

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Crookston, MN

May 31st, 2026

Trinity Sunday



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

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WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/SHARING THE PEACE

OPENING WORDS/CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather in the name of the Creator, **who spoke the world into being.**

We gather in the name of the Son, **who shows us the face of God.**

We gather in the name of the Spirit, **who breathes life into the church.**

Let us worship the Triune God, **who was, and is, and is to come!**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Creation displays the glory of God, but our sin keeps us from rejoicing in the love God reveals. Yet Christ Jesus the Son carried our sins to the cross, and the Holy Spirit breathes new life into us so that we can praise God, our Maker, Savior, and life-giving Lover. Let us confess our sins, that we may receive such grace. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Presence, Life, Fire, God who is Three in One, we confess that we have turned away from you. We gaze upon ourselves as if we are worthy of worship. We take your creation into our hands, not to love, but to use and then to discard. We go to the people of the land, not to serve, but to press them into our service. We do not deserve that you would even notice us, but we pray for mercy because you are merciful. Flame of Love, purify us from sin; Eternal Now, lead us to your truth; Risen One, baptize us into union with you. Transform us into faithful disciples who worship you alone, God who is Trinity. Amen.

The Holy One of Israel, the Redeemer of all the world, and the Holy Spirit who comes as the breath of new life forgets the sins of all who repent. I declare to you, therefore, that you are forgiven, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all.

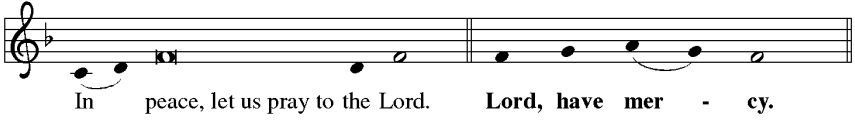
Thanks be to God! Amen.

HYMN: #413 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

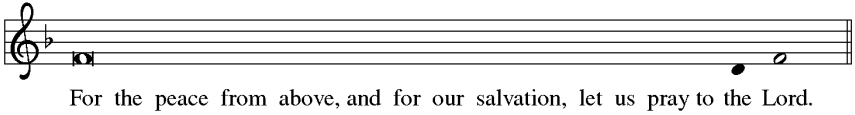
GREETING (p. 203)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

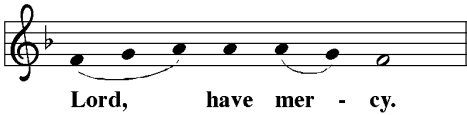
KYRIE (p. 138)



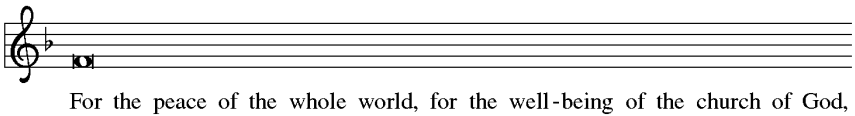
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



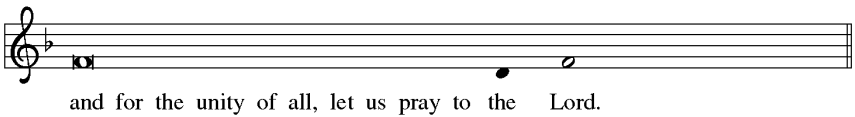
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



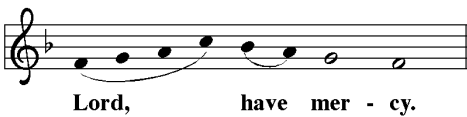
Lord, have mer - cy.



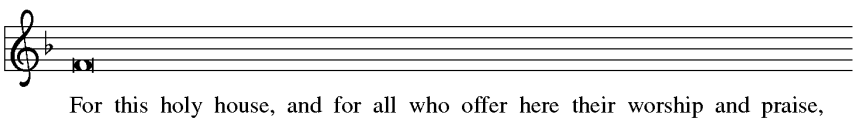
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



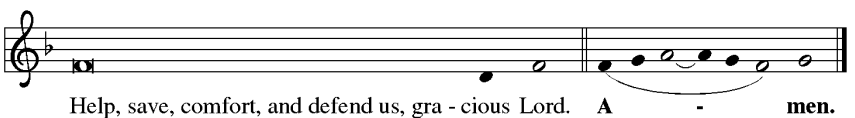
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (p. 140)



