



**The Holy Trinity  
Thursday, May 28, 2026**

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## WELCOME TO FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Whether you are joining us in person or online, we are blessed to have you worshipping with us today. We pray that our time of worship together further encourages and strengthens our call to discipleship.

If you are a visitor, please fill out the neon green Visitor Card and drop and give it to an usher or greeter. Please come to worship with us again!

Worship Leader: Pastor Mary E. Zupansic  
Pianist: Hal Osborn Lector: Maralee Moellendorf

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
whose compassion endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

*(pause)*

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.**

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.**

**GATHERING SONG**

*You Are Holy*  
 (sing twice)

**ELW #525**

1\*

*Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer*  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more

*än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.*  
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

*Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,*  
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here

*väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.*  
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2

Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

\* *May be sung in canon.*

Text: Per Harling, b. 1945

Music: DU ÄR HELIG, Per Harling

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## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

## WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

### **FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1—2:4a**

A reading from Genesis.

<sup>1</sup> When God began to create the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup> the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.

<sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup> And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup> 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.

<sup>12</sup> 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.

<sup>13</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup> 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, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup> God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup> God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> 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.” <sup>21</sup> 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.

<sup>22</sup> God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. <sup>24</sup> 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. <sup>25</sup> 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.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make humans 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.”

<sup>27</sup> So God created humans in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> 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.” <sup>29</sup> 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. <sup>30</sup> 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. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2:1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup> On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. <sup>4a</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 8 (responsively)**

<sup>1</sup> O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

<sup>2</sup> **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.**

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

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

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

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

<sup>7</sup> all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup> **the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

<sup>9</sup> O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

[Paul writes:] <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. <sup>18</sup> And

Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> 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 <sup>20</sup> 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.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Mary E. Zupansic**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**    *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,



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 - ior's name.  
we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



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,



## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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

*Each petition ends with the following response.*

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.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Loving God,

**we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.**

**Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,  
so that all creation can taste your abundance.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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.

## **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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Heaven has come near.  
Come, share in the feast!  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **COMMUNION: Instrumental Interlude**

## **TABLE BLESSING**

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

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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.**

### SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

### BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✝ one God,  
bless, heal, and hold you  
today and always. **Amen.**

### SENDING SONG

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

**ELW #414**



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred  
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,  
bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with  
and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to  
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"  
set of sun through the church the song goes on.  
bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900  
Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774

## DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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## PASTORAL CARE

If you would like a visit from Pastor Mary, or if you have a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor on her cell phone 920-671-4338.

## THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone who came and donated their time and efforts to the Spring Cleaning Day on May 16. The windows, frames, sills, heat registers, pews, cushions, railings, brass, candle wax removal and high places where dust had collected for years, were cleaned in the narthex, nave and sanctuary. With the number of people participating in the event, it allowed us to accomplish everything on the list for the day. **Great job to all who helped!** -- Shawn & Jenny Blaschka

## **COFFEE and CONVERSATION**

Our conversations have been lively and enlightening, so we plan to continue as long as there is interest! This Sunday we'll talk about what factors other than faith affect our decisions about voting and other interactions with government. What have we as Lutheran Christians been taught about our relationship to government?

Grab coffee and a treat before you head to the Fireside Room. Newcomers ALWAYS welcome.

## **WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

**Thursday, May 21: 19**

**Sunday, May 24: 68     YouTube Views: 64**

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LAWN MOWING and LANDSCAPING**

We're looking for more volunteers to help with mowing the lawn and watching over our landscaping. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. Thank you!

## **TREASURE SALE NEWS...**

**The sale is just around the corner.**

**Thursday, June 11: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**Friday, June 12: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, June 13: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

Thank you so much to everyone for your donations! **We are no longer accepting donations for the June Sale with the exception of furniture or large items.** We need lots of help with the sale: setting up, during the sale, and cleaning/packing up. Sign-up work sheets are in the coatroom.

**An Invitation...** On Sunday, June 7, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., members of FE and your family members are invited to come and before the sale begins on June 11. Other than the sale itself, this is the only time you will be able to come and shop. So come and look over the sea of items this year!!

## **SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**

Monday – Friday **8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

(closed for lunch: Noon-1:00 p.m.)

### **Deadlines:**

Bulletins: Wednesday afternoon

Lantern: 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

## **KITS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

Hello all- I will once again be needing your help with my continued work with LWR Kits. I have decided to try and assemble some School Kits as well as the Personal Care Kits.

### **Donations of:**

**DARK colored bath size towels (20-27”x 40-52”)**

#### **OR School kit items:**

\*70-80 sheet SPIRAL Notebooks Wide or Collage Ruled (280-320 sheets total)

\*30 centimeter ruler

\*blunt scissors

\*pencil sharpener

\*#2 pencils w/erasers (unsharpened)

\*black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)

\*box of 16 or 24 crayons

\*2 1/2” erasers

I will be accepting items until mid August. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me. There will be a basket in the narthex under the table. Thank you for any donations you can provide! -- Lori Heyne

## **LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER...**

John & Karen Otto, Chad Seivert, Lyle Jaegler, Linda Kittel, Judy Beemer (*sister of Roger DeWitt*), Rick (*friend of Dawn M. Kramer*), Ron Wiese (*friend of the DeWitt family*), Melinda (*sister of Matt Heyne*), Diane (*Aunt to Angela Greenfield & Jarek Nelson*), Janet Alters (*Family member of Mike & Joan, Jack & Kim, Erin, Spencer and Ella*), Tracey (*friend of Sheri Fochs*)

**Homebound / Assisted Lived:** Kathie Peterson (*Primrose*), Dolores Hintz (*Sylvan Crossings*), Sue McKee (*Rennes in Weston*), Diane Zuelke (*Mountain Terrace*), Michelle Detert (*Cady Home*), Ila Bartelt (*Rennes in Weston*), Gary Klingbeil (*Wood Aven*), Dennis & Laurayne Nicoliasen (*Rennes in Weston*)  
Audrey Fellbaum  
Delphine Saeger  
Eleanor Thorpe

**Daily Prayers Offered for:** Bishops Anne Edison-Albright (*East Central Synod*) and Yehiel Curry (*Presiding Bishop of the ELCA*), and all those who work in the East Central Synod Office; ShyAnn and Peter Egwalata (*in Uganda*)

### **Immigrant Family Support Network – Good Neighbors Needed!**

If you are interested in helping to support immigrant and refugee families in need in the Wausau and Marathon County area, particularly those impacted by current changes in immigration policy in the last few years, we need you!

Current needs include:

- Support with food and essentials
- Transportation, including to immigration hearings in Milwaukee or Minneapolis

For all those interested in volunteering, an information session will be held on **Monday, June 8 at 6:00 pm, at St. Stephen Lutheran Church downtown Wausau.**



**About the Alliance:** Over a dozen local leaders, including non-profits, faith leaders, farmers, and concerned community members came together and formed the Alliance in late 2025. Our purpose is to ensure that refugees, immigrants, and racial minorities are treated humanely and with justice. Find out more about the Alliance at: [www.715alliance.org](http://www.715alliance.org)

### **PEEK AT THE WEEK of May 31-June 7, 2026**

<b>Sunday, May 31:</b>	9:00 a.m. Worship
<b>Tuesday, June 2:</b>	6:30 p.m. AED Refresher
<b>Thursday, June 4:</b>	6:00 p.m. Worship
<b>Thurs.-Sat., June 4-6:</b>	East Central Synod Assembly in Oshkosh
<b>Friday, June 5 :</b>	6:30 p.m. NA Meeting
<b>Sunday, June 7:</b>	9:00 a.m. Worship