

# Messiah Lutheran Church

GATHER, EMPOWER, SERVE



## TRINITY SUNDAY

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.

*Romans 8:16-17, ESV*

✝ Holy Communion ✝

The Holy Trinity

May 31, 2026



**THE HOLY TRINITY**

*"O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God's love and hope to our neighbors.*

**GATHERING**

**PRELUDE**

***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.....Gilbert M. Martin***

*'Ville Harmonic Ensemble*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P:** In the name of the Father, + and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P:** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near to God with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, to grant us the forgiveness of all our sins, and through the grace of the Holy Spirit, true repentance and amendment of our sinful lives.

*Kneel*

*Silence is kept for meditation...*

**P:** Almighty God, merciful Father:

**C: I have sinned against you in thought, in word, and in deed;**

**By what I have done and what I have left undone.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart, mind, and strength.**

**I have not loved my neighbor as myself.**

**For the sake of your beloved Son,**

**who suffered upon the cross for me,**

**Have mercy upon me and forgive me all my sins!**

**P:** Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live. As a Called and Ordained minister of the Church of Jesus Christ, and by his authority, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the (+) Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*



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 made blind by sin 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

**APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

**C:** And also with you.

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *All Gory Be to God on High*



1 All glo - ry be to God on high and thanks to him for -  
 2 O Fa - ther, for your lord - ship true we give you praise and  
 3 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's  
 4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, per - fect gift, who brings us con - so -



ev - er! What - ev - er Sa - tan's host may try, God  
 hon - or; we wor - ship you; we trust in you; we  
 au - thor, re - deem - er of your wan - d'ring ones, and  
 la - tion: to men and wom - en saved by Christ as -



foils their dark en - deav - or. He bends his ear to  
 give you thanks for - ev - er. Your will is per - fect,  
 source of all true plea - sure: O Lamb of God, O  
 sure your in - spi - ra - tion. Through sick - ness, need, and



ev - 'ry call, and of - fers peace, good - will to all, and  
 and your might re - lent - less - ly con - firms the right; your  
 Lord di - vine, con - form our lives to your de - sign, and  
 bit - ter death, grant us your warm, life - giv - ing breath; our



calms the trou - bled spir - it.  
 lord - ship is our bless - ing.  
 on us all have mer - cy.  
 lives are in your keep - ing. A - men

Text: Nikolaus Decius, c. 1485–c. 1550; tr. Gilbert E. Doan, b. 1930  
 Music: ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH, arr. Nikolaus Decius, c. 1485–c.1550

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Let us pray,

Almighty God, our Father: you have given us grace by the confession of the True Faith, to acknowledge the glory of the Eternal and Holy Trinity, and, in the power of your divine majesty to worship the Unity. Keep your people steadfast in this Faith and worship, and bring us at the last to see you in your eternal glory; one God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

Sit

**WORD****FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-2:4**

*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.*

**[A]:** A Reading from Genesis:

<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.

**A**: The word of the Lord.

**C**: Thanks be to God.



**PSALM: Psalm 8**

*The cantor sings the refrain; the congregation repeats it.*



How ma - jes - tic is your name in all the earth!

*Sung responsively between the cantor and congregation.*



<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 in- | fants 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 mind- | ful of them,  
human beings that you should | care for them? R**

<sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them little less | than divine;  
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.

<sup>6</sup> **You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;  
you have put all things un- | der 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! **R**

**SECOND 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.*

**A**: A Reading from Second Corinthians:

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.

**A**: The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Cantor:** Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; God’s glory fills the whole earth.

**C:** Repeat the Alleluias

**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.*

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

**C:** 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.”

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

**SERMON**..... Pastor Kliner

Stand

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**God, Whose Almighty Word**..... LBW 400

1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
 2 Lord, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
 heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the  
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
 wis - dom, love, might! Bound-less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray,  
 in - ly blind: oh, now to hu - man-kind let there be light!  
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place  
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide,

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.  
 Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

**NICENE CREED**

**C We believe in one God,  
 the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
 the only Son of God,  
 eternally begotten of the Father,  
 God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 of one Being with the Father.  
 Through him all things were made.  
 For us and for our salvation  
 he came down from heaven;  
 by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
 and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
 he suffered death and was buried.  
 On the third day he rose again  
 in accordance with the Scriptures;  
 he ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living  
and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped  
and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*A brief silence is held after the introduction.*

**P:** Let us pray for the Church, the world, and all people according to their need.

*After each petition:*

**P:** Lord in your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer!**

*The prayers conclude:*

**P:** All these things, most merciful God, we commend into your hands, through  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** **Amen**

**PEACE**

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

**C:** **And also with you.**

*The pastor and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*Peace be with you. R: Peace be with you*

*Sit*

***MEAL***

**OFFERING**

*The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.*

**Anthem**

***The Apple Tree*..... **David L. Brunner****

*Ville Harmonic Ensemble*

Stand

**OFFERTORY**

*As the gifts are presented, the Offertory is sung*

**C** Let the vine- yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
 bless- ing. Gath- er a har- vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
 fed with the bread of life. Gath- er the hopes and dreams of all: u -  
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**A**: Let us pray... Blessed are you,

**C**: O Lord, our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness, you have blessed us with these gifts. With them, we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

**PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**P**: Heavenly Father, you are holy indeed and all creation rightly gives you thanks and praise.

All life, all holiness comes from you, through your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, by the working the Holy Spirit.

From age to age you gather a people unto yourself, so that, from the rising of the sun to its setting, a perfect offering may be made to the glory of your holy name.

And so, Father, we bring you these gifts:

We ask you to make them Holy by the power of your Spirit, that they may

become the Body and Blood of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate this Eucharist.

For, in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying:

TAKE AND EAT.

THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

After supper He took the cup. Again, he gave Thanks and Praise to you and gave it them to drink saying:

DRINK OF THIS, ALL OF YOU:

THIS CUP IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW AND EVERLASTING COVENANT.

IT WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN.

DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

The mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

And so, Father Most Holy, calling to mind the death your Son endured for our salvation, his glorious Resurrection and his ascension into heaven, and ready to greet him when he comes again, we offer you in thanksgiving this holy and living sacrifice of praise—

Look with favor on your Church, and see the Victim whose death has reconciled us to yourself.

Grant that we, who are nourished by our Lord's body and blood, may be filled with his Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ Jesus.

May he make us an everlasting gift to you and enable us to share in the inheritance of your Saints: the Patriarchs and Prophets, the Holy Apostles and Martyrs, and all your Saints in Light, whose witness encourages us in our Faith.

Strengthen in faith and love your pilgrim Church on earth; together with our Bishops, Pastors, Deacons and the entire people your son has won for you. Hear now the prayers of the family you have gathered here before you. In mercy and love, unite all your children wherever they may be. Welcome into your Kingdom our departed brothers and sisters, and all who have left this world in your friendship.

There in your Kingdom, freed from the corruption of sin and death, we shall proclaim your glory with every creature, through Christ our Lord, through whom you give us everything that is good.

Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours almighty Father, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

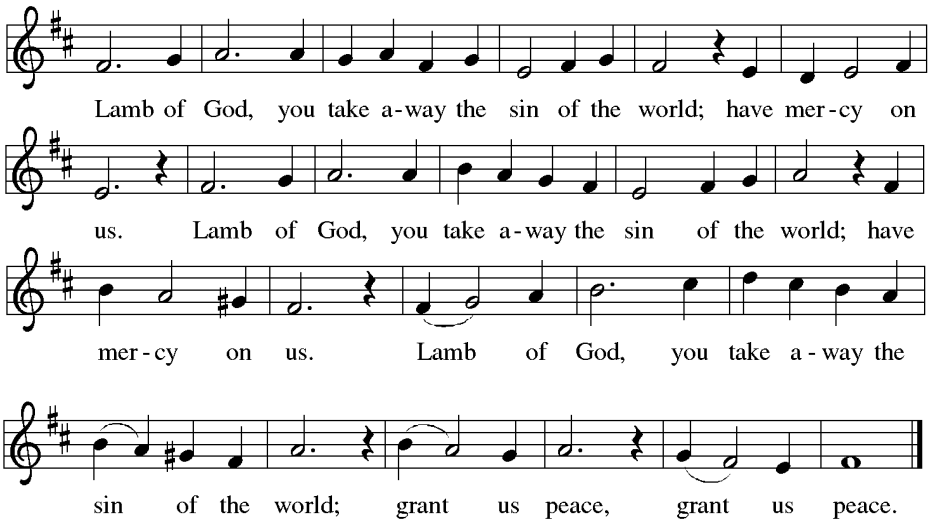
**LORD'S PRAYER**

**P**: Let us pray with confidence in the words that our Lord Jesus Christ has given us...

**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**



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*The Pastor lifts the Bread and Chalice and says:*

**P**: Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

**C**: Thanks be to God!

**P**: Come now and eat of the Bread of Life and drink of the Cup of Salvation!  
Taste and see, the Lord is good!

Sit

**COMMUNION**

All baptized believers are invited to this holy meal. Those not communing are invited for a blessing. Please follow the instructions of the ushers to gather at the altar table. As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:

**The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.**

1 Fa - ther most ho - ly, mer - ci - ful, and ten - der; Je - sus, our  
 2 Trin - i - ty bless - ed, u - ni - ty un - shak - en; good - ness un -  
 3 Mak - er of all things, all thy crea - tures praise thee; all for thy  
 4 Lord God Al - might - y, un - to thee be glo - ry, one in three

Sav - ior, with the Fa - ther reign - ing; Spir - it of com - fort,  
 bound - ed, ver - y God of heav - en, light of the an - gels,  
 wor - ship were and are cre - at - ed; now, as we al - so  
 per - sons, o - ver all ex - alt - ed! Glo - ry we of - fer,

ad - vo - cate, de - fend - er, light nev - er wan - ing.  
 joy of those for - sak - en, hope of all liv - ing.  
 wor - ship thee de - vout - ly, hear thou our voic - es.  
 praise thee and a - dore thee, now and for - ev - er.

Text: Latin hymn, 10th cent.; tr. Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt.

Music: CHRISTE SANCTORUM, Paris *Antiphoner*, 1681

Outside USA: Text from *The English Hymnal*, © Oxford University Press 1906.

Stand

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C:** Amen

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**A:** Let us pray,

Father in Heaven, you have fed us with the Bread of Life, your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Sustain us by the work of the Holy Spirit, through this Holy Meal, that we may abide in Christ, and he in us, to the glory of your Holy Name, and keep us in Faith until the day when we see him in his Glory.

**C:** Amen

**SENDING**

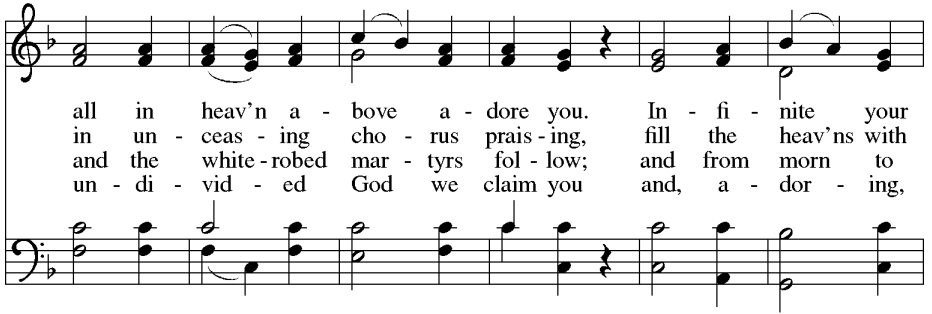
**BLESSING**

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You ..... Peter C. Lutkin  
Ville Harmonic Ensemble*


**SENDING HYMN**      *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
 3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred  
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,  
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
 name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
 three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with  
 and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to  
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"  
 set of sun through the church the song goes on.  
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820-1900  
 Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774

## **DISMISSAL**

**A**: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**C**: Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**

### SERVICE ASSISTANTS

**Ushers:** Mike Larson, Brian Bair, Al Cole, Sally Congdon, Kim Brofee  
**Lay Assistant:** David Bausinger; **Communion Assistant:** Mary Schultz  
**Acolyte:** Dylan Sherman; **Altar Guild:** Susan Bryan, April Gardner  
**Greeters/Presenters:** Jody Fullmer, Carl Gee; **Cantor:** "Ville Harmoniuc  
**Flower Delivery:** Paul Weaver

### IN BLESSED MEMORY

**The Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of my daughters, Love Vonnie.

**The Basket of Flowers** is given to the Glory of God and in honor of Pastor Gerald Kliner, STS, in celebration of his installation day on May 30, 2026.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome to Messiah Church!** It is our joy to have you worship with us. If you are visiting, please make yourself known and leave your name & information to a congregation member. We hope to see you again.

**This morning the** 'Ville Harmonic Ensemble, from Montoursville High School will share their gift of music with us. The 'Ville Harmonic Ensemble was first created in 2010, and in the decade since then, they have been honored to perform for the community and bring smiles to so many faces. 'Ville is the best of the best- students have to audition for membership and often rehearse before sunrise. This year, 'Ville has twelve students in grades nine through twelve under the direction of Mrs. Kirstin Gist.

**Lutheran World Relief School Kits Ministry ~ Thank You! Thank you** to those who came to help with the cord cutting and knotting last week. We made short work of it and are all set for Bible School! **SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, July 15, 9:00 a.m. – Knot-A-Sack "Knotty Party"** – Join us for a time of fellowship, good conversation, (and Sally's cookies!) while we knot the drawstrings to complete the backpacks. ***Watch for more updates later in June!***

**The choir will sing the last anthem before their summer break on June 7.** We would like to invite anyone who likes to sing join us for a Saints in Song Sunday on that day. The anthem for that day is based on the favorite hymn, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" and it is easy to learn. Rehearsals will be after church on May 31 and at 8:45 on June 7. Please join us to sing praise to Go

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL "Tropical Trek"** will be held Monday, June 15 – Friday, June 19. Registration forms are available in the Bald Eagle entrance or the church office.

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### **Mission Partners**

In Matthew 28:16-20, often referred to as “The Great Commission,” Jesus officially charges his disciples with tasks of teaching, discipling, and baptizing people of all nations and groupings. An assigned task or mission is the classic sense of the word *commission*. But what if we also considered Jesus’ charge to his disciples a *co-mission*—a mission together?

In John’s gospel, Jesus speaks plainly to the disciples about participating in, continuing, and even expanding upon Jesus’ work. Here in Matthew’s gospel, the resurrected Jesus declares his cosmic authority, having triumphed over even death, and then he immediately turns around to share that authority with the disciples. Their mission is Jesus’ mission: to build an inclusive community of compassion, mercy, and healing.

The work of Christ is shared work. We share it with one another, and we share it with Christ himself. The call to discipleship is always a community endeavor. In the liturgy for baptism, the gathered assembly affirms the newly baptized, saying, “We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God’s creative and redeeming word to all the world” (*ELW*, p. 231).

Not one of us is tasked with saving the world by ourselves. Only Jesus could and would bear that responsibility, and even he chose to invite others into the work. It is by grace that we are counted among Jesus’ disciples. And it is within the community of grace that we continue to proclaim and manifest God’s kingdom on earth, as it is in heaven. We look to our community of faith for support, assurance, assistance, and solidarity as we partner with Christ and one another to bring God’s good news to the world.

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