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holiness, Word, Power, you reveal yourself as one God in three persons, a mighty, creative, life-generating dancer who invites your creation to join you. Catch us up in your love and lead us

into your world to call others to follow you with singing and rejoicing. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC Duet from Al Melvie and Sherri Melvie
First Reading: Genesis 1:1—2:4a (CEB)

At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth—² the earth was without shape or form, it was dark over the deep sea, and God’s wind swept over the waters—³ God said, “Let there be light.” And so light appeared. ⁴ God saw how good the light was. God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God named the light Day and the darkness Night.

There was evening and there was morning: the first day.

⁶ God said, “Let there be a dome in the middle of the waters to separate the waters from each other.” ⁷ God made the dome and separated the waters under the dome from the waters above the dome. And it happened in that way. ⁸ God named the dome Sky. There was evening and there was morning: the second day.

⁹ God said, “Let the waters under the sky come together into one place so that the dry land can appear.” And that’s what happened. ¹⁰ God named the dry land Earth, and he named the gathered waters Seas. God saw how good it was. ¹¹ God said, “Let the earth grow plant life: plants yielding seeds and fruit trees bearing fruit with seeds inside it, each according to its kind throughout the earth.” And that’s what happened. ¹² The earth produced plant life: plants yielding seeds, each according to its kind, and trees bearing fruit with seeds inside it, each according to its kind. God saw how good it was.

¹³ There was evening and there was morning: the third day.

¹⁴ God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night. They will mark events, sacred seasons, days, and years. ¹⁵ They will be lights in the dome of the sky to shine on the earth.” And that’s what happened. ¹⁶ God made the

stars and two great lights: the larger light to rule over the day and the smaller light to rule over the night. ¹⁷ God put them in the dome of the sky to shine on the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. God saw how good it was.

¹⁹ There was evening and there was morning: the fourth day.

²⁰ God said, “Let the waters swarm with living things, and let birds fly above the earth up in the dome of the sky.” ²¹ God created the great sea animals and all the tiny living things that swarm in the waters, each according to its kind, and all the winged birds, each according to its kind. God saw how good it was. ²² Then God blessed them: “Be fertile and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth.”

²³ There was evening and there was morning: the fifth day.

²⁴ God said, “Let the earth produce every kind of living thing: livestock, crawling things, and wildlife.” And that’s what happened. ²⁵ God made every kind of wildlife, every kind of livestock, and every kind of creature that crawls on the ground. God saw how good it was. ²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humanity in our image to resemble us so that they may take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and all the crawling things on earth.”

²⁷ God created humanity in God’s own image,
in the divine image God created them,
male and female God created them.

²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, “Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and master it. Take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, and everything crawling on the ground.” ²⁹ Then God said, “I now give to you all the plants on the earth that yield seeds and all the trees whose fruit produces its seeds within it. These will be your food. ³⁰ To all wildlife, to all the birds in the sky, and to everything crawling on the ground—to everything that breathes—I give all the green grasses for food.” And that’s what happened. ³¹ God saw everything he had made: it was supremely good.

There was evening and there was morning: the sixth day.

^{2:1} The heavens and the earth and all who live in them were completed. ² On the sixth day God completed all the work that he had done, and on the seventh day God rested from all the work that he had done. ³ God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all the work of creation. ⁴ This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Psalm: Psalm 8 (CEB)

¹ LORD, our Lord, how majestic
is your name throughout the earth!
You made your glory higher than heaven!

² **From the mouths of nursing babies
you have laid a strong foundation
because of your foes,
in order to stop vengeful enemies.**

³ When I look up at your skies,
at what your fingers made—
the moon and the stars
that you set firmly in place—

⁴ **what are human beings
that you think about them;
what are human beings
that you pay attention to them?**

⁵ You've made them only slightly less than divine,
crowning them with glory and grandeur.

⁶ **You've let them rule over your handiwork,
putting everything under their feet—**

⁷ all sheep and all cattle,
the wild animals too,

⁸ **the birds in the sky,
the fish of the ocean,
everything that travels the pathways of the sea.**

⁹ Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name throughout the earth!

