



**A WARM WELCOME TO ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH
ON THIS DAY OF THE HOLY TRINITY AND HYMN SING
MAY 31, 2026**

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DAY OF THE HOLY TRINITY

10:00 A.M.

MAY 31, 2026

INTRODUCTION

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

“Holy, Holy, Holy” arr. Hayes Jean Pontious

You may remain seated or stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin to God.

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.**

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.

C **Amen.**

Background on the hymn, “Holy, Holy, Holy”, from Great Songs of Faith, by Brown

GATHERING 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,
 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;
 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,
 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.
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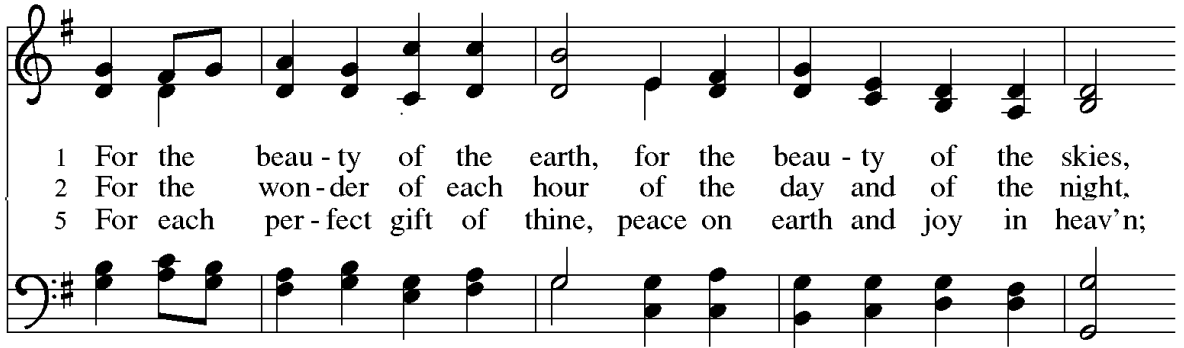
GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all.
- C And is also with you.

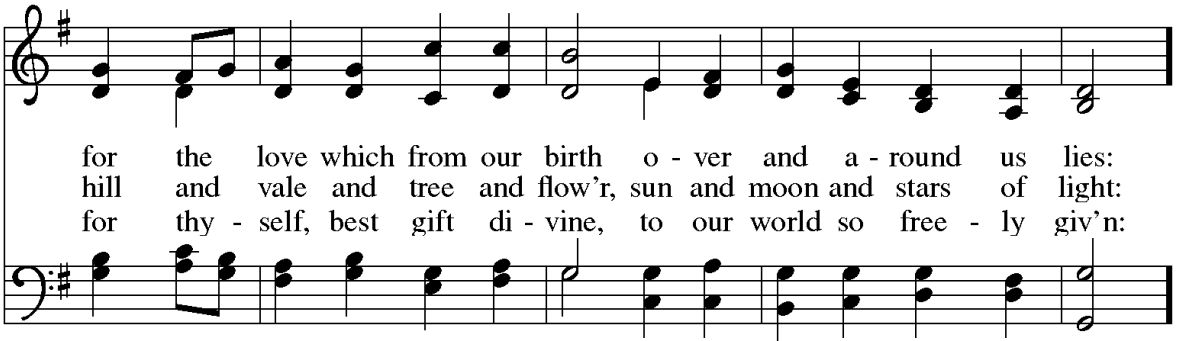
Background on the hymn, "For the Beauty of the Earth"

HYMN OF PRAISE

"For the Beauty"

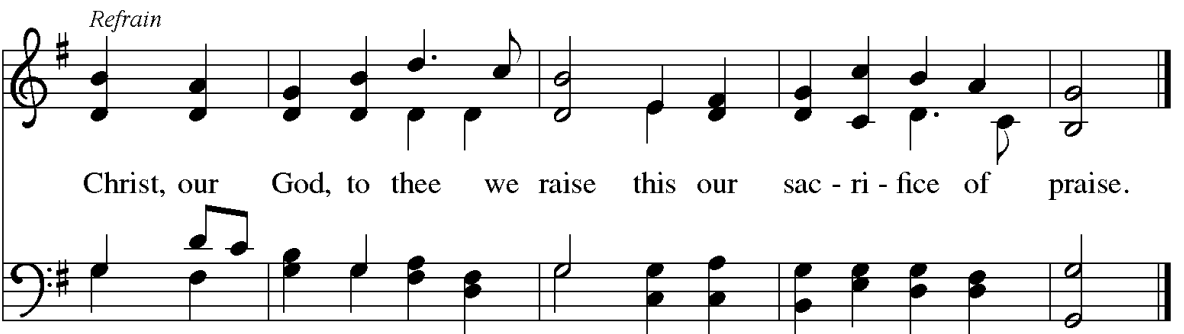


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ is with you always.

C **And is also with you.**

Please take a moment to share the peace

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray together the prayer of the day.

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.**

Sit

WE HEAR THE WORD

The pericopes readings for this week are: Genesis 1:1-2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

Background on the hymn, “How Great Thou Art”

PSALM 8

“How Great Thou Art”

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me

all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-

thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;
ra-tion and there pro-claim, “My God, how great thou art!”

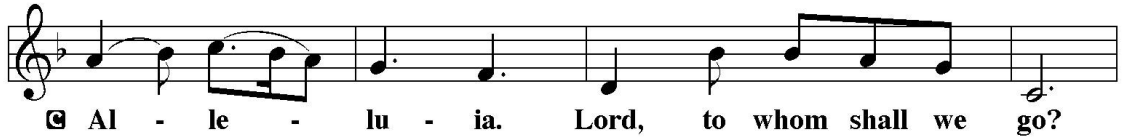
Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou
art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to
thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

You may remain seated or stand.

VERSE



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 28th chapter.

C **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 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.”

After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Background on the hymn, “Come, Join the Dance”

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Come, Join the Dance”



1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—
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.
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,
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,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.
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.

Offering is taken and the offering plates will be passed. You may put your donation in one of the pew envelopes and put in the offering plates, or use the “Online Donator” card, found in the pew rack. You can also support Advent’s Ministries by using this QR code:



You may remain seated or stand



C Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

APOSTLES' CREED

A Christians, what do we believe?

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

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 into hell.

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.

**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 INTERCESSION

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

A brief silence

A Holy God, we stand in awe of your creative work. Inspire the life and mission of your church. Make us a new creation, empowered to proclaim your presence and love. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Creator God, nature reveals your power and glory. Protect water sources, vegetation, and wildlife, so that all creation continues to declare your majesty. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Redeemer God, you call us to pray for those in authority—leaders of nations and leaders of the church. Guide them to work for peace, justice, and the common good. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Sustaining God, you are mindful of your people in every circumstance. Teach us to love our neighbors and even our enemies. Heal the sick, feed the hungry, protect the vulnerable, and comfort all who are in any trouble or sorrow. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Gracious God, we pray for the children of our church and community. Guard them in their vulnerability. Provide for their needs, support their caregivers, and nurture their faith so they may grow in the light of your love. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

- A Triune God, you draw us into your holy mystery. We lift before you now those whom we carry in our hearts that we speak out loud or in our hearts (*silence for personal prayers*). God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**
- A Mysterious God, you hear every prayer—spoken, unspoken, and those lost in silence. Be present with all who cry out to you in pain, fear, or loneliness. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**
- A Loving God, we give thanks for all who have died and now rest in you, especially Larry Carpenter. Strengthen us to live in communion with you as they did, until we join them in your eternal light. God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**
- A Trusting that you receive all our prayers, we commend them to you, O God—spoken and unspoken—through Jesus Christ our Savior.
C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. You have revealed your glory as the glory also of your Son and of the Holy Spirit: three persons, equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your everlasting glory. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

LORD'S PRAYER

A Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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



☩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

This communion bread is free from: Gluten, Dairy, Nuts, Egg and Yeast.

Grape juice is available by request at the chancel rail.

*Please place your empty communion cup in the baskets
provided on the first row of chairs.*

***If you would like to receive communion at your seat,
please let an usher know.***

POST COMMUNION

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

C **Amen**

PRAYER

A 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.

C **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

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

C **Amen.**

Background on the hymn, “Holy God We Praise Your Name”

