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May 31, 2026
Holy Trinity Sunday
Bethany Lutheran, Long Beach

PRELUDE

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WELCOME

OPENING HYMN:

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

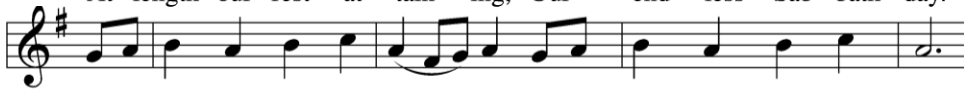
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1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,
3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, His Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear;
4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, We walk the pil - grim way,



O balm of care and sad - ness, Most beau - ti - ful, most bright;
His liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, Through bread and wine made near.
At length our rest at - tain - ing, Our end - less Sab - bath day.



This day the high and low - ly, Through a - ges joined to bless,
We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, Re - newed with heav'n - ly might,
We sing to Thee our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;



Sing, “Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,” The tri - une God con - fess.
From grace more grace re - ceiv - ing, On this blest day of light.
The Church her voice up - rais - es To Thee, blest Three in One.

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: Blessed be the Holy Trinity: Author of creation, Word of salvation, Source of regeneration,

P: **Eternal Three-in-One, majestic One-in-Three we worship Your glorious and gracious presence**

L: and pray that You bring us at last into Your heavenly presence where You live in endless joy and love, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

P: **One God, now and forever. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

L: Let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

P: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

L: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your Children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our Midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

“Splendor and Honor”

LSB 950



1 Splen - dor and hon - or, maj - es - ty and pow - er
 2 Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our re - demp - tion,
 3 To the Al - might - y, throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor,



Are Yours, O Lord God, fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing,
 By whose self - of - f'ring we are made God's peo - ple:
 And to the Sav - ior, Christ our Lamb and Shep - herd,



For by Your bid - ding was the whole cre -
 A priest - ly king - dom, from all tongues and
 Be ad - o - ra - tion, praise, and glo - ry



a - tion Called in - to be - ing.
 na - tions, Called to God's ser - vice.
 giv - en, Now and for - ev - er.

FIRST READING: *Genesis 1:1-3, 26-27, 31, 2:1-3*

In the beginning God created heaven and earth.

The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep water. The Spirit of God was hovering over the water.

Then God said, "Let there be light!" So there was light.

Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, in our likeness. Let them rule the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the domestic animals all over the earth, and all the animals that crawl on the earth."

So God created humans in His image.
In the image of God he created them.
He created them male and female.

And God saw everything that He had made and that it was very good. There was evening, then morning—the sixth day.

Heaven and earth and everything in them were finished. By the seventh day God had finished the work He had been doing. On the seventh day He stopped the work He had been doing. Then God blessed the seventh day and set it apart as holy, because on that day He stopped all His work of creation.—GW®

SECOND READING: *Acts 2:22-33*

"Men of Israel, listen to what I say: Jesus from Nazareth was a man whom God brought to your attention. You know that through this man God worked miracles, did amazing things, and gave signs. By using men who don't acknowledge Moses' Teachings, you crucified Jesus, who was given over to death by a plan that God had determined in advance. But God brought Him from death back to life and destroyed the pains of death, because death had no power to hold Him. This is what David meant when he said about Jesus:

'I always see the Lord in front of me.
I cannot be moved because He is by my side.
That is why my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices.
My body also rests securely
because You do not abandon my soul to the grave
or allow Your holy one to decay.
You make the path of life known to me.
In Your presence there is complete joy.'

"Brothers, I can tell you confidently that our ancestor David died and was buried and that his tomb is here to this day. David was a prophet and knew that God had promised with an oath that he would place one of David's descendants on his throne. David knew that the Messiah

would come back to life, and he spoke about that before it ever happened. He said that the Messiah wouldn't be left in the grave and that His body wouldn't decay.

"God brought this man Jesus back to life. We are all witnesses to that. God the Father used His power to give Jesus the honored position—the one next to Him on the heavenly throne. Jesus has also received and has poured out the Holy Spirit as the Father had promised, and this is what you're seeing and hearing. —GW®

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

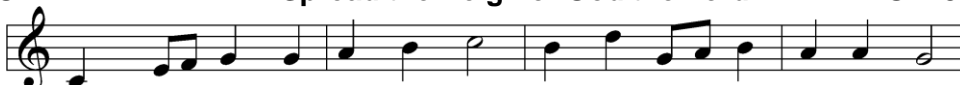
HOLY GOSPEL: *Matthew 28:16-20*

The eleven disciples went to the mountain in Galilee where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw Him, they bowed down in worship, though some had doubts.

When Jesus came near, He spoke to them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. So wherever you go, make disciples of all nations: Baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to do everything I have commanded you.

"And remember that I am always with you until the end of time." —GW®

SERMON HYMN: "Spread the Reign of God the Lord" LSB 830



- 1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might-y Word;
- 2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,
- 3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race
- 4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,



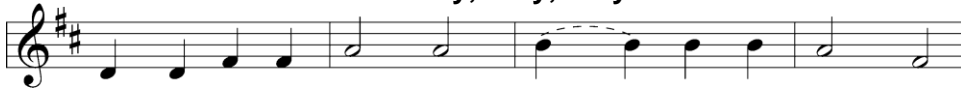
Ev - 'ry - where His crea - tures call To His heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
And to pay re - bel - lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.
Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

LSB 507



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 man 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!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

L: 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. So, the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

P: **We believe in God the Father Almighty Maker of Heaven and earth**

L: What does this mean?

P: **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

L: This is most certainly true.

P: **We believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

L: What does this mean?

P: **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,**

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness,

just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

L: This is most certainly true.

P: **We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

L: What does this mean?

P: **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.**

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

L: This is most certainly true.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

L: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

P: **hear our prayer.**

L: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

P: **hear our prayer.**

L: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend *[name(s)]* and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

P: **hear our prayer.**

L: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

P: **hear our prayer.**

L: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

P: **hear our prayer.**

L: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

P: **hear our prayer.**

L: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

L: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION:

L: Praise we the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit, with them One,

P: And may the Son on us bestow the gifts that from the Spirit flow.

CLOSING HYMN:

“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”

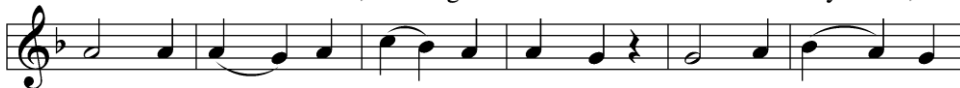
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1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we
4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet
5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,
born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,
three we name Thee; Though in es - sence on - ly one,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy
As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the
Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee And, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.
bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.
bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

POSTLUDE

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Liturgist...Karl Fink

Organist...Robert Bottoms

Sound and Production...Felix Rivera, Jon Widmann

Lector 9:30...Tom & Sheri Esswein

Preacher...Pastor Kevin Kritzer

Children’s Message...Karl Fink



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Parents of Young Children: We are so glad you and your children are here! Children are a joyful part of worship—after all, God created them with curiosity, energy, and yes, a few wiggles. Please don't feel pressure to keep them perfectly still in God's house. Their presence is truly a gift to our church family.

Worship is where we learn, together, how to listen and speak to God alongside our brothers and sisters in faith. You are welcome to quietly explain parts of the service and what our worship leaders are doing—children learn how to worship by watching and imitating you.

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Today's Flowers are given to the glory of God:

~ for Sandra Erdman ~

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