



TRINITY SUNDAY

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH – HAMBURG**
The Holy Trinity

**Sunday, May 31, 2026
8:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.
Monday, June 1, 2026
6:30 p.m.**

Matthew 28:19–20 – “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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” Behold the threefold Name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We are baptized into this Name. We have been made a part of God's family. Now, we are called to live in harmony with our new family, to be godly and live in God's image. As God is loving, kind and generous, so are we all called to be.



WELCOME VISITORS: We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors today. We pray that your worship with us is rewarding. Please be sure to sign your name and address in our guest register, located in the narthex. If you are looking for a

church home we would like to invite you to be a part of our Bible Based Church family.

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Opening Hymn
“Holy, Holy, Holy”

LSB #507

Invocation

*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** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Confession and Absolution

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

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and**

by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Psalm 8

P ¹O LORD, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

C ²**Out of the mouth of babes and infants,
you have established strength because of your
foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.**

P ³When I look at your heavens, the work of your
fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in
place,

C ⁴**what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?**

P ⁵Yet you have made him a little lower than the
heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.

C ⁶**You have given him dominion over the works
of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet,**

- P** ⁷all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
- C** ⁸the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever
passes along
the paths of
the seas.
- C** ⁹O LORD, our
Lord,
how majestic
is your name in
all the earth!



Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray.

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.

- C** Amen.



Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness

was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

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

⁶And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

¹¹And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

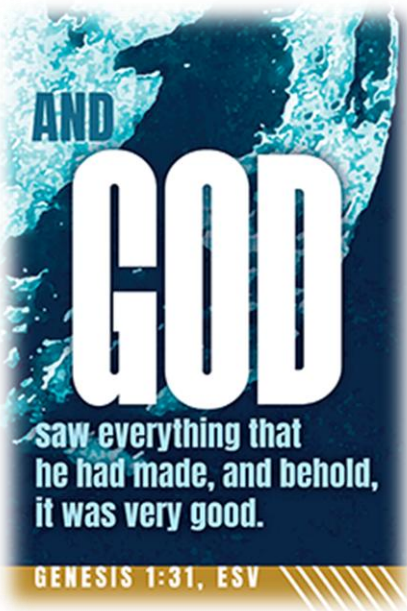
²⁰And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” ²¹So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. ²⁵And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

²⁷So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he
created him;
male and female he created
them.

²⁸And 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 heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” ²⁹And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that



is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens 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. ³¹And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ²And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

⁴These are the generations
of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22–36

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

²²“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;
²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

or let your Holy One see corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne,

³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"The Lord said to my Lord,
Sit at my right hand,

³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.'

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:16–20

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**



Matthew 28:19

And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon Hymn

“Glory Be to God the Father”

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Sermon

Athanasian Creed

- P** Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.
- C** **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**
- P** And the catholic faith is this,
- C** **that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**

- P** For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- C** **But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**
- P** Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
- C** **the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**
- P** the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- C** **the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**
- P** And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
- C** **just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**
- P** In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- C** **and yet there are not three Almightyies, but one Almighty.**
- P** So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- C** **and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**
- P** So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- C** **and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**
- P** 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.
- C** **The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.**
- P** The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
- C** **The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.**
- P** Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

C **And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;**

P 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.

C **Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.**

P But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **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.**

P 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:

C **perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**

P equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

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

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

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

P For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,

C **who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,**

P 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.

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

P 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.**

Offering

Offertory Response

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

LSB #806

Prayers of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

- © 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.**

Benediction

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Closing Hymn

“Spread the Reign of God the Lord”

LSB #830

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DAILY BIBLE READINGS

HOLY TRINITY

Sunday: Numbers 35:9-30;

Acts 1:1 – 7:60; Luke 24:28-53

Monday: Song of Solomon 1:1 – 2:7;
John 5:1-18

Tuesday: Song of Solomon 2:8 – 3:11;
John 5:19-29

Wednesday: Song of Solomon 4:1 – 5:1; John 5:30-47

Thursday: Song of Solomon 5:2 – 6:3; John 6:1-21

Friday: Song of Solomon 6:4 – 7:5; John 6:22-40

Saturday: Song of Solomon 7:6 – 8:14; John 6:41-59



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*Please remember the following in
your prayers:*

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Fifth Sunday Offering

Today, May 31

for the

Ringle/Kronenwetter

Tornado Fund



**CHURCH CALENDAR ST.
JOHN'S and FAITH**

Sunday, May 31

**8:30 a.m. Worship at St.
John's**

10:15 a.m. Worship at Faith

11:15 a.m. Bible Study at Faith

4:00 p.m. Church Softball League at St. John's

Monday, June 1

6:30 p.m. Worship at Faith

7:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting at Faith

Tuesday, June 2

1:00 p.m. Women of Faith

Thursday, June 4

10:30 a.m. Community Bible Class at St. John's

6:00 p.m. Mary Martha Guild at St. John's

Friday, June 5

5:30 p.m. Inspired Singles Fish Fry at Schult's Country Inn

Sunday, June 7 *Confirmation Sunday*

8:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at St. John's

10:15 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion at Faith

2:30 p.m. Church Softball League at Immanuel

Monday, June 8 – Wednesday, June 10

5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School at Faith

Wednesday, June 10

10:00 a.m. Ablelight

Thursday, June 11

10:30 a.m. Community Bible Study at St. John's



**2026 Church Softball League
May 31 at 4:00 p.m. at St.
John's**

*Next Game: June 7 at 2:30 p.m.
at Immanuel*

Please let the church office know of any high school or college/tech 2026 graduates.
715-536-5443



Inspired Singles

Fish Fry Fellowship
Friday, June 5 5:30 p.m.
Schult's County Inn

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*So, I am
with
you* *Always*

Matthew 28:20



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SCHOOL**

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Adventures

June 8-10

5:00 p.m. – 8 p.m.

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