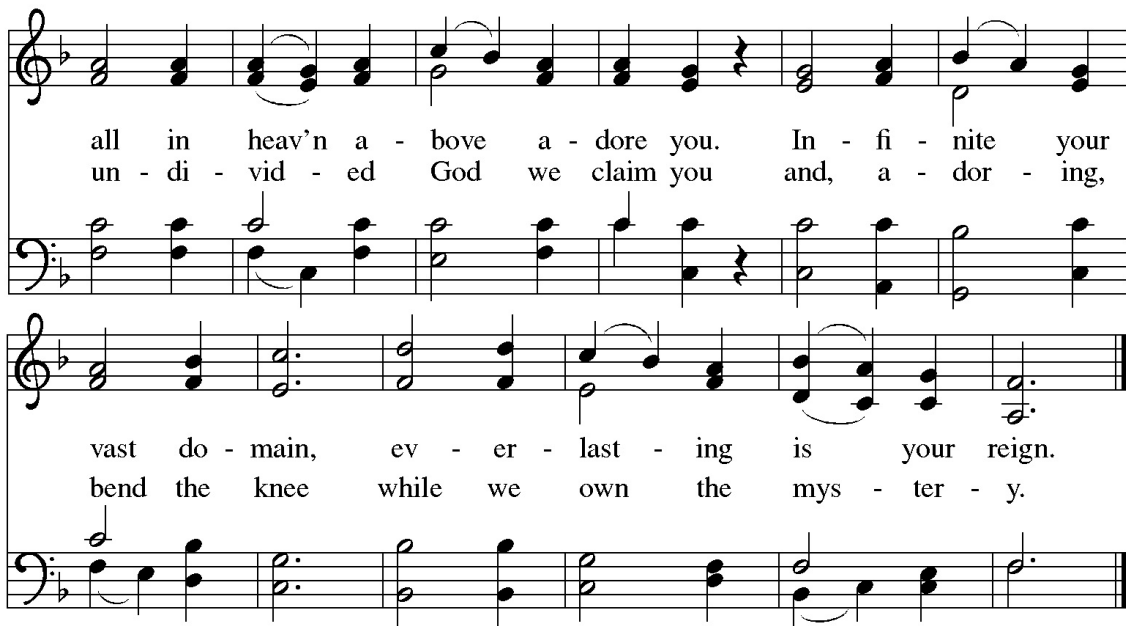
SENDING HYMN

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,
three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, with two verses indicated by the numbers 1 and 4. The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and slurs.



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,
vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace. Worship God, Follow Jesus, Serve Others, and Make Disciples.
C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Sun May 31, 2026	10:00 am
ACOLYTE	ANDRENA SAMUEL
ORGANIST	JEAN PONTIOUS
ASSISTING MINISTER	JULIE PAGE
PASTOR	THE REV. JOEL RICHTER



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God.

Please check the 2026 Altar Flower Chart located above the usher stand to order flowers in honor of someone special or celebrating special occasions. Price is \$25.00 per vase.

This Week at Advent

Mon June 1	Men's SALT Bible Study	2:30pm
Tue June 2	Isabel's Quilters	9:00am
	Building Use – Singing Buckeyes	6:00pm
Wed June 3	Youth to Cedar Point!	
	Women's Bible Study	1:00pm
	Worship at The Estates	2:00pm
Thur June 4	Bell Choir rehearsal	6:40pm
	Advent Choir rehearsal	7:30pm

Looking Ahead:

Sun June 7	Pastor Joel Richter's Installation	10:00am
June 7-June 12	Youth to Camp at Hopewood Pines	
Fri June 12	Calling Hours and Funeral for Larry Carpenter	10:00am/11:00am
June 22-26	Advent's Vacation Bible School	9:00am – 11:30am
June 28	Jean Pontious' retirement celebration	11:00am

Commemorations This Week:

Sun May 31, 2026: Visit of Mary to Elizabeth

This festival marks the occasion when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visited her cousin Elizabeth who was herself pregnant with John. Elizabeth pronounced Mary "blessed among women," and Mary responded with the song called the Magnificat.

Mon June 1, 2026: Justin, martyr at Rome, died around 165

Born of pagan parents, Justin was influenced by an elderly Christian in Ephesus. He became a teacher of philosophy and the Christian faith. Jailed for practicing an unauthorized religion, he refused to renounce his faith and was beheaded.

Wed June 3, 2026:

The Martyrs of Uganda, died 1886

On June 3, 1886, thirty-two young men were burned to death for refusing to renounce Christianity. The confident manner in which these Christians went to their deaths contributed to a much stronger Christian presence in Uganda.

John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, died 1963

When elected pope, the former Angelo Roncalli was expected to be a short-term caretaker. He showed great spirit, though, and convened the Second Vatican Council which helped bring great changes to Roman Catholic and other churches.

Fri June 5, 2026: Bishop of Mainz, missionary to Germany, martyr, died 75

Boniface was a native of England who became a Benedictine monk and was called to missionary work among the Vandal tribes of Germany. With fellow workers, he established churches and schools, and he also worked to reform the church.