



SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE WITH JOY!

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026
9:00 A.M.

Order of Worship

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

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements and Prayer Concerns

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God. 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

"In the Name"

¹God created you and me. (God created you and me)

God created all you see (God created all you see)

All that is, all that will be (all that is all that will be)

Comes from God so lovingly (Comes from God so lovingly)

We are here! (We are here!) We are here! (We are here!) In the name of God!

²Into this world Jesus came (Into this world Jesus came)

Not condemning but to save (not condemning but to save)

Died to take our sins away (Died to take our sins away)

Rose again and lives today (Rose again and lives today)

We are here! (We are here!) We are here! (We are here!) Here in Jesus' name!

³Like a mighty rushing wind (Like a mighty rushing wind)

The Holy Spirit enters in (The Holy Spirit enters in)

Calling us and gathering (Calling us and gathering)

Feel your life begin again (Feel your life begin again)

We are here! (We are here!) We are here! (We are here!) In the Spirit's name!

⁴Three in one and one in three (Three in one and one in three)
God who is a mystery (God who is a mystery)
Love that flows eternally (Love that flows eternally)
Calls us into unity (Calls us into unity)
We are here! (We are here!) We are here! (We are here!)
Come now, Trinity!

Call to Worship and Prayer of the Day

In the beginning,

God breathed.

In the beginning,

God created.

In the beginning,

God loved.

In the beginning,

God dwelled.

Today,

God breathes.

Today,

God creates.

Today,

God loves.

Today,

God dwells.

Forever,

God will breathe, will create, will love, and will dwell with us. Amen!

Let us pray ...Gracious and Triune God, you create us in love, redeem us through mercy, and dwell with us by your Spirit. Open our hearts this day to wonder at your mystery and to trust in your presence among us, that we may live as your people, held forever in your love. We pray this in the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

First Reading—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.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8 (Read Responsively)

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

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Gospel—Matthew 28:16-20

The Holy Gospel according to St. 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

Graduate Recognition

Sermon

¹Lord, you give the great commission: “Heal the sick and preach the word.”
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity:

Refrain

With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

²Lord, you call us to your service: “In my name baptize and teach.”
That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community: *Refrain*

³Lord, you make the common holy: “This my body, this my blood.”
Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us share your children's liberty: *Refrain*

Sacrament of Holy Baptism for *Loretta Jean Hollihan*

(Children are welcome to come forward to watch the baptism.)

We welcome you into the Lord’s family. We receive you as a fellow member of the Body of Christ, a Child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the Kingdom of God. Amen.

Apostles’ Creed

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

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.

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.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you!

Offering

Offering Music

Offering Prayer

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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy ...

Hear our prayer.

Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

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The Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

In the night in which he was betrayed, ...

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.

A member of our prayer team will be available during communion distribution for individual and private prayer. Please meet them at the prayer room to the right of the sanctuary.

Communion Distribution

Communion Music

"Jesus, Remember Me"

(hymn) 616

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

(hymn) 471

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

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.**

Benediction

Sending Song

“Go, Make Disciples!”

Go, make disciples!
Baptizing them, teaching them.
Go, make disciples!
For I am with you 'til the end of time.
Go, be the salt of the earth!
Go, be the light for the world!
Go, be a city on a hill!
So all can see that you're serving Me.

Dismissal

Go in peace! Share Christ's love, with Joy!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude



Welcome & Thank You!

**Thank you for worshipping with us at St. Paul Lutheran today,
where it is our mission *"To Share Christ's Love, With Joy!"***

We aim for your time with us to be both enriching and spiritually fulfilling. If you're new, please feel free to introduce yourself to the pastors and fellow worshippers. We value the opportunity to connect with you and hope to see you again soon. At St. Paul Lutheran, everyone is sincerely welcome to partake in Holy Communion. Should you require a gluten-free option, simply inform the pastor when you approach. Worshipers are encouraged to bring a bible to worship. If one is needed there are bibles available in the prayer room in the rear corner of the sanctuary. Additionally, gender-neutral restrooms are accessible in our education/preschool wing, ensuring a comfortable experience for all.

We look forward to seeing you again!

Thank You To Those Involved in Worship Leading!

Pastors:	Dale and Carrie Stiles
Worship Assistant:	Evan Kroschel, Tucker Pederson, Connor Fraley
Usher:	Cindy Gruett
Prayