

# All Saints Lutheran Church

**The Holy Trinity  
May 31, 2026**

## **The Holy Trinity Reveals Himself to Sinners**

When Isaiah beheld the glory of the Lord, he cried out, “Woe is me!” For the sinner cannot stand in the presence of a holy God and live (Is. 6:1–7). But God the Father lifted up His Son Jesus for us on the cross, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. This eternal life of Christ is given us according to the Holy Spirit’s good pleasure in Baptism. “Unless one is born [again] of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God” (John 3:5). To sinners in fear of death, the messengers of God place on our lips the living body and blood of Christ and speak His words of absolution, “Your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for” (Is. 6:7). Having received forgiveness and life from the Father through the Son by the Holy Spirit, we join with the angels in praising the blessed Trinity, “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts!” (Is. 6:3). “For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen” (Rom. 11:33–36).



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## Communion at All Saints

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. It is important, therefore, that those who come to the Lord's Table trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Scripture also teaches that Holy Communion is a confession of faith. Those who receive the sacrament together show forth their unity in Christ, that is, a unity of heart and mind accomplished when all who commune together believe the same doctrine and are at peace with one another.

Scripture teaches that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and that Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Therefore, we, along with the historic Christian church, practice *Closed Communion*. Any who are not communicant members of All Saints, or another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are asked to speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. Those not receiving communion are invited to come forward during communion to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest and bow your head, and the pastor will give you a blessing; and know that we would love to share more with you about our teaching and practice.

Prayers of preparation and thanksgiving for receiving the Lord's Supper are found in the LSB hymnal on p. 308.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; John 17:20–23; 1 Corinthians 11:17–34.



# Divine Service 3

The Holy Trinity

## Confession and Absolution

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

# 604 I Bind unto Myself Today



1 I bind un - to my - self to - day The  
 2 I bind this day to me for - ev - er, By  
 3 I bind un - to my - self to - day The  
 4 A - gainst the de - mon snares of sin, The  
 Δ 5 I bind un - to my - self the name, The



strong name of the Trin - i - ty By  
 pow'r of faith, Christ's in - car - na - tion, His  
 pow'r of God to hold and lead, His  
 vice that gives temp - ta - tion force, The  
 strong name of the Trin - i - ty By



in - vo - ca - tion of the same, The  
 Bap - tism in the Jor - dan Riv - er, His  
 eye to watch, His might to stay, His  
 nat - ural lusts that war with - in, The  
 in - vo - ca - tion of the same, The



Three in One and One in Three.  
 cross of death for my sal - va - tion,  
 ear to hear - ken to my need,  
 hos - tile foes that mar my course;  
 Three in One and One in Three,

*Repeat after st. 1 only.*



(2) His burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb, His  
 (3) The wis - dom of my God to teach, His  
 (4) Or few or man - y, far or night, In  
 (5) Of whom all na - ture has cre - a - tion, E -



rid - ing up the heav'n - ly way, His  
 hand to guide, His shield to ward, The  
 ev - 'ry place and in all hours, A -  
 ter - nal Fa - ther, Spir - it, Word. Praise

com - ing at the day of doom,  
 Word of God to give me speech,  
 gainst their fierce hos - til - i - ty,  
 to the Lord of my sal - va - tion;

I bind un - to my - self to - day.  
 His heav'n - ly host to be my guard.  
 I bind to me those ho - ly pow'rs.  
 Sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. Patrick, c. 372–466; tr. Cecil F. Alexander, 1818–95  
 Tune: Irish  
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## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Psalm 8:1–2a, 3–5; antiphon: Liturgical Text*

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.\*

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.

**O | LORD, our Lord,\***

**how majestic is your name in | all the earth!**

**You have set your glory above the | heavens.\***

**Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have es- | tablished strength.**

**When I look at your heavens, the work of your | fingers,\***

**the moon and the stars, which you have | set in place,**

**what is man that you are mind- | ful of him,\***

**and the son of man that you | care for him?**

**Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly | beings\***

**and crowned him with glory and | honor.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Blessèd be the Holy Trinity and the undivided | Unity.\*

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mer- | cy to us.

## Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

**P** Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

**G** A - men.



## Alleluia and Verse

*Liturgical Text*

Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Blessed are you, O Lord God of our | Fathers,\*  
And greatly to be praised and glorified for- | ever.

Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*John 3:1–17*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup>That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Athanasian Creed

**C** Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith. Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally. And the catholic faith is this, that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance. For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another. But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal. Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit: the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated; the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite; the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal. And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal, just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinities, but one Uncreated and one Infinite. In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty; and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty. So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; and yet there are not three Gods, but one God. So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord; and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord. Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords. The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone. The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone. The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding. Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits. And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another; but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

**Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.  
But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the  
incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus  
Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.**

**He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is  
man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:**

**perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;  
equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to  
His humanity.**

**Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:**

**one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption  
of the humanity into God;**

**one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**

**For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,  
who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from  
the dead,**

**ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty,  
from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account  
concerning their own deeds.**

**And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done  
evil into eternal fire.**

**This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be  
saved.**

## 498 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest



1 Come, Ho - ly Ghost, Cre - a - tor blest, And make  
2 To You, the Coun - sel - or, we cry, To You,  
3 In You, with grac - es sev - en - fold, We God's  
4 Your light to ev - 'ry thought im - part, And shed



our hearts Your place of rest; Come with Your grace and  
the gift of God Most High; The fount of life, the  
al - might - y hand be - hold While You with tongues of  
Your love in ev - 'ry heart; The weak - ness of our



heav'n-ly aid, And fill the hearts which You have made.  
fire of love, The soul's a - noint - ing from a - bove.  
fire pro - claim To all the world His ho - ly name.  
mor - tal state With death - less might in - vig - or - ate.

