

Saint Luke Lutheran Church

The Holy Trinity

Sunday, May 31, 2026

The Reverend Dr. Christian Eichorn, Pastor



SAINT LUKE WELCOMES ALL TO WORSHIP!

We are grateful for your presence in today's worship! Your participation truly makes a difference. We hope you feel encouraged, blessed, and welcomed!

In preparation for worship, please silence all electronic devices when entering the sanctuary in reverence to God and respect for others.

~ Members and visitors ~
kindly remember to sign in using the friendship binders in your pew.

The beautiful altar flower is given to the glory of God and to celebrate the 65th wedding anniversary of Bob & Kathy Rose

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

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.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"Holy, Holy, Holy" (Nicaea), arr. Doug Wagner. St. Luke Handbell Choir ©2010 Lorenz Music

We are delighted to have The Reverend Dr. Beth Spitzner Neubauer and Margaret Smicklass with us today leading us in worship and music. Please join us in extending a warm and heartfelt welcome!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Margaret Smicklass, piano.

Congregation stands

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most 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.**

GATHERING HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy", #413

APOSTOLIC 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.**

KYRIE S-147 (front of hymnal)

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Worthy" S-149 (front of hymnal)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

WA **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.

Congregation sits

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

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 8

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

C 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.**

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

C ⁴ **what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?**

L ⁵ Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and hon-¹ or you crown them.

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

L ⁷ all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

C ⁸ **the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

L ⁹ O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

L The word of the Lord.

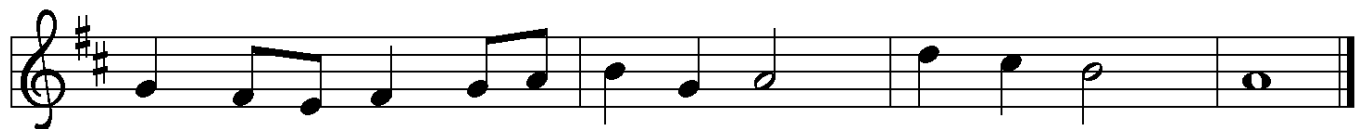
C **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation stands

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Alleluia” S-151a



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

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

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Congregation sits

+ **SERMON** +

+ **THE REVEREND DR. BETH SPITZNER NEUBAUER, PASTOR**+

Silence for reflection

Congregation stands

HYMN OF THE DAY: "God Whose Almighty Word", #673

NICENE CREED

WA Let us confess the faith of the church.

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

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

WA ...God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

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

C **Amen.**

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Congregation sits

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Margaret Smicklass, piano.

Congregation stands

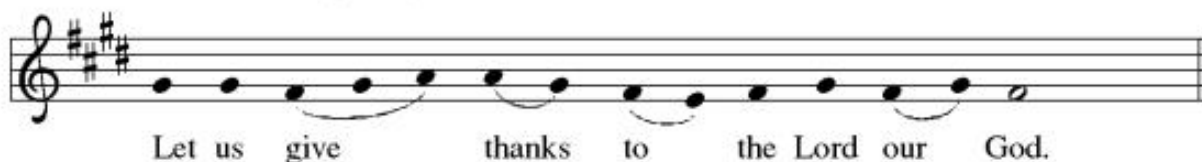
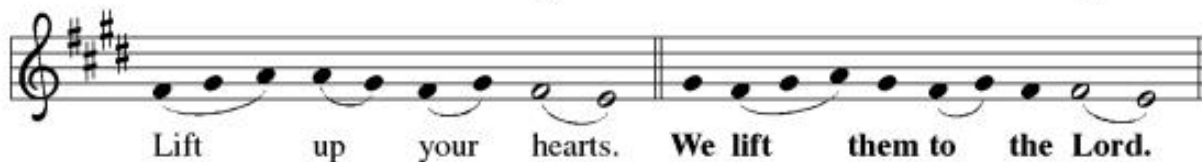
OFFERING HYMN "Create In Me a Clean Heart", #186

OFFERING PRAYER

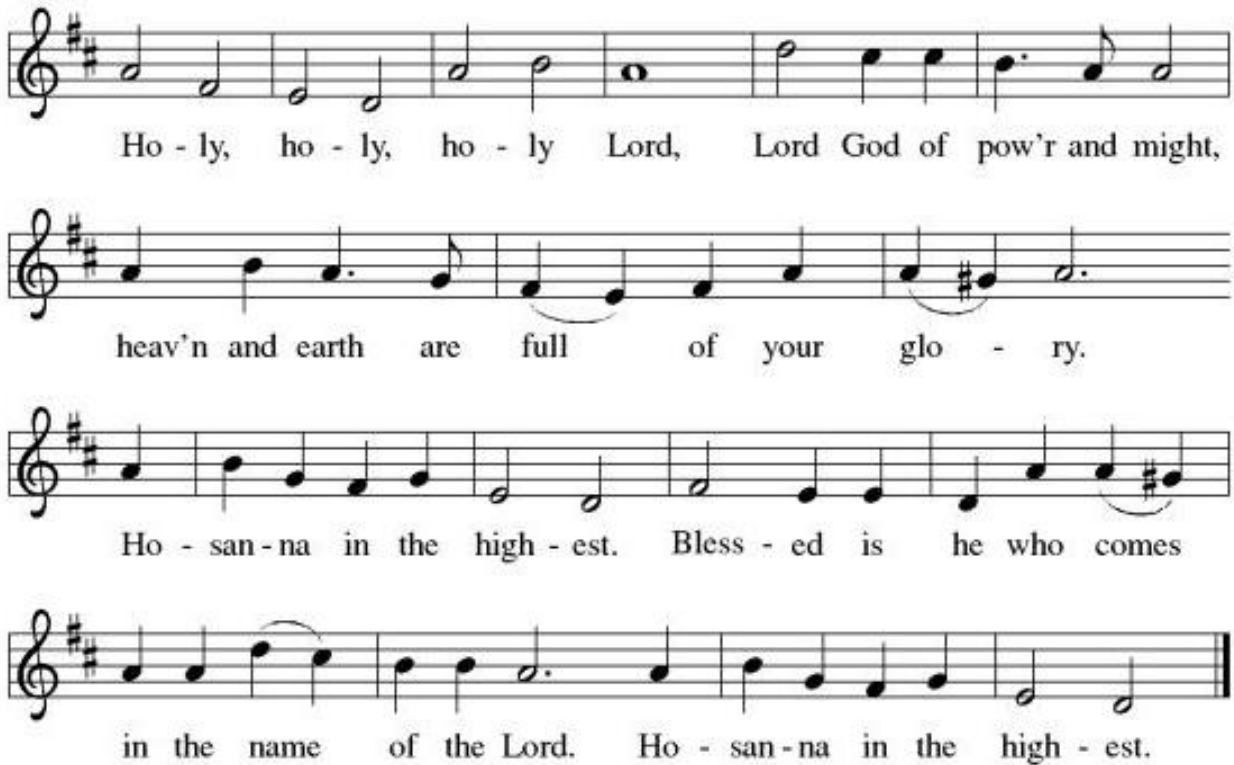
P Let us pray.

C **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.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING S-152



P ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn: S-153



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

P ...With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P ...Grace our table with your presence.

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P ...Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P ...O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P 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 **Come to the table of new life. Receive the Risen Lord.**

C Thanks be to God.

Congregation sits

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Holy Communion, the Sacrament of the Altar, is open to all baptized Christians who receive Communion in their home church. All others are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD (Agnus Dei) S-154 (front of hymnal)

COMMUNION HYMNS

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”, #414

“Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak”, #676

Congregation stands

TABLE BLESSING

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

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE “Thankful Hearts and Voices Raised”, #204

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

C Amen.

BLESSING

P God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✚ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN “Come, Join the Dance of Trinity”, #412

DISMISSAL

WA Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

--Thank you for worshipping with us today--

The following members assisted with today's worship service with live streaming:

Altar Guild: Karen Barnhart, Marie Keating | AV Team: Dan & Deb Mardis
Cantor: Joan Eccard | Music: Bud Esper, Director of Church Music; Kim Hawkins,
Conductor, St. Luke Handbell Choir; St. Luke Voice Choir and St. Luke Handbell Choir |
Communion Assistants: Kathy Hand, Sara Hart | Crucifer: Emil Gnam | Eucharistic
Minister: TBD | Greeters: Kenn & Jeanne Nelson | Lector: Judy Pusey
Ushers: John & Anna Borchert, Dan Mardis, Richard Wood
Worship Assistant: Emil Gnam

NEW MEMBERS

Are you looking for a new church family? We'd love to help you connect with others in the church and grow in our Faith Community together. If you are thinking about joining St. Luke, please contact Pastor Eichorn at 610.393.7622 or pastoreichorn@stlukeoib.org or the Church office.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please contact the church office to sponsor Sunday altar flowers.

