



HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

May 31, 2026

Service Theme
SAY IT OUT LOUD: GOD IS TRIUNE

The doctrine of the Trinity is central to our salvation. The triune God is our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Lose this doctrine, and as the Athanasian Creed says, you lose it all. A Jesus who is less than God is also less than a Saviour. So often, when life gets hard, we get frustrated. We don't understand how God is working always for our good. But the doctrine of the Trinity teaches us we cannot even comprehend God's existence. How then, could we ever comprehend all his workings? On this Holy Trinity Sunday, let it be enough to know that all three persons—Father, Son, and Spirit—love us with an everlasting love.



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483 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

CW 483



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!

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Order of Service

Service of the Word – Adapted

The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

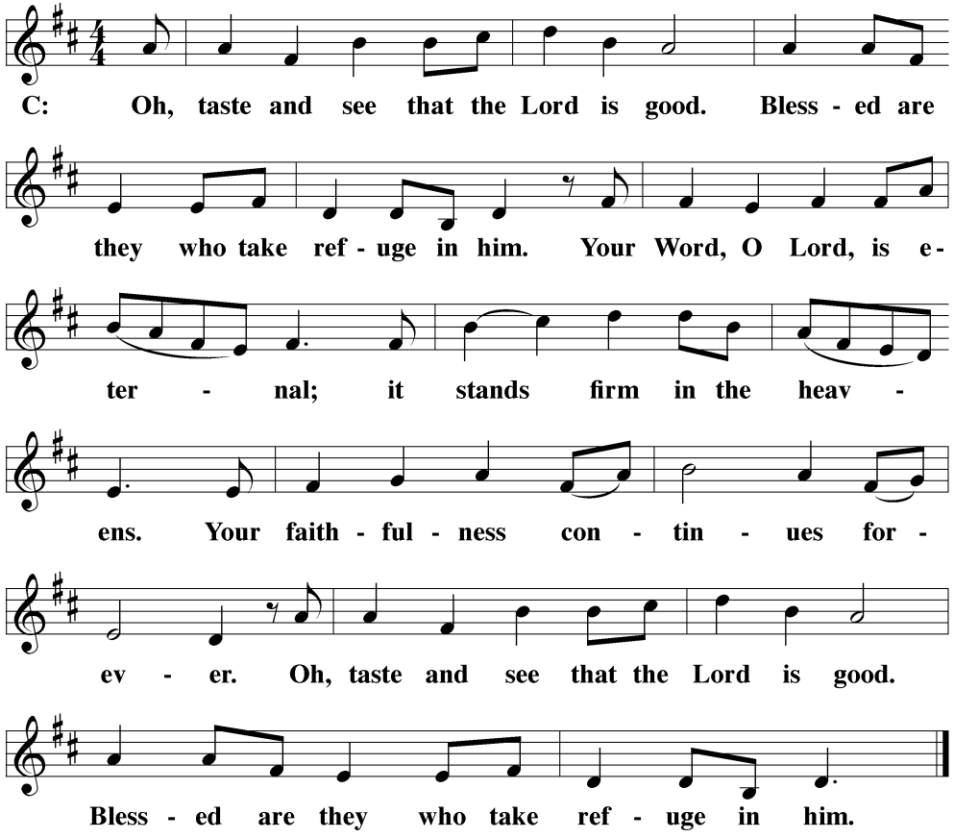
Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ, in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true, immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 1:1—2:3

The triune God demonstrates his power at creation.

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was undeveloped and empty. Darkness covered the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

³God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴God saw that the light was good. He separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” There was evening and there was morning—the first day.

⁶God said, “Let there be an expanse between the waters, and let it separate the water from the water.” ⁷God made the expanse, and he separated the water that was below the expanse from the water that was above the expanse, and it was so. ⁸God called the expanse “sky.” There was evening and there was morning—the second day.

⁹God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together to one place, and let the dry land appear,” and it was so. The waters under the sky gathered to their own places, and the dry land appeared. ¹⁰God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathering places of the waters he called “seas.” God saw that it was good. ¹¹God said, “Let the earth produce plants—vegetation that produces seed, and trees that bear fruit with its seed in it—each according to its own kind on the earth,” and it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth plants, vegetation that produces seed according to its own kind, and trees that bear fruit with its seed in it, each according to its own kind, and God saw that it was good. ¹³There was evening and there was morning—the third day.

