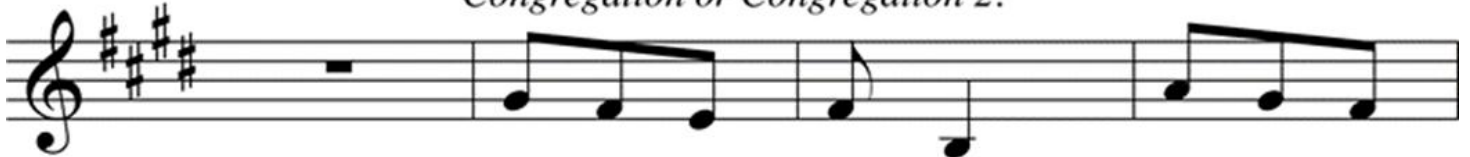
nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of



God.

### Verse 2

*Congregation or Congregation 2:*



2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and



might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ



for ev - er.

### Verse 3

*Congregation:*

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to  
make us peo - ple of God; to make  
all things new. *to Refrain*

### Prayer of the Day

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.

**Amen.**

### Children's Sermon

Kari Borlaug

## WORD

### 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. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm: Psalm 8

*Congregation will speak the bold print verses.*

- <sup>1</sup> O Lord our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
- <sup>2</sup> **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;  
you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**
- <sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- <sup>4</sup> **what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?**
- <sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.
- <sup>6</sup> **You have made them rule over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet:**
- <sup>7</sup> all flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts of the field,
- <sup>8</sup> **the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**
- <sup>9</sup> O Lord our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

## Gospel Reading:

Matthew 28:16-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<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."

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

**Sermon**

*Us and God*

# Sermon Hymn: *Come, Join the Dance of Trinity*

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1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—  
2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;  
3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame  
4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter-weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.  
then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.  
set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.  
we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,  
The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;  
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;  
Let voic - es rise and in - ter-weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.  
when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.  
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!  
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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## Prayers of Intercession

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, we thank you for making yourself known to us in Jesus by the power of the Spirit. Bind us together in a relationship grounded in you. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Creator God, nature reveals your power and glory. Protect water sources, plants, and animals as reminders of who you are and all that you give us. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Redeemer God, we pray for those in authority. Call our leaders to pursue the work of peace and community, especially with the goal of supporting the most vulnerable among us. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Sustaining God, you are mindful of your people in every circumstance. Heal those who are sick. Provide for all who hunger. Protect those in harm's way. Comfort any experiencing hardship *especially* for Caden, Monica, Angie, Brad, Julianna, Jane, Erica, Pam, Vicky and Donita. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we pray for the children of our church and community. Provide for their needs. Support their caregivers. Nurture their faith. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we give thanks for those who have died holding fast to their faith in you. Strengthen us to live as they did in communion with you. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

## Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## Blessing of Relationships

As we hear from 1 John, "Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us."

Brothers and sisters, in the light of God's love, I invite you forward to receive a blessing of your relationships.

*Members of the congregation may come forward at this time to have relationships blessed. You may seek a blessing for a friendship, for a marriage, for a family, or for a relationship with someone who is not present. You may share details about the relationship if you choose.*

*Those not coming forward may choose to reflect on today's readings, in which we hear that all our relationships find their foundation in the relationship between the persons of the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

## MEAL

### Offertory:

*As a response to God's goodness, Christians offer their gifts and their very lives to God. Your offering may be placed in the plates as they are passed by the ushers, or you may support the ongoing ministry of Redeemer by making your offering electronically, online from our website or through our Simply Giving program*

### Offering Prayer

Loving God, 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.**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

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

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

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

## **Words of Institution**

### **The 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.

Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen

## **Communion**

*All are welcome at the Lord's table. We believe Jesus is truly present in the bread and the wine, and we invite all to partake of God's grace and forgiveness through Jesus' body and blood. If gluten-free bread is needed, please ask the server. White grape juice is available in the center rings of the tray. Please come forward at the direction of the usher. Children who are not yet communing may come forward for a blessing.*

# Lamb of God



1. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha-tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus-tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer-cy and love:



have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

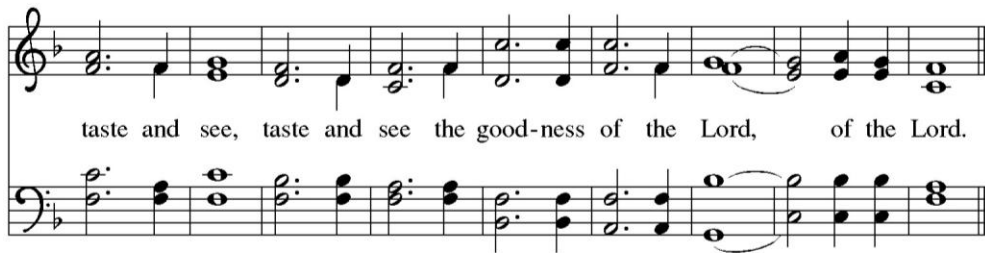
# Taste and See

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*Refrain - All*

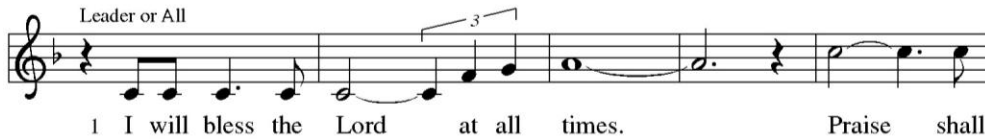


Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,



taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

*Leader or All*



I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall



al-ways be on my lips; my soul shall glo-ry in the



Lord; for God has been so good to me.



2 Glo-ri - fy the Lord with me. To - geth - er let us



all praise God's name. I called the Lord, who an - swered



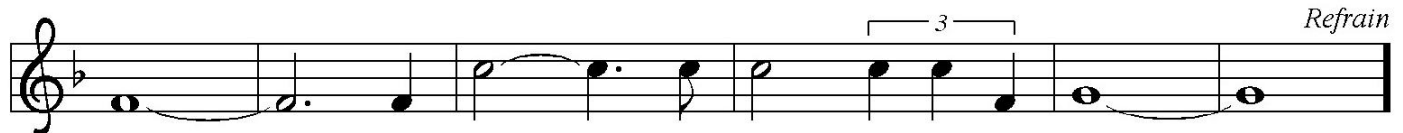
me; from all my trou - bles I was set free.



3 Wor - ship the Lord, all you peo - ple. You'll want for



noth - ing if you ask. Taste and see that the Lord is



good; in God we need put all our trust.

Text: James E. Moore Jr., b. 1951, based on Ps. 34

Music: TASTE AND SEE, James E. Moore Jr.

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# Let Us Break Bread Together

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1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics for three parts. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

The second system continues the vocal and accompaniment lines from the first system, ending with a double bar line.

*Refrain*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

The Refrain section begins with a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a vocal line, and the bass staff has an accompaniment. The lyrics are: "When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing".

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

The final system of music continues the Refrain section. The treble staff has a vocal line, and the bass staff has an accompaniment. The lyrics are: "sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me." The system ends with a double bar line.

## Prayer after Communion

Compassionate God,  
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.**

## SENDING

### Announcements

### Benediction

The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the fullness of the Spirit  
✝ bless you and give you peace. **Amen**

### Sending Hymn:

*Congregational Choice*

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### Postlude:

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