

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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June 15, 2025 + HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

"O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God's love and hope to our neighbors.

+ GATHERING +

Prelude

(The prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for worship.)

Welcome

Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church in Albion! We offer a warm welcome to all who are worshipping in person or by way of Vyve Cable Channel 21 and Facebook Live. We hope that you encounter a word of God's grace and love in this worship service.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Christ are welcome to share in the Lord's meal. Holy Communion will be distributed in person or by pre-packaged elements. If you are uncomfortable coming forward, please pick up the communion elements as you enter worship. We will partake of the sacrament as directed by the pastor within the worship service. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with an usher. Gluten Free wafers are available on request.





The Holy Trinity

Confession & Forgiveness

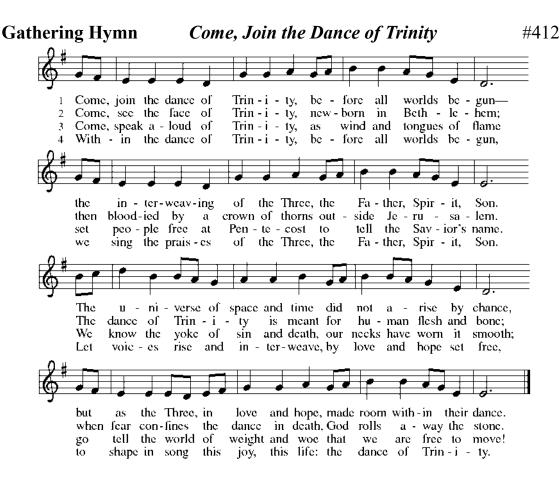
In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

In that name, and with that faith — as dear children approaching a loving parent, as sinners redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, as believers filled with the Holy Spirit — let us confess our sins to almighty God. Let us seek forgiveness.

(Silence for reflection and confession.)

Most merciful God, we have been unworthy and disobedient children. We have ignored our Father's admonitions, disregarded our Savior's instructions, grieved the Holy Spirit. We are not worthy to be called children of God. But we beg you — of your fatherly compassion, by your saving merits, at your inviting call — to have mercy on us and grant us your forgiveness.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him might not perish but have eternal life. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, the heavenly Father gives the Holy Spirit that they may be children of God. Rejoice in the Lord; your sins are forgiven — in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



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Opening Litany

- O Father all-glorious, we glorify you.
- O Son ever-loving, we love you evermore.
- O Spirit ever-giving, we give you all our praise.
- O Father, Son, and Spirit, bless us now with your peace that passes all understanding.
- O Father, Son, and Spirit, bless us now with your amazing grace.

O Father, Son, and Spirit, bless us now with your hope that never disappoints.

May peace, grace, and hope sustain us through our sufferings.

May peace, grace, and hope keep us close to our fellow believers.

And may peace, grace, and hope lead us forward in faith forevermore. Amen.

Apostolic Greeting

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.**





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Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... (A brief silence is kept.)
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.

Father's Day Litany

Blessing and honor to our God of love.

Praise the Lord who gives us the men we have known in our lives.

Thanks be to God,

for blessing us with fathers, grandfathers, and uncles.

Praise be to God,

for sending us loving foster fathers, adopted uncles, and other men who have cared for us.

Glory to God for our men:

our husbands, our sons, our brothers, our friends, and our fathers.

Praise God for them all,

for the name of God is glorified through their lives.

Uphold them with your strength.

Guide them with your wisdom.

Renew them in your grace.

Restore them in your compassion.

God bless all godly men, for they show us Christ.

Let us pray... (A brief silence is kept)

Gracious God, pour out your Spirit on all fathers.

Grant to them keen insight into their children's needs.

Help them to be faithful examples of truth and love.

Soften their hearts so that they might hear their children's cries.

Strengthen their resolve to be men of commitment and faith.

In times of sorrow and disappointment

let them know that you are by their side.

In times of doubt and confusion show them the way.

In times of happiness and joy

let them see your face in all that is good and right and true.

In all times sustain them

with the knowledge that they are your beloved children.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.



+ WORD **+**

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

First Reading

In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, wisdom is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God, but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.

A reading from Proverbs.

¹Does not wisdom call,

and does not understanding raise her voice?

²On the heights, beside the way,

at the crossroads she takes her stand;

³beside the gates in front of the town,

at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

⁴"To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.

²²The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.

²³Ages ago I was set up,

at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴When there were no depths I was brought forth,

when there were no springs abounding with water.

²⁵Before the mountains had been shaped,

before the hills, I was brought forth —

²⁶when he had not yet made earth and fields,

or the world's first bits of soil.

²⁷When he established the heavens, I was there,

when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

²⁸when he made firm the skies above,

when he established the fountains of the deep,

²⁹when he assigned to the sea its limit,

so that the waters might not transgress his command,

when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

³⁰then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,

³¹rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8

Let us read Psalm 8 responsively.

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

²you 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,

⁴what 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.

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, ⁸the 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

Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.

Romans 5:1-5

A reading from Romans.

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



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Holy Gospel John 16:12-15

Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.

The Holy Gospel according St. John, the 16th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

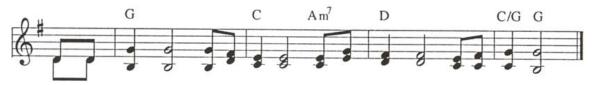
[Jesus said,] ¹²"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

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

Gospel Response



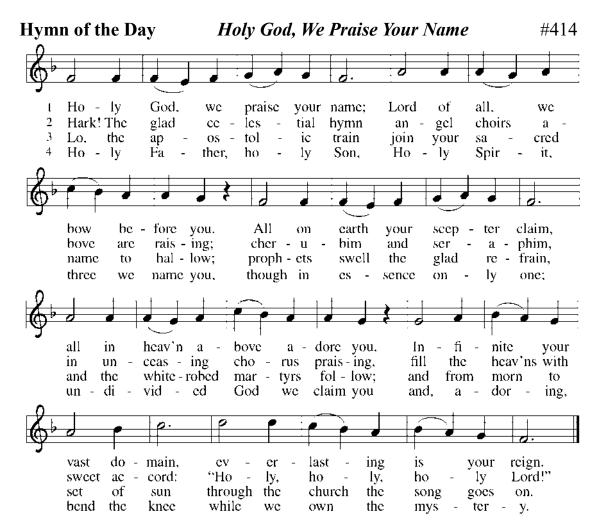
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Children's Time Sermon



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Athanasian Creed

- P Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith... Whoever wants to be saved should above all cling to the catholic faith.
- C Whoever does not guard it whole and inviolable will doubtless perish eternally.
- P Now this is the catholic faith: We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity,
- M neither confusing the persons
- W nor dividing the divine being.
- P For the Father is one person,
- M the Son is another,
- W and the Spirit is still another.
- P But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one,
- C equal in glory, coeternal in majesty.
- P What the Father is,
- M the Son is,
- W and so is the Holy Spirit.
- P Uncreated is the Father; uncreated is the Son; uncreated is the Spirit.
- M The Father is infinite; the Son is infinite; the Holy Spirit is infinite.
- W Eternal is the Father; eternal is the Son; eternal is the Spirit:
- C And yet there are not three eternal beings, but one who is eternal; as there are not three uncreated and unlimited beings, but one who is uncreated and unlimited.
- P Almighty is the Father;
- M almighty is the Son;
- W almighty is the Spirit:
- C And yet there are not three almighty beings, but one who is almighty.
- P Thus the Father is God;

M the Son is God;

W the Holy Spirit is God:

- C And yet there are not three gods, but one God.
- P Thus the Father is Lord:

M the Son is Lord;

W the Holy Spirit is Lord:

- C And yet there are not three lords, but one Lord.
- P As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord,
- C so catholic religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords.
- P The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten;
- M the Son was neither made nor created, but was alone begotten of the Father;
- W the Spirit was neither made nor created, but is proceeding from the Father and the Son.
- C Thus there is one Father, not three fathers; one Son, not three sons; one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.
- P And in this Trinity,
- M no one is before or after,
- W greater or less than the other;
- C but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal; and so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the one God in three persons.

 Whoever wants to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.
- P It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus Christ became flesh.
- C For this is the true faith that we believe and confess: that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.
- P He is God, begotten before all worlds from the being of the Father, and he is man, born in the world from the being of his mother--



- W existing fully as God, and fully as man with a rational soul and a human body;
- M equal to the Father in divinity, subordinate to the Father in humanity.
- C Although he is God and man, he is not divided, but is one Christ.
- P He is united because God has taken humanity into himself; he does not transform deity into humanity.
- W He is completely one in the unity of his person, without confusing his natures.
- M For as the rational soul and body are one person, so the one Christ is God and man.
- C He suffered death for our salvation.
- P He descended into hell and rose again from the dead.
- W He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
- M He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
- C At his coming all people shall rise bodily to give an account of their own deeds.
- W Those who have done good will enter eternal life,
- M those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.
- P This is the catholic faith.
- C One cannot be saved without believing this firmly and faithfully.

Prayer of Intercession

P Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

A Abiding God, your love pours into your whole church, creating faith and bestowing hope.

Fill all the baptized with these good gifts in our various callings.

Gather your church in every place and expression into the unity of your Spirit.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

P Creating God, your name is majestic in all the earth, and we are filled with awe at your creation.

Renew this planet and all its wonders: springs abounding with water, earth and soil, beasts of the field, birds of the air, and fish of the sea. God of grace, hear our prayer.

A Sovereign God, you delight in the whole human race.
On this week of Juneteenth, bring an end to racial oppression and heal the wounds of racial trauma.
Grant us your wisdom, so that all people, especially those in authority, work for the life and freedom of others.
God of grace, hear our prayer.

P Compassionate God, your mindful care for us is everlasting. Give peace to all who are troubled, endurance to all who suffer, deliverance to all who are afflicted, and healing to all who are sick, *especially*...

God of grace, hear our prayer.

A Living God, your glory appears in our shared life. On this Father's Day, give to all fathers and father figures gentle hearts and strong spirits, heal the wounds in our families, and comfort those for whom this day brings pain. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

- P Here other prayers may be offered either aloud or in silence... God of grace, **hear our prayer.**
- A Eternal God, your hope does not disappoint. We give you thanks for all who have died in the hope of the resurrection. Hold us in our grief, and bring us at last to fullness of life in you. Here other intercessions may be offered either aloud or in silence. God of grace, hear our prayer.
- P Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

+ OFFERING +



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+ MEAL +

Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.



Proper Preface

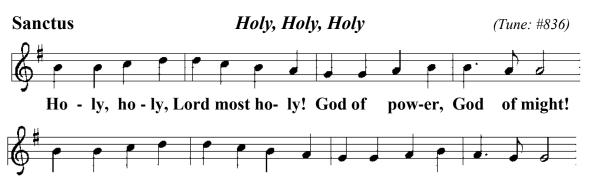
Threefold and glorious God, in Fatherly joy you created all things through the grace of your Word and the wisdom of your Spirit. In the depth of your love for the world you gave your only Son

that all might come to new life in your Spirit.

You rolled away the stone by your Fatherly hand, and in the power of your Spirit raised your incarnate Son from the dead.

In your Fatherly mercy you breathed your Spirit on the fearful disciples, giving them the fire of your love to live as the body of your Son.

And so, adoring you with apostles and prophets, with martyrs and saints, with angels and archangels, with cherubim and seraphim, and with all your glorious company in bright array, we celebrate the glory of your praise.



Earth and heav-en show your glor - y, ma - jes - ty most grand and bright.



All cre - a - tion sings ho - san - na! Blest for - ev - er is the One



Who, your name and mer - cy bear-ing, comes your own be - lov - ed Son.

Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

Lord God, there is none beside you;
you are perfect in power, in love, and in purity.
You invite us to join you at your heavenly banquet that knows no end.
In this meal we recall the sacrifice of your Son
and the sanctification of your Spirit.

Send that Spirit upon us now,

that we may be made ready to be your companions, and on these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, and gave you thanks; broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

After supper Jesus took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Triune God, in the dance of your love we see your nature as utter relationship.

Be close to all who struggle in relationship at home, in the workplace, across social divides and national thresholds.

As your three persons gaze in shared attention, look upon those whose lives go unrecognized.

As your three members work together in true partnership, uphold any who face the struggles of their life alone.

As your partners in threefold unity relish one another in deep delight, revitalize those who live without joy or hope.

Make your church a community across time and space that enjoys the gift of your life and imitates the wonder of your love, until all come into your presence and gaze upon your glory, God in three persons, blessed Trinity. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Let us pray together as Jesus taught us...

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.

Agnus Dei

Come to the Table

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Come to the ta-ble of mer-cy, pre-pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun-gry and thirst-y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re-ceive from his nail-scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal-va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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Distribution

If you are joining us from home or are taking communion from your seat:

The Body of Christ given for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.

1 Now we join in cel - c - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion. 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - cr, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture! 3 Lord, we share in this com-mu - nion as one fam-'ly of God's chil - dren.



dressed no more in spir-it som-ber, clothed in-stead in joy and won - der; For this bread and cup of bless-ing are for us the sure pos-sess - ing ree - on-ciled through you, our broth-er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence, of your lov-ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry, Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv-ing all, both friends and strang-ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us. pledge of your un - fail-ing pres-ence, fore-taste here of heav'n-ly glad - ness. seek - ing jus-fice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

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Table Blessing

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ make you strong to do His will, and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray... (A brief silence is kept.)

Life-giving God,

Through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy.

Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love.

This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

+ SENDING +

Announcements

Benediction

Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abounding in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the Holy Trinity: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.



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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

One God Maze

Follow the maze to match each of the 3 persons in 1 God with their symbol.



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Fathers and Sons of the Bible

Proverbs 13:1 says, "A wise son heeds his father's instruction."

In the puzzle below, find and circle the names of these fathers and their sons from the Old Testament. Names may be forward, backward, diagonal, \rightarrow \downarrow \uparrow \searrow up or down. Circle them.

JUDAH

NAPHTALL

LEVI

GAD

JOSEPH

EPHRAIM

SALIL

MANASSEH

ISHMAEL

ISAAC

ESAU

JACOB

JAPHETH

ELKANAH

SAMUEL

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The Mystery of the Trinity

Enter the missing vowels to complete the words from today's lesson about the Trinity.



SPIRIT	PERSONS	SON	THREE	TRINITY
ONE	MYSTERY	GOD	FATHER	HOLY