Upcoming availability: June 7,21,28 | July 5,12,19,26

PRAYER LIST MAY 31, 2026

Richard Kirk, Sherry Fitzsimmons, God's people with Ebola in the Congo

LUTHERAN LIFE

WELCOME VISITORS ~ We are delighted you visited St. Luke today. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship services for light refreshments.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Saint Luke members, please sign in so we can accurately report attendance to our synod and to our guests/visitors, we can show our appreciation to you. We love you and thank you for being a part of today's service!

NOTE OF THANKS ~ Our sincere thanks to The Reverend Dr. Beth Spitzner Neubauer and Margaret Smicklass for sharing their ministry talents with us today. Pastor Beth, your messages always lift our spirits, and your insightful guidance through the Word helps our faith flourish. Margaret, your musical intuition is stunning, and you elevate the performance so beautifully. We are truly inspired by both of you and your passion for the Gospel! ~*With gratitude, Pastor Eichorn, Church Council, and the Saint Luke congregation.*

SUPPORTING ST. LUKE MINISTRIES

- ❖ **More than just a Meeting - Join the Lutheran Men's Ministry!** Looking for a place to hang out, grab a great meal, and enjoy yourself on a weekday? Our Men's Ministry isn't about formal agendas or sitting in pews - it's about fellowship, food, and plenty of laughs. Whether we're heading out to dinner, sharing a joke, or planning our next big adventure, this is a group where you can just be yourself. No pressure, no prep- just good company! Come see what we're about at our next gathering on Monday, June 1 at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall. We'd love to have you at the table! (May's meeting falls on Memorial Day, so it has been changed to June 1.)
- ❖ **File of Life:** Social Ministry is offering free "file of Life" kits for your refrigerator and wallet. These help first responders access your medical info quickly in an emergency. To receive yours, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex.
- ❖ **5th Sunday Offering** - TODAY! The offering will go towards the Lutheridge Capital Campaign. Lutheridge is one of the retreat centers of the NC Synod, which also includes Lutherrock and Camp Agape in Kure Beach. It is located near Arden, North

Carolina. It incurred damage from Hurricane Helene. Lutheridge offers both youth and adult camp programs, adult programs: Geek Gathering, Handbell Retreats, Quilt Camp, Theology On Tap, and Wild Women Weekend.

- ❖ **Graduation Sunday, June 28!** Graduation season is upon us! We want to celebrate the hard work and bright futures of our students. If someone in your family is graduating from high school, college, or graduate school, please share the news with the church office.
- ❖ **Worship & Music Committee:** As many of you know, our church organ is showing its age after many faithful years of service. It has developed internal performance issues that will soon require extensive maintenance, including a disabled amplifier section and a main computer board that needs replacement. To ensure our music continues to thrive, we established the **Beth Grunewalder Memorial Organ Fund** late last year to fund a replacement. Bud has been actively consulting with several organ manufacturers, and we expect to present a formal recommendation to the church council within the next few months. Contributions to this fund are warmly welcomed as we work toward this goal. *Thank you, Rusty Grunewalder.*
- ❖ **Unclaimed Raffle Ticket:** There is an unclaimed raffle ticket from the WOSL Luncheon. The ticket was for a round of golf for 4 at Sandpiper Bay which includes green fees and golf carts. A good faith effort was made to find the owner of the ticket, but no luck. So, we will re-affle the golf round gift certificate. Raffle tickets can be purchased on 5/31 and 6/7 in the old Narthex after church. The winning ticket will be drawn on 6/21. The cost of the raffle tickets is \$2.00 for 1 ticket or \$5.00 for 3 tickets...*Thanks, WOSL.*

This Week at Saint Luke ~ May - June, 2026

Sunday, May 31		<i>No Adult Sunday School</i>
The Holy Trinity	10am	Worship Service with live streaming
<i>The Reverend Dr. Beth Spitzner Neubauer</i>	11am	Fellowship ~ All are welcome!
<i>Guest Pastor</i>		
Monday, June 1	2pm	German Club
	3pm	MexTrain
	4:30pm	Property Committee Meeting
	5pm	LMM Meeting & Dinner
Tuesday, June 2	10:30am	Listening Group
	1pm	Bridge
Wednesday, June 3	10am	Morning Prayer
		<i>Voice & Handbell Choir ~ Summer Hiatus</i>
Sunday, June 7	9am	Adult Sunday School
Second Sunday after Pentecost	10am	Worship service with live streaming
	11am	Fellowship - All Are Welcome!

Scripture Readings ~ June 7, 2026 ~ Second Sunday after Pentecost
Hosea 5:15-6:6 | Psalm 50:7-15 | Romans 4:13-25 | Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26



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