

SUNDAY MAY 31ST, 2026 -9:00 AM

The Holy Trinity

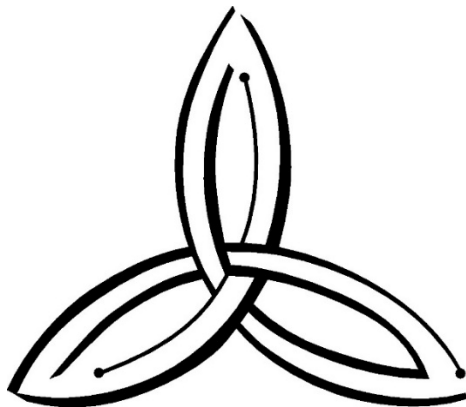
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MT. HOREB

A family in faith, reaching out to share in God's love with all people

WELCOMING WORD

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.



WE WELCOME ALL TO ELC!

Everyone. Without exception. Regardless of race, ethnicity, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, faith traditions, physical or mental abilities, financial resources, family status, or personal struggles. We are committed to being an anti-racist community. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we will work to extend God's grace, love, justice, and dignity. You belong here; you are seen.

Your story and your life are valuable.

In Christ's love, we welcome, support, and love all children of God.

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ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH
KAREN HOFSTAD



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

(+ = stand if able; L = Leader / **C** = Congregation)

PRELUDE Diane Dangerfield

WELCOME

+GATHERING SONG #413 *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

Let us confess our sin to God

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.**

+SONG OF PRAISE #689 *Praise and Thanksgiving (vs, 1,2,3)*

+GREETING

L: 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

God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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!

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

[Paul writes:] ¹¹ 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. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. ¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

+L: The Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 28.

+C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #512 *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*

+GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

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."

+L: The Gospel of the Lord.

+C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE Pastor Karen Hofstad

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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 to the dead. 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

You have made profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Response: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #408 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

+THE PRAYERS pg. 152

The leader concludes each petition with the words: "God of Grace..."

The people respond: Hear our prayer.

+SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

+OFFERTORY #186 *Create in Me*

+OFFERING PRAYER

L: 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 LORD'S PRAYER pg. 154 (right hand column)

COMMUNITY WORD HONORING OUR VETERANS (Insert)

+BLESSING

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

+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #511 *Thy Strong Word* (vs. 1,4,6)

+DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

**“I am God’s child, deserving of love and respect,
and God will use me to change the world.”**

HONORING OUR VETERANS



We would like to recognize our current active veterans and those of ELC who have honorably served our country.

THANK YOU for your service to our great nation and the sacrifices and commitment you make/made.

The following are active duty military serving our country at this time:

***Kamryn Huseh
Jack Lunaas***

***Andy Kellesvig
Craig Mortvedt***

***Brynn Lunaas
Grant Schult***

The following are veterans from our congregation who have served our country:

Allan Bartz

David Baumgartner

Daniel Edwards

David Edwards

David Flom

Chris Hook

Jeff Hook

John Huseh

Richard S Johnson

Larry Kaletka

Paul Kellesvig

Kendall Kittleson

Scott Klassey

Wayne Knudson

Ken Landen

James Larson

Brandon Lutz

Jim Mavis

Robert Schiefelbein

Jacob Slaney

Gerald Stamm

Marc Stamm

Kaleb Stapelmann

Steve Stensby

Irvin Steinhauer

Jim Uptegraw

John Van Ooyen

Delbert Warner

Jacob Warner

DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 31, 2026

SHARE: What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

READ: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding:

Monday, Psalm 29, The Voice of God

Tuesday, 1 Corinthians 12:4-13, Spiritual Gifts

Wednesday, John 14:25-26, The Advocate

Thursday, Psalm 50:7-15, The Acceptable Sacrifice

Friday, Acts 28:1-10, Paul on Malta

Saturday, Matthew 9:27-34, Jesus Heals

TALK: Consider some of these ideas:

“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.”

Matthew 28:19

After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

- What does the process of creation and its results suggest about the nature of the creator? (Gen 1:1-2:4)
- In what areas of life do you feel called to exercise a kind of dominion that honors God's dominion? (Psa 8)
- What makes a person a disciple? What can churches do to encourage deeper discipleship? (Matt 28:16-20)

PRAY: 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.

BLESS: The God of all, who raised Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. Amen.

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