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 (CEB)

Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.

[Paul writes:] ¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, good-bye. Put things in order, respond to my encouragement, be in harmony with each other, and live in peace—and the God of love and peace will be with you.

¹²Say hello to each other with a holy kiss. All of God's people say hello to you.

¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Before: The holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20 (CEB)

After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸Jesus came near and spoke to them, "I've received all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age."

After: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON: "Divine Hospitality"

HYMN: #673 God, Whose Almighty Word

THE NICENE CREED (p 104)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes: God of all goodness, **hear our prayer.**

OFFERING

Jesus sends his disciples into the world to bless all by his grace. With God's love, in the Holy Spirit, let us make this our offering to God.

Offering Song: #186 Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Prayer: For all that you have given us, we thank you, gracious God. For day and night, evening and morning, for land and sea, for fish and birds, plants and animals, for humankind, and for your Son, who came among us with the gift of life abundant. Let your Holy Spirit abide in our midst and work through our gifts, that all people may have joy and peace, in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (p. 145)

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.

BLESSING

Through baptism, you are one with Christ. He will be with you always. Through baptism, you have received the Holy Spirit. She breathes into you new life. Through baptism, you are sealed in the love of God, who will keep you forever. **Amen.**

HYMN: #408 Come, Thou Almighty King

CHARGE

The eternal Creator calls us. The risen Savior sends us. The dynamic Spirit empowers us. Go into all the world, making disciples for Jesus Christ. Go in peace! **Thanks be to God.**

SUNDAY BULLETIN

St. Paul's Lutheran, Crookston, MN

May 31st, 2026

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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Though the word *trinity* is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

For those who need healing in body, mind, or spirit:

Julie Love	Eunice Sondrol	Judy Luettjohann
Darleen Jackson	Katie Bakken	Julian Bertils
Marlo Moren	Evie Gunderson	Nancy Eia
Mike Ophus	Loiland family	Trevin Monahan
Nash Erdman	Stuart Hanson	Mark Peterson
Glorryne Casmey	Lucile Torkelson	Delores Sandager
Carol Chaffee	Kari L Trudeau	Mary Ann Knotek
Leah Knotek Ellefson	Family of Dale Cameron	

For our missionaries: Steve & Kelly Solheim
City of Joy Rwanda

For our servicemen: Brandon Johnson D.J. Brace

Please keep them in your prayers this week.

If you have prayer requests, please contact the church office at 218 281-3638 or our prayer chain coordinator, Marian Bakken: (h) 218-281-1584, (c) 218-275-3143, marianbakken@gmail.com.

MISSION

To bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people

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THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING TODAY!

Ushers

John Vallager and Grant Moe

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Alvern Wentzel

Acolyte

Wendy Chen

Altar Guild

Marian Bakken

Offering Counters

Kathie Barnes and Penny Blokzl

Fellowship

Barb Erdman

Livestream

Anna Erickson

MAY AND JUNE WORSHIP SERVICE TEAMS

Welcome to the **Incredible June Worship Team!** Thank you for filling in the slots last Sunday on the sign-up sheet. Please note the slots left to be filled and consider adding your name!

Marian Bakken

Doug and Barb Erdman

Kathy Normandin

David and Sandy Morgan

Mark and Anna Peterson

Dave and Karin Danforth

Thank you, Spectacular May Worship Team, for serving this month.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Genesis 12:1-9

Psalm 33:1-12

Romans 4:13-25

Matt. 9:9-13, 18-26

Readings for June 7th, 2026

2nd Sunday After Pentecost

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9am- 2pm

Please leave a message after 2 pm on the answering machine/drop something in the mailbox (north side of building)/call ahead. Pastor Curt is usually in the building but may be out on other church business. Worship via Facebook: facebook.com/stpaulscrookstonmn

Sunday, May 31

8:45 am

10:00 am

11:00 am

Trinity Sunday

Adult Bible Study

Worship

Fellowship

Monday, June 1

8:30 am

LWR Quilting

Tuesday, June 2

7:00 am

7:00 pm

Men's Coffee Fellowship

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Wednesday, June 3

Thursday, June 4

5:30-8:00 pm

Summer Faith sPark at

Wildwood Park

Friday, June 5

Church office closed

Pastor's Day off

Sunday, June 7

8:45 am

10:00 am

11:00 am

2nd Sunday After Pentecost

Adult Bible Study

Worship and Communion

Fellowship

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

May 31st, 2026

Attendance: 77

Our gifts towards Budget:

Sunday Envelopes	\$2,459.39
Loose Offering	\$ 43.72
Over and Above Benevolence	\$ 10.00
General Treas/No Benevolence	\$ 30.00
Vacation Bible School	\$ 25.00

Other (non-budget) Receipts:

Improvement Fund	\$ 35.00
Quilting Fund	\$ 20.00

Needed weekly towards 2026 Budget:

	\$4,675.42
Total received towards Budget	\$2,568.11
Total (non-budget) Receipts	\$ 55.00
Total Received	\$2,623.11

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT: APRIL 2026

	Month	Y-T-D
Amount needed to meet budgeted items	\$ 20,260.17	\$ 81,040.68
Receipts toward budget	\$ 15,696.64	\$ 74,840.42
Other receipts	\$ 1,434.48	\$ 10,154.88
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 17,131.12	\$ 84,995.30
Budgeted Disbursements	\$ 16,436.48	\$ 72,164.38
Other Disbursements	\$ -	\$ 7,072.66
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 16,436.48	\$ 79,237.04
	Income/Loss YTD	\$ 2,676.04
	Due to Benevolence	\$ (6,665.24)
	Net Income YTD	\$ (3,989.20)

SPECIAL MESSAGES

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Every May, something powerful happens across this country. In communities of faith, houses of worship and faith-based entities of every tradition and size, leaders have the opportunity to remind the people in their communities that mental health challenges are a part of life and that help is available.

MENTAL HEALTH MILESTONES

First time you forgave yourself.

First time you asked for help.

First time you set a boundary.

First time trying a new medication.

First time seeing a counselor/therapist.

First time you didn't pretend to be ok.

First time you felt understood by someone.

First time you challenged your mental health.

First time putting your mental health first.

First time you found the words to explain what you are feeling.

CRISIS LINE: 1-800-282-5005 or Text 988 For mental health emergencies or personal and family crises.

**TO SCHEDULE A NON-EMERGENCY APP'T:
218-281-3940**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ilene Landby is going to be 90 on June 5th! The family is asking that all her Saint Paul's friends take a moment to send her a birthday greeting. She loves getting mail and it would be wonderful if she could receive lots of well wishes for her 90th birthday.

Her address is:

Ilene Landby

Warroad Sr. Living Center

1401 Lakestreet SW

Warroad MN 56763

SPRING OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the church office hours have been updated. All remains the same except Tuesday hours will be 12:00 – 5:00 pm.

Thank you. 😊

LWR QUILT PACKING

Eighteen men and women gathered last Thursday to package and load a shipment of wonderful items to be spread throughout the world! Lutheran World Relief will receive **258** beautiful, handmade quilts by our Monday quilters, who lovingly pray over each one. There were also **57** personal care kits, and **101** baby care kits that were prepared and sent to reach those in great need. A million thanks to the women who use their gift of sewing to serve others, to everyone that makes donations, and to the men who helped package boxes and fill the trailer!

UNITED SUMMER FOOD SERVICE SIGN UP

St. Paul's has volunteered to cover the week of June 15-18th to help with the Summer Food Service Program. We need two volunteers to serve the food daily from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm at the Ray Ecklund Complex Lion's Shelter. **Sign up sheet is on the kiosk.** Thank you from the Parish Fellowship Committee!

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR SUMMER TRAVELERS

We know many of our members travel during the summer or have other commitments. Your consistent support is vital to our church and mission, especially during the summer months. If you think you will miss church services this summer, consider setting up **recurring giving**. It takes just a few moments to get started, and your regular donations will help sustain us throughout the year. Visit **stpaulscrookstonmn.com/giving** to set up a secure, recurring contribution from your bank account, credit card, or debit card. We sincerely thank you for your generosity to our church community and various ministries!

EMAIL UPDATES PLEASE (Important)

If you have changed your email in the past few years, please jot it down on a communion card (or elsewhere). You may hand it to an usher, place it on the back table, or you can email me with it: **stpauls@midconetwork.com**. Thank you!!