¹⁴God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to divide the day from the night, and let them serve as markers to indicate seasons, days, and years. ¹⁵Let them serve as lights in the expanse of the sky to give light to the earth,” and it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night. He also made the stars. ¹⁷God set these lights in place in the expanse of the sky to provide light for the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness. God saw that it was good. ¹⁹There was evening and there was morning—the fourth day.

²⁰God said, “Let the waters swarm with living creatures, and let birds and other winged creatures fly above the earth in the open expanse of the sky.” ²¹God created the large sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their own kind, and every winged bird according to its own kind. God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them when he said, “Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the waters of the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³There was evening and there was morning—the fifth day.

²⁴God said, “Let the earth produce living creatures according to their own kind, livestock, creeping things, and wild animals according to their own kind,” and it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals according to their own kind, and the livestock according to their own kind, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its own kind. God saw that it was good.

²⁶God said, “Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the sky, and over the livestock, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that crawls on the earth.”

²⁷God created the man in his own image.

In the image of God he created him.

Male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” ²⁹God said, “Look, I have given you every plant that produces seed on the face of the whole earth, and every tree that bears fruit that produces seed. It will be your food. ³⁰To every animal of the earth, and to every bird of the sky, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so.

³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. There was evening and there was morning—the sixth day.

¹The heavens and the earth were finished, along with everything in them. ²On the seventh day God had finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had been doing. ³God blessed the seventh day and set it apart as holy, because on it he rested from all his work of creation that he had done.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

612 How Great Thou Art

CW 612



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der
 3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,
 4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion



con - sid - er all the works thy hand hath made,
 and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees;
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!



I see the stars, I hear the might - y thun - der,
 when I look down from loft - y moun-tain gran - deur
 that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing
 Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion



thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
 and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 he bled and died to take a - way my sin;
 and there pro - claim: "My God, how great thou art!"



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior - God, to thee, How great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my



Sav - ior - God to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!

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Epistle Lesson

2 Corinthians 13:11–14

By sharing his grace, love, and fellowship, the triune God gives us unity and peace.

¹¹Finally, brothers, rejoice. Set things in order. Be encouraged. Agree with one another. Be at peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. ¹³All the saints greet you.

¹⁴The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

928 May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

CW 928

May the grace of Christ our Sav - ior and the Fa - ther's
bound - less love with the Ho - ly Spir - it's fa - vor
rest up - on us from a - bove. Thus may we a - bide in
un - ion with each oth - er and the Lord, and pos - sess in
sweet com - mun - ion joys which earth can - not af - ford.

Gospel/Sermon Text

Matthew 28:16–20

Jesus calls us to do ministry in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

¹⁶The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some hesitated because they were uncertain. ¹⁸Jesus approached and spoke to them saying, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and gather disciples from all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and by teaching them to keep all the instructions I have given you. And surely I am with you always until the end of the age.”

The Gospel of our Lord.



Sermon Theme

The Trinity backs your witness of Him with

- 1) Divine Power,
- 2) A Divine Program,
- 3) A Divine Promise.

908 Go Forth and Preach the Gospel

CW 908



1 Go forth and preach the gos - pel to all who are in need.
2 Go forth and preach the gos - pel to all who live in fear,
3 Go forth and preach the gos - pel; go spread the news a - broad!



As wit - ness to the Sav - ior, go teach by word and deed.
and share the joy - ful mes - sage that God is al - ways near.
Pro - claim to ev - 'ry na - tion the great - ness of our God.



The Spir - it is up - on us, and sends us to de - clare
The Spir - it is up - on us, and sends us forth in peace
The Spir - it is up - on us, that all may un - der - stand



good news of God's for - give - ness to peo - ple ev - 'ry - where.
to bring the poor glad ti - dings, that mer - cy may in - crease.
the prom - ise of sal - va - tion re - vealed to ev - 'ry land.

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Introduction to the Athanasian Creed

This creed is named for St. Athanasius, a staunch defender of the Christian faith in the fourth century. It was written over a century after the death of Athanasius to combat two errors that undermined key scriptural teachings. One error denied that God's Son and the Holy Spirit are of one being or Godhead with the Father. The other error denied that Jesus Christ is true God and true man in one person. The Athanasian Creed continues to serve the Christian Church as a standard of the truth. It declares that whoever rejects the doctrine of the Trinity and the doctrine of Christ is without the saving faith.

The creed also briefly speaks of the necessity of good works in the life of the Christian. The good works God produces in us and through us are the natural consequence of the faith hidden in the heart. The creed's reference to doing good calls to mind Jesus' words in John 5:28,29 and his declaration to the sheep and the goats on judgment day in Matthew 25:31-46. Good works do not contribute to our salvation. However, good works demonstrate our faith in Christ and testify to others that we are Christians.

