

May 31, 2026
9:00 a.m.
Holy Trinity Sunday



Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
Neenah, Wisconsin
Service of Holy Communion

Ministers
Worship Ministry

Everyone at Gloria Dei
Pastor Doug Holtz

Welcome to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church!

So that we may come to know each other better...please fill out the maroon Friendship Pad located at the end of each pew and pass it along for others to do the same. Once completed, return it and note the names of the others seated next to you so you may greet one another after the service.

Congregational portions are in **Bold** print.

Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, II Corinthians 13:13 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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C Amen.

L We know too well our foolishness, our brokenness, our human ways of doing things. But God knows our hearts, our hopes, our desire to be made new. As we offer our prayers of confession, let us open ourselves to God, who will forgive us and give us new life.

We keep silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Artist of all things,

C We have been created for goodness by you, but we continue to be filled with bitterness. Your Word would enable us to speak of joy to others, but we offer only judgment. The Spirit which breathes hope into us could be shared with everyone we meet, but we are tempted to hold our breath until we turn blue, rather than giving peace to those around us. But you have said that everything created is good, even we foolish children of yours, God of wonder and grace. With the Spirit as our sister, we know we can bring healing and hope to those who need it most. With your Word, Jesus Christ, as our brother, we know we can tell others of your mercy and of our love for them in every moment.

P By God's grace, our chaotic choices become creative grace for others; our foolishness can be transformed by God's goodness; our lives can become new by the Spirit of our God.

C The good news is as true as it was on creation's first morning: Creator God is the redeeming Word who is the Breath of life for all people, even us. Thanks be to God for forgiveness and grace in our lives. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L God, whose imagination saw all that is good, beautiful, and loving,

C continues to see us as beloved children in the divine family.

L The Word which called forth the stars in every universe,

C speaks to us of giving ourselves through the baptismal life.

L The Spirit, which moved over creation, breathing life into all things,

C fills us with peace and patience, with hope and healing to share.

GATHERING HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!" ELW #413



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!

GREETING

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Like creation on that first morning, may we be filled with anticipation of your goodness and wonder flowing into our lives, God who shapes all things.

C **May we join all creation in worshiping you, who is as close as a heartbeat.**

L As God whispered into the silence, you ran forth with creatures of every size and shape at your side, Word of wonder, as river filled the valleys and ran to seas, as flowers sprang forth in meadows, as grace unfathomable sprang forth.

C **May we join all creation in emulating you, who is as close as our flesh which you wore.**

L As God's mind overflowed with dreams, you brooded over the waters, stirred the clouds with your wind, breathed life into all that is, Spirit of fanciful faith, planting the seeds of peace.

C **May we join all creation in dancing with you, who is as close to us as every breath we take.**

L May we join all creation in worshiping, emulating, dancing as we offer our prayer to you, God in Community, Holy in One, in Jesus' name we pray.

C **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

¹When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So 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. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. ⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then 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. ¹²The

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.¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.¹⁴ 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,¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so.¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars.¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth,¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.²⁰ 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."²¹ 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.²² God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.²⁴ 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.²⁵ 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.²⁶ 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."²⁷ So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.²⁸ 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."²⁹ 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.³⁰ 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.³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.^{2:1} Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude.² 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.³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.^{4a} These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

PSALM: Psalm 8

¹ O 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.**
³ When 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?**
⁵ Yet 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:**
⁷ all 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.**
⁹ O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil” ELW #512

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ 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 ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

P The gospel of the Lord. C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"The Play of the Godhead"

ACS #946



1 The play of the God-head, the Trin - i - ty's dance, em - brac-es the
2 The warm mists of sum - mer, cool wa - ters that flow, turn crys-tal as
3 In God's gra - cious im - age of co - e - qual parts, we gath-er as



earth in a sa - cred ro - mance, with God the Cre - a - tor, and
ice when the win - try winds blow. The tap - root that nur - tures, the
danc - ers, u - nit - ing our hearts. In tune with the mu - sic of



Christ the true Son, en - twined with the Spir - it, a web dai - ly
shoot grow - ing free, the life - giv - ing fruit, full and ripe on the
all liv - ing things, we join in the round of bright na - ture that



spun in span-gles of mys - t'ry, the great Three - in - One.
tree: more mys - tic and won-drous, the great One - in - Three.
rings with rap - ture and rhy - thm: cre - a - tion now sings!

NICENE CREED

C 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

L Risen Savior, **C** Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L The peace of Christ be with you always. **C** And also with you.

SHARING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

We joyfully offer financial gifts to God's ministry through Gloria Dei in a variety of ways. Either place gifts in offering baskets as they are distributed or go to www.gloriadeilc.org/give (or scan QR code) or text your gift to 1-877-952-9422 this morning. If you are giving electronically or at a frequency other than weekly, please place a blue card (located in the pew rack) in the offering basket to signify your gifts. Thank you for your generous response to God's blessings!



OFFERTORY

"We Are an Offering"

ELW #692



We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, 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 voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
 we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

OFFERING PRAYER

L God in community,

C Like the gifts of creation, we are but steward of all we possess. And like the gifts of creation, they are not to be hoarded, but shared with the hungry, the lonely, the lost, the struggling. As we offer our gifts, receive our thanks and praise in the name of Jesus. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P 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

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C 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.

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

P The feast of the Lamb is a celebration where all are welcome and joy abounds. Come now and partake in his body and blood, enriched by this holy food, and empowered to serve as God's children in the world.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to the Lord's Supper today! Communion is served by intinction at stations. As you come forward, you will receive the bread and then dip it into the divided chalice for wine (red) or grape juice (white). Children who receive communion, please hold out hands to receive the bread. Those not communing, please fold hands to receive a blessing. Please notify an usher if you would like to receive communion at your seat.

SONG DURING THE MEAL

"In This Feast of Love"

ACS #962

1 In this feast of love, in this
2 In this bread and wine, in this
3 Grant us peace, O Lord, grant us

feast of love, Lord, you share your
bread and wine, you have prom - ised,
peace, O Lord; fill us with the

blood and your bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God.
Lord, to be with us, Lamb . . of God div - ine.
joy of your Spir - it, ev - er - liv - ing Word.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L Let us pray. O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P May the peace of creation's Imagination, the peace of grace's Word, the peace of hope's Spirit, and the deep, deep peace of God in Community, Holy in One, be with you this day and for always. **C Amen.**

SENDING SONG

“Go to the World”

ACS #991



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
 2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
 3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
 4 “Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
 Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
 the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
 for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
 Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
 As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
 when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!”



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

DISMISSAL

L Created and called to be faithful stewards, we are sent forth by our God.

C We will take all that is good to places of brokenness, all that is beautiful to those who live in despair.

L Called and commissioned to be faithful disciples, we are sent forth by Jesus, Word of hope.

C We follow Jesus to every place he would lead us, to every person who will bless us.

L Called and filled with the very breath of peace, we are sent forth by the Spirit, God's grace.

C We will join the Spirit in bring life where there is fear, in offering love where hate seeks to take hold.

L Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

	9:00 a.m.
MINISTERS	All God's people at Gloria Dei
WORSHIP MINISTRY	Pastor Doug Holtz
MINISTER OF MUSIC	Dr. Myron Jones
CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR	Jill Kruger
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