

The Holy Trinity May 31, 2026

Welcome

P This is the day that the Lord has made!

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.
Amen.

P Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God, we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, **Amen.**

P Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

Greeting

P 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.**

Praise Songs

How Majestic Is Your Name

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.

O Lord, we praise Your name, O Lord, we magnify Your name;
Prince of Peace, Mighty God, O Lord God Almighty.

Jesus, Your Name

Jesus, Your name is power, Jesus, Your name is might.
Jesus, Your name will break ev'ry stronghold,
Jesus Your name is life.

Jesus, Your name is healing, Jesus, Your name gives sight.
Jesus, your name will free ev'ry captive,
Jesus, Your name is life.

Jesus, Your name is holy, Jesus, Your name brings light.
Jesus, Your name, above ev'ry other,
Jesus, Your name is life.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray together. **Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading *Genesis 1:1--2:4a*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

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

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 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 air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.”

God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, 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.

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

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.
...The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8

¹O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶**You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:**

⁷all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

⁹O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

... *The Word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

Please stand as you are able

Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

....*The Gospel of the Lord.*

(sung) *Praise to you, O Christ.*

Youth Time

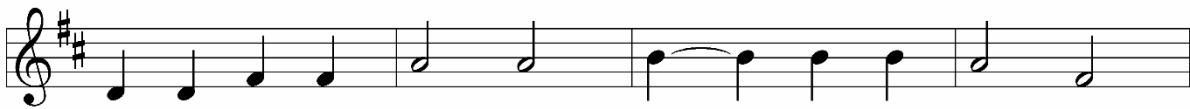
Please be seated

Choir Anthem *Lord of the Wind and the Sea*

Meditation

Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy



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 made blind by sin 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!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

Affirmation of Baptism

P Evelyn Grace Edwards has been instructed in the Christian faith and desires to make public affirmation of her faith.

P Evelyn, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world.

P Evelyn and Siblings in Christ, all gathered here: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at his holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

P Now, therefore, I ask you and those gathered here today to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

P Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

C **I do.**

Profession of Faith

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

Evelyn's Belief Statement

P Evelyn, you have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear his Word and share in his supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

R I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Confirmation Verse: *Romans 1:16*

“ For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the **power** of God for salvation to **everyone** who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”

Confirmand Kneels

Laying on of Hands

P Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in Evelyn the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm her faith, guide her life, empower her in her serving, give her patience in her suffering, and bring her to everlasting life.

R Amen

Presentation of Gifts

The Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Prayers of the Church

A Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Holy God, we are in awe of your creative work. Continue that work in your church, making us a new creation that proclaims your presence and love. Show us your will for the ministries of TOL, Augustana, Good Shepherd and Pr. Sohail's South Asian worshipping community as we serve our neighbors in love.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, nature reveals your power and glory. Protect water sources, vegetation, and wildlife as reminders of who you are.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Redeemer God, you call us to pray for those in authority. Guide our leaders to pursue the work of fostering peace and community.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sustaining God, you are mindful of your people in every circumstance. Heal those who are sick. Provide for all who hunger. Protect those in harm's way. Comfort any experiencing hardship.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those impacted by war and violence, for our men and women in the armed forces, and for all first responders. We also ask for your blessing on Patrick, Pr. Fred, Glenda, and Arlen, and for those for whom we now pray, either in our hearts or aloud: *Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we pray for the children of our church and community. Provide for their needs. Support their caregivers. Nurture their faith.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we give thanks for those who have died and claimed their baptismal promises. Strengthen us to live as they did in communion with you.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving
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Please stand as you are

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn (*sung*):

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray. **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.**

{P Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!}

Communion Song

Please be seated

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion: Please be seated until the usher directs your row to the communion rail. Please come to the communion rail and stand or kneel. If you do not wish to receive communion, please come for a blessing. All who share our confession that Christ is present in the Sacrament are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available in the center of the communion cup tray. If you would like a gluten free wafer, please let Pastor know.

The Body of Christ given for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.

Post-Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray. Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessing

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

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We Are One in the Spirit 212

By this shall all men know . . . if ye have love one to another. John 13:35

Unison

1. We are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord, We are
2. We will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand, We will
3. We will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side, We will
4. All praise to the Fa-ther, from whom all things come, And all

one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord, And we pray that all
walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand, And to - geth - er we'll
work with each oth-er, we will work side by side, And we'll guard each man's
praise to Christ Je - sus, His on - ly Son, And all praise to the

Refrain

u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
spread the news that God is in our land: And they'll know we are Chris-tians
dig - ni - ty and save each man's pride:
Spir - it, who makes us one:

by our love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

WORDS and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes, 1966

ST. BRENDAN'S
Irregular meter

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Dismissal

A Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C **Thanks be to God.**

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Prayers and Announcements

Prayers

Welcome: We extend a very warm welcome to everyone worshiping with us today. If you are visiting, we are delighted to have you here, and we hope you enjoy your worship time.

Rite of Confirmation: Today Evelyn Grace Edwards will reaffirm her baptismal promises and be recognized as an adult member. We pray for God's blessings on her and her family.

Prayer Partner Ministry: If you are in need of additional prayer, please come to the Parents' Room in the back of church following worship. Prayers are confidential. Today's prayer partner is Charlie Schmidtke.

Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God from Dick and Barb Edwards in celebration of their granddaughter Evelyn's confirmation today.

Offering: Thank you for your gifts to TOL. There is an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. If you send your offering through the US mail, please use checks only—please don't mail cash. We also have online giving through tithely.com, which can be accessed through TOL's website (www.trinityoldlutheran.com) or on your smartphone.

Mission for May – Justice Center: The Family Justice Center of Erie County provides services and support to individuals in unhealthy relationships, and provides the education needed to break larger cycles of relationship abuse. Their comprehensive service model tears down barriers to service, enabling clients to heal and cultivate hope. Please donate through tithely.com, or place your donations in an envelope (located in the narthex) or mail your check to the church office. Indicate on your check that it is designated for Family Justice Center. Thank you.

Adult Education: Charlie has added one additional class, which is **tomorrow Monday, June 1 at 1 pm**. The topic will be the Gospel of Mary Magdalene. Please contact Charlie Schmidtke if you need a Zoom invite.

Tri-Congregation Meeting: On **Wednesday, June 3 at 7 pm**, the committee will meet at Augustana. If you are interested in joining this committee or just curious about what is discussed, you are invited to attend.

Spring Show at TOL: Niagara Frontier Chord Authority is returning to Trinity Old Lutheran Church for a Spring Show, "Let the Music In", **this Saturday, June 6 at 7 pm**. We are so excited to sing for you as we have just returned from our regional contest with awards for Most Improved Chorus, along with recognition for our performance of our tunes! We would love to see you there. Tickets are \$10, children 10 and under are free. For tickets, please see Barb Yendall today!

Combined Worship at TOL: **Next Sunday, June 7**, Good Shepherd and Augustana will join us here at TOL for a tri-congregation service at 11 am, followed by a coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall. **There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board if you'd like to bring desserts and/or help with set up and clean-up.** Thank you.

Women's Lunch Group: You are invited to join the group for lunch on **Thursday, June 11** at 12:30 pm, at Buffalo Olde Brewery, 1221 E. Lovejoy St., Buffalo. Please contact Judy Menz or Barb Maugans if you have any questions.

Pizza Party – Change of Date: Mark your calendars for **Sunday, June 28**, for a pizza party following the worship service. Please sign up on the main bulletin board. All are invited!

Book Club at Augustana: May's book is *Lula Dean's Little Library of Banned Books* by Kirsten Miller. We will meet this **Thursday, June 4**, at 6:30 pm to discuss the book.

Mark Your Calendars and Stay Tuned for Details:

-Adult Retreat: Our annual Adult Retreat at beautiful Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center will be the weekend of **October 2 - 4**. The sign-up sheet is available on the main bulletin board.

-Craft Show and Basket Raffle: Our 3rd annual event will take place here at TOL on **Saturday, September 19**.

Operation Christmas Child: The suggested donations for **May** are washclothes and dental floss. In addition, we always need additional empty baskets when we assemble the basket raffle prizes. Thank you.

Book and Puzzle Sale: Please visit our Book Sale in the Resource Library, which is the first room in the hallway near the main bulletin board. Books and puzzles are always being added and are available for a fraction of the cost at retail. No cost for the greeting cards available. Proceeds are used for church building interior improvements, such as carpeting, door mats, etc.

Thank You for your Continuing Support of these ministries:

- Non-perishable food items for the food pantry at Good Shepherd.
- Grocery store gift cards for individuals in need.
- Aluminum can pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House – bin in hallway.
- Dash’s Tapes for the Niagara Lutheran Health System – bin in hallway.
- Cans and bottles to be recycled – barrel in hallway.
- Clothing and hygiene items for Friends of Night People– blue barrel.
- Items for Operation Christmas Child boxes – bin in hallway.

This week’s calendar

<p><i>Please notify the Church Office of any schedule changes, member illness, prayer request, etc., so church staff can respond accordingly. Office hours are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 am–12 noon.</i></p> <p><i>For a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Fred. For office related matters, please leave a voice mail message or send an email.</i></p>	Sun	5/31	9:30 am 11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship Service at Augustana Worship Service at TOL Abiding Faith Worship GA Meeting
	Mon	6/1	10 am 1 pm 4 pm 6:30 pm	OA Meeting Adult Ed Sandwich Team #1 AA
	Tues	6/2	7 pm 7:30 pm	Worship and Music Team CoDA
	Wed	6/3	7 pm	Tri-Congregation Meeting at Augustana
	Thurs	6/4	6:30 pm 7 pm	Book Club at Augustana GA Meeting
	Fri	6/5	10 am	South Asian Lutheran Community
	Sat	6/6	7 pm	Niagara Chord Authority Spring Concert – “Let the Music In”
	Sun	6/7	11 am 12 noon 3:30 pm 7 pm	Tri-Congregation Worship Service at TOL Coffee Hour Abiding Faith Worship GA Meeting

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