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TRIO OF FESTIVALS
GOD IN THREE PERSONS – BLESSED TRINITY
May 28, 30, and 31, 2026

*The mystery of the Trinity humbles human reason.
God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit
did not reveal himself so that we can logically figure him out.
He revealed himself to us as He is, one God in three persons,
to comfort us with the knowledge that all three persons
are focused on a common goal, our salvation.
Their perfect unity reflects his desire for perfect unity with us.*



WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S – CONNECTION CARD

Thank you for joining us in worship. Please complete a Connection Card, sharing any questions or prayer requests you might have. You can fill out the card online and find other resources by scanning the QR Code.

CHILDCARE EVERY SUNDAY 8:45 – 11:45 am in the Kids hallway to your left as you leave the sanctuary and enter the Commons.

SUNDAY KIDS CLUB FOR 3K – GRADE 5 September – May. Register online at stpaulmuskego.org/kidsclub.

ACCESSIBILITY A hearing loop system and large-print worship folders are available.

QUESTIONS OR NEED ASSISTANCE? Visit the Welcome Center in the Commons where a greeter will be happy to assist.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR GOSPEL MINISTRY You may place your offering in the box in the lobby or scan the QR code to give using Venmo. Thank you for helping us share the peace and joy we have in Jesus.



BELLS AND WELCOME

OPENING – RED HYMNAL 278, vv. 1-3

**Holy God, we praise your name;
Lord of all, we bow before you.
All on earth your scepter claim;
All in heav'n above adore you.
Infinite your vast domain,
Everlasting is your reign.**

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

**Hark! the glad celestial song
Angel choirs above are raising;
Prophets, martyrs join the throng,
In unceasing chorus praising
With the Church in one accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord!**

Blest Redeemer, virgin's Son,
 Over death his vict'ry claiming,
 Now ascended to his throne,
 Judge and king, his grace proclaiming,
 Opens heav'n to all his own.
 Praise and thanks to God alone!

M In the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.



M Today we gather before the one true God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—not as spectators of a doctrine, but as baptized children called into his name.

C We were baptized into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

M This God is not distant. He has spoken in creation, redeemed us in the Son, and called us to faith by His Spirit.

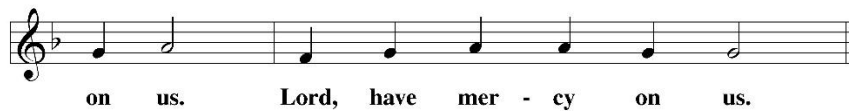
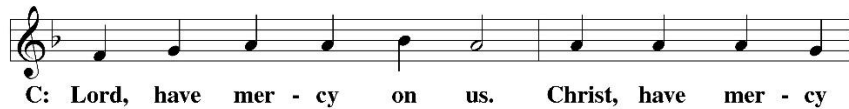
C He has made himself known—not to confuse us, but to reveal his saving action.

M Yet too often we seek to manage God, to define him on our own terms, or to ignore his claim on our lives.

C Left to ourselves, we drift from the truth and fall into sin.

M Let us confess our sins before the Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Spirit—who searches the heart and desires truth in our inmost being.

All Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.



M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
 Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Blessed Trinity, dwelling in majesty and mystery, you have revealed yourself not in riddles but in saving action.

C **Teach us to confess you rightly— not as a puzzle to be solved, but as the God who has acted in history to save us.**

M Comfort us with the truth that you are one God— Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In You we live, and move, and have our being. We pray through Jesus Christ, God’s Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - - men.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 1:1-2:4a, Bible page 1

From the beginning, the triune God is at work: the Father speaks, the Word creates, and the Spirit hovers over the waters.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M Alleluia! Alleluia! Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come. (Revelation 4:8 NIV).



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

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20, Bible page 1000

The risen Christ sends His Church to baptize all nations in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Portions of the Athanasian Creed

M In the Athanasian Creed, we learn that this is the true Christian faith:

C **We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.**

M For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct,

C **but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.**

M What the Father is, so is the Son, and so the Holy Spirit.

C **Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**

M The Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

C **The Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;**

M 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.**

M So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

C **yet they are not three Gods, but one God.**

M So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

C **yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.**

M The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.

The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.

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

C **So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.**

M And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior, but all three persons are coequal and coeternal.

C **So that in every way, all three persons are to be worshipped as one God and one God worshipped as three persons. This is the true Christian faith. Amen.**

God, we praise you! God, we bless you!
 God, we name you sov'reign Lord!
 Mighty King whom angels worship,
 Father, by your Church adored:
 All creation shows your glory;
 Heav'n and earth draw near your throne,
 Singing, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts and God alone!"

True apostles, faithful prophets,
 Saints who set their world ablaze,
 Martyrs, once unknown, unheeded,
 Join one growing song of praise,
 While your Church on earth confesses
 One majestic Trinity:
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God, our hope eternally.

Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
 Everlasting Son of God,
 Humble was your virgin mother,
 Hard the lonely path you trod:
 By your cross is sin defeated,
 Hell confronted face to face,
 Heaven opened to believers, Sinners justified by grace.

SERMON

Genesis 1:1-5, Bible page 1
 Pastor Pete Panitzke

After the sermon, the congregation sings:

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

INSTALLATION OF MINISTRY BOARD MEMBERS (*Sunday 9:00 am*)

M Dear brothers, the St. Paul's Voting Assembly has elected you to serve as the Ministry Board. This board is charged with the supervision of doctrine and Biblical practice of our congregation. As a board, you are to ensure that the Ministerial Team remains faithful:

- faithful to God's Word, properly proclaiming law and gospel through Word and Sacraments,
- faithful to the congregation's mission and vision as determined by our annual Ministry Financial Plan, and
- faithful in the stewardship of the spiritual gifts of our staff and volunteers, our facilities, and our finances.

You are also tasked with responsibility to care for our congregation's called and hired staff, praying for them, defending them, and ensuring they are cared for in a way that shows our congregation honors those who minister among us.

You are also, as servants of Jesus Christ and of this congregation, to set your own families and the whole church the example of Christian lives, clothing yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Because the devil will certainly attack you as spiritual leaders of this congregation, it is also part of your call to make faithful use of God's Word, searching it daily for comfort and instruction.

Are you willing to accept this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

Yes, as God gives me strength.

M I now install you as Ministry Board members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The pastor will then introduce each of the Ministry Board members:

Andy Timm, president

At-large members: Brian Fischer

Vince Kirchoff, secretary

Dan Miller

Nate Zastrow, treasurer

Darik Mischke

Jon Pier

The pastor will then thank out going treasurer Nick Bauman for his faithful service.

M May God grant you his Holy Spirit and give you wisdom and strength to carry out your duties to his glory and for the good of his people.

M Members of St. Paul's, I urge you to regard these fellow believers as servants of Jesus Christ and God's gifts to his Church. Pray for them, support them in their service, and help them so that through the gospel ministry of our congregation, we might fulfill our mission:

C By every possible means we bring every person within our area of influence closer to Christ.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Triune God, Father Son and Holy Spirit, bless the ministry of our congregation and the ministry all who serve in our congregation, whether called, hired or volunteer.

C **Give them joy in their service and allow them see the power of your gospel at work in the hearts and lives of those around them.**

M We pray for Pastor Eric Melso as he deliberates our call to serve as our Resident Missionary. Bless him, his wife Jennifer, their children, and his current congregation Living Hope of Chattanooga. Give him wisdom where he can best serve in your kingdom.

C **Send your Spirit into our hearts and the hearts of our brothers and sisters in Christ at Living Hope so that we might have confidence that you will provide our congregations with the workers we need.**

M We pray for all who are sick or hospitalized, today praying especially for... We also join in thanksgiving with ... Finally, bless each of our communicants as we prepare our hearts to receive Jesus' body and blood in the Sacrament.

C **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, have mercy on us and hear our prayers. Amen.**

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

DISMISSAL OF ONLINE WORSHIPERS *(Sunday 9:00 am)*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, and now we confess that you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, are one God and one Lord, and we acknowledge you as our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

Communion Practice

The Lord's Supper is a fellowship meal. In this meal Jesus expresses his fellowship with us by giving us his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. In this meal we also express our fellowship with each other, that is, that we are united in a common confession of faith.

We at St. Paul's want everyone to enjoy this fellowship meal. However, we cannot ask someone to express agreement with us until we give that person an opportunity to discover what we teach. That is why we schedule frequent membership classes to provide an overview of our teachings. If you are not a member of our Lutheran denomination, please speak with one of the pastors before joining us at the altar. Thank you.

Non-alcoholic wine (light-colored wine in tray) and gluten-free wafers (at Communion rail) are available.

DISTRIBUTION – RED HYMNAL 194

Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices

**Oh, that I had a thousand voices
To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,
Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be,
What great things God has done for me.**

**Dear Father, endless praise I render
For soul and body, nobly joined;
I praise you, Guardian kind and tender,
For all the daily joys I find
So richly spread on ev'ry side
And freely for my use supplied.**

**I praise you, Savior, whose compassion
Has brought you down to ransom me.
Your pitying heart sought my salvation;
You bore the cross triumphantly,
Brought me from bondage full release,
Made me your own, and gave me peace.**

**Glory and praise, still onward reaching,
Be yours, O Spirit of all grace,
Whose holy pow'r and faithful teaching
Give me among your saints a place.
Whatever good by me is done
Is worked by grace divine alone.**

**Shall I not then be filled with gladness?
Shall I not praise you evermore
And triumph over fear and sadness,
Although my cup of woe runs o'er?
Though heav'n and earth shall disappear,
Your endless love is ever near.**

CLOSING PRAYER

M O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BLESSING

M The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

ANNOUNCEMENTS