5 Drive far away our wily foe,  
And Your abiding peace bestow;  
With You as our protecting guide,  
No evil can with us abide.

6 Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
And You, from both, as Three in One  
That we Your name may ever bless  
And in our lives the truth confess.

△ 7 Praise we the Father and the Son  
And Holy Spirit, with them One,  
And may the Son on us bestow  
The gifts that from the Spirit flow!

Text: attr. Rabanus Maurus, 776-856; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-78, alt.  
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## Sermon

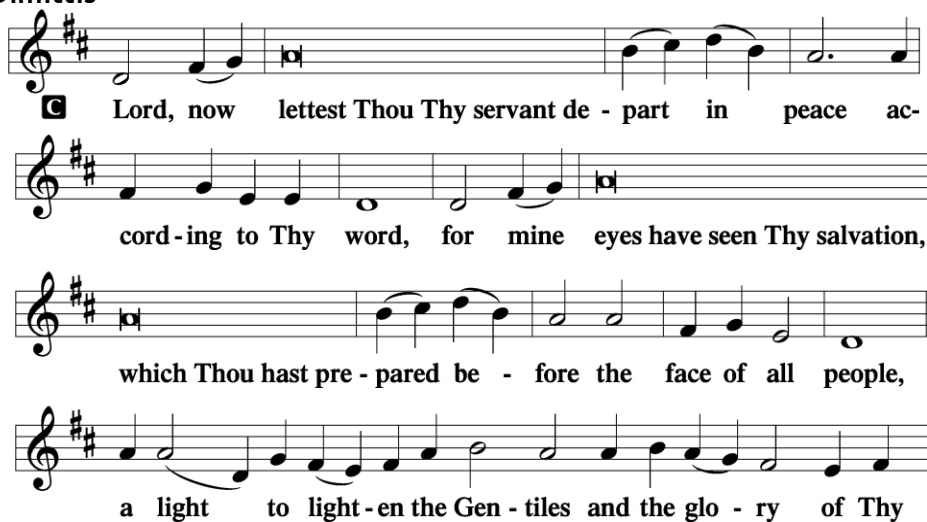
### Offertory



**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 Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

### Prayer of the Church

### Nunc Dimittis

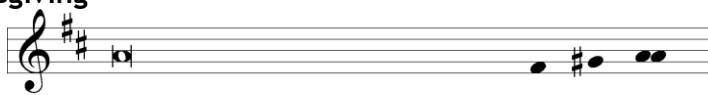


**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

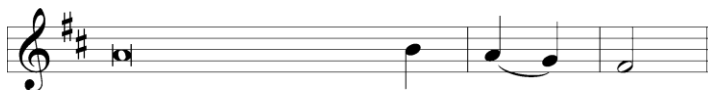


peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Thanksgiving



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

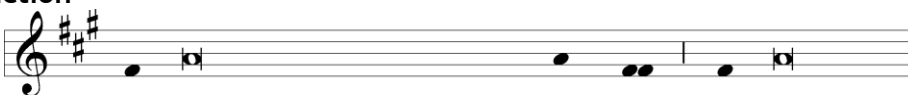


**A** Bless we the Lord.

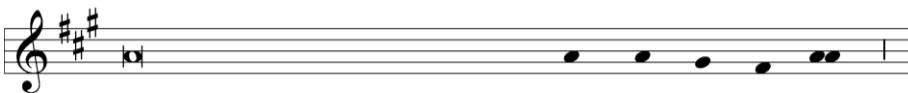


**G** Thanks be to God.

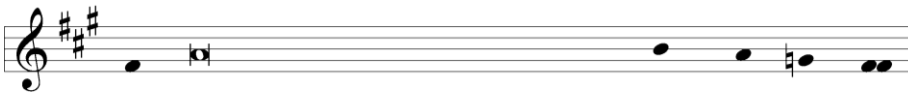
## Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**G** A-men, a-men, a - men.

# 505 Triune God, Be Thou Our Stay

sts. 1-3



1 God the Fa - ther be our stay; O let us per-ish nev - er!  
 2 Je - sus Christ, be Thou our stay; O let us per-ish nev - er!  
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, be our stay; O let us per-ish nev - er!



Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life for - ev - er.  
 Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life for - ev - er.  
 Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life for - ev - er.



Keep us from the e - vil one; Up - hold our faith most ho - ly,  
 Keep us from the e - vil one; Up - hold our faith most ho - ly,  
 Keep us from the e - vil one; Up - hold our faith most ho - ly,



And let us trust Thee sole - ly With hum - ble hearts and low - ly.  
 And let us trust Thee sole - ly With hum - ble hearts and low - ly.  
 And let us trust Thee sole - ly With hum - ble hearts and low - ly.



Let us put God's ar - mor on, With all true Chris - tians run - ning  
 Let us put God's ar - mor on, With all true Chris - tians run - ning  
 Let us put God's ar - mor on, With all true Chris - tians run - ning



Our heav'n - ly race and shun - ning The dev - il's wiles and cun - ning.  
 Our heav'n - ly race and shun - ning The dev - il's wiles and cun - ning.  
 Our heav'n - ly race and shun - ning The dev - il's wiles and cun - ning.



A - men, a - men! This be done; So sing we, "Al - le - lu - ia!"  
 A - men, a - men! This be done; So sing we, "Al - le - lu - ia!"  
 A - men, a - men! This be done; So sing we, "Al - le - lu - ia!"

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546, based on 15th-cent. German litany; tr. Richard Massie, 1800-87, alt.  
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