



*I am with you always*

MATTHEW 28:20

**MAY 31, 2026**



**EPIPHANY**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# THE HOLY TRINITY

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.

## PRELUDE

## THE GATHERING

### WELCOME

### OPENING SONG

### Come, Join the Dance of Trinity (ELW 412)

1. Come join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun  
2. Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem  
3. Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame  
4. With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,

6  
the in - ter - weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.  
then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.  
set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - iors name.  
we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.

11  
The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,  
The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone  
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth  
Let voic - es rise and in - ter - weave, by love and hope set free,

16  
but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.  
when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.  
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!  
to shape in song this joy, this life the dance of Trin - i - ty.

### ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

A: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

A: Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence For Reflection*

A: Compassionate God,

**C: 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.**

A: 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.

**C: Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*We receive and extend to one another the gift of Christ's peace. You may greet one another and say "peace be with you" or similar words.*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**C: 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.**

# THE WORD

## I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy

### Verse 1:

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,  
down in my heart, down in my heart, down in my heart;  
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,  
down in my heart, down in my heart to stay.

### Refrain

And I'm so happy, so very happy;  
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart!  
Oh I'm so happy, so very happy.  
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart!

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## CHILDREN'S SERMON

A RESPONSIVE READING

PSALM 8

*How majestic is your name in all the earth! (Ps. 8:1)*

L: O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

**C: 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.**

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

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

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

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

L: all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

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

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

A READING FROM

2 CORINTHIANS 13:11-13

*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:] Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; 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.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

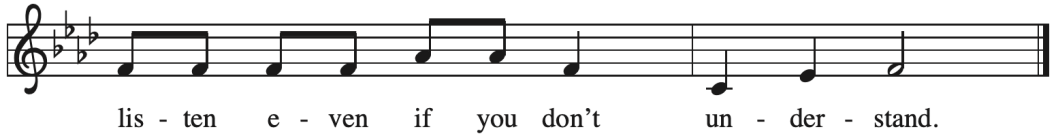
Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken (ACS 974)



Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the One who is



close at hand; lis-ten to the voice that be-gan cre-a-tion;



THE GOSPEL READING

**MATTHEW 28:16-20**

*(Congregation standing)*

L: The Holy Gospel of St. Matthew, beginning in the twenty-eighth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

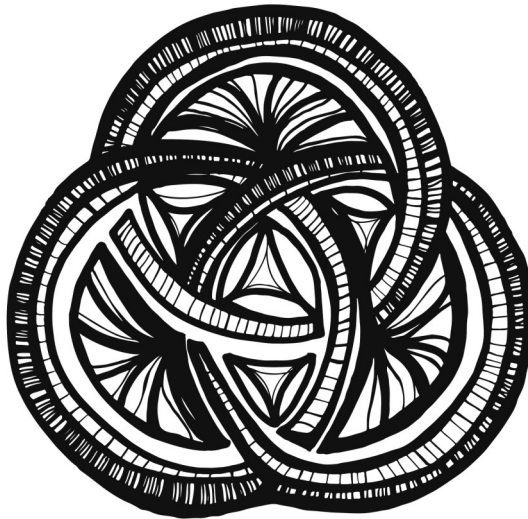
Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them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

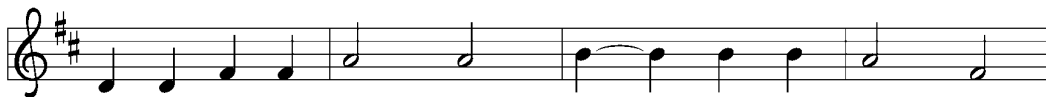
L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you O Christ.**

PREACHING OF THE GOOD NEWS

MOMENT OF REFLECTION ON THE GOOD NEWS





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 - ness 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!

APOSTLES' CREED

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

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

**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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*Each petition shall conclude with:*

A: God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*The Prayers conclude:*

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

**C: Amen.**

## THE MEAL

### THE OFFERING

### THE OFFERTORY

### We Are an Offering

The musical score is written on six staves in 4/4 time. It features a melody with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are Yours, we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an offering, we are an offering." The score includes various musical notations such as treble clefs, time signatures, and dynamic markings.

We lift our voices, — we lift our hands, we lift our  
lives up to You, we are an of-fer-ing. — Lord, use our voices, — Lord, use our  
hands, Lord, use our lives, they are Yours, we are an of-fer-ing. — All that we have,  
all that we are, — all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You. —  
— We lift our voi - ces, — we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an  
of - fer - ing, — we are an of - fer - ing. —



## HOLY COMMUNION

We practice "Open Communion," acknowledging that Jesus welcomes all persons, sinners and saints alike, to the table. All means ALL. Please come forward by the center aisle and receive the Sacrament in a continuous line, exiting by the side aisles.

**Communion is by intinction.** We offer a chalice of wine and a chalice of white grape juice in which you may dip the bread. Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask for them at the altar, if needed. The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen.

Infants who are not yet ready to receive food will receive a blessing. Parents who have questions about the practice of open communion may instruct their children to receive just a blessing.

Communion can be served to those who are not physically able to join us for worship. Please speak with an usher if you know of someone who would desire communion from Sunday's table brought to them.

## COMMUNION HYMN

### Just As I Am, without One Plea (ELW 592)



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was  
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y\_a con - flict,  
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,  
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
man - y\_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,  
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

## COMMUNION BLESSING

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace until life everlasting.

**C: Amen.**



# THE SENDING

## THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son  $\dagger$ , and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

### Go, My Children, with My Blessing (WOV 721)



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.  
4 "I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.  
I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."  
Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BLESSED AND SENT TO SERVE

A: This little light of mine...

**C: I'm gonna let it shine!**

A: In a world that thrives on knowing, may we leave room for mystery. May we allow the Trinity to be something that, rather than understanding, this is something that we experience. May we marvel at God's beautiful creation, receive the gift of grace, and live out our faith sustained by the Holy Spirit. And may we invite others to experience God so that...

**C: Everyone knows that God loves them!**

A: Go in peace serve the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE



*If you are worshipping with us at 9:00 am we kindly ask that you leave your bulletin on the back table on your way out for those that are worshipping at 11:00 am if you did not make notes. We wish to be good stewards of our environment and resources.*

*\*\* Our services are live-streamed and recorded for later viewing. We also utilize images from our services and activities on our website. If you do not want images of you or your family on our website, please inform us via an email to [communications@epiphanysuwanee.org](mailto:communications@epiphanysuwanee.org).*



# EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Sunday Worship Services

9:00 am & 11:00 am (in-person and online)

**Ministers:** The People of God

**Pastor:** Chris Hermansen

**Minister of Youth:** Kris Perkola

**Director of Worship and Music:** Steve Belfield, Interim

**Worship Production:** Steve Belfield

**Worship Accompanist:** Anna Keiserman, Ph. D.

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**We Are an Offering (CCLI #16220)**

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**Lamb of God**

ELW Holy Communion Setting Four

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