The Athanasian Creed

¹ Whoever wishes to be saved must, above all else, hold to the true Christian faith.

² Whoever does not keep this faith pure in all points will certainly perish forever.

³ Now this is the true Christian faith:

⁴ We worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being.

⁵ For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct,

⁶ but the deity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory and coeternal in majesty.

⁷ What the Father is, so is the Son, and so is the Holy Spirit.

⁸ The Father is uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

⁹ the Father is infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

¹⁰ the Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal;

¹¹ yet they are not three who are eternal, but there is one who is eternal,

¹² 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.

¹³ In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty;

¹⁴ yet they are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.

¹⁵ So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

¹⁶ yet they are not three Gods, but one God.

¹⁷ So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

¹⁸ yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord.

¹⁹ For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord, so the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.

²⁰ The Father is neither made nor created nor begotten of anyone.

²¹ The Son is neither made nor created, but is begotten of the Father alone.

²² The Holy Spirit is neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeds from the Father and the Son.

²³ So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

²⁴ And within this Trinity none comes before or after; none is greater or inferior;

²⁵ but all three persons are coequal and coeternal, so that in every way, as stated before, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

²⁶ Whoever wishes to be saved must have this conviction of the Trinity.

²⁷ It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation that one faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh.

²⁸ Now this is the true Christian faith: We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.

²⁹ He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and he is man, born in time from the nature of his mother,

³⁰ fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human flesh;

³¹ equal to the Father as to his deity, less than the Father as to his humanity;

³² and though he is both God and man, Christ is not two persons but one:

³³ one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God;

³⁴ one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person;

³⁵ for just as the rational soul and flesh is one human being, so God and man is one Christ.

³⁶ He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead.

³⁷ He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, and from there will come to judge the living and the dead.

³⁸ At his coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds.

³⁹ Those who have done good will enter eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.

⁴⁰ This is the true Christian faith. Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.

Offertory Prayer

Prayer of the Church

Triune God, you are the one eternal God, whose name we praise forever. We would not have known you if you had not revealed yourself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three persons, yet one God. Remove from us all doubt and grant us humble faith as we contemplate this high and holy mystery.

Enlighten and empower us to worship you as the triune God, the holy Trinity.

God our Father, whatever good is in us, whatever good things we have, and whatever good we do comes from you alone. In you we live and move and have our being.

Open our eyes to see the gifts you provide every day purely out of your own love and care.

Lord Jesus our Savior, you came into our world to make the Father known to us. You joined yourself to us by taking on our humanity and brought us back to God by shedding your blood. In love you walked the way of suffering and carried the wrath of God that we deserved because of our sins. Help us believe that all you did and all you endured you did to rescue us and set us free.

In the bright new hope of your resurrection teach us to offer our lives in praise to God and love to our neighbor.

Creator Spirit, you breathed into us new life by the power of the gospel, opened our eyes to see the light of your grace, and filled our minds with the clear sound of your voice. Through Word and sacrament lead us to understand more completely how broad and deep and high is the love of God in Christ Jesus. Firm up our resolve to do battle with Satan and sin.

In every weakness be our strength, that we may show ourselves to be God’s children: faithful in prayer, constant in hope, and fervent in love.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Holy Trinity, you are the God of glory, the God of grace, and the God of all comfort.

We rejoice to call you Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and praise your holy name forever. Amen.

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.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

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

Amen

Announcements

Church Cleaners

June 7– Andrew / June 14– Peter

Summer Schedule begins June 14

Worship at 9:30 am followed by a brief Bible Class at
10:45 am

DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

- Su (31) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study**
10:30 am Worship
11:45 am Coffee Hour
- Th (4) 10:30 am Devotion at Longfield Manor
- Fr (5) 3:00 pm Women's Bible Study
- Su (7) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study**
10:30 am Worship (with Communion)
11:45 am First Fellowship
12:00 pm Evangelism Meeting
3:00 pm Worship in Poltimore
4:00 pm Youth Confirmation in Poltimore
- (Pastor will be at District Convention from June 8- 10)*
- Fr (12) 3:00 pm Women's Bible Study
6:00 pm Friday Fellowship
- Su (14) 9:30 am Worship (with Communion)**
10:45 am Brief Bible Study
3:00 pm Worship in Poltimore
4:00 pm Youth Confirmation in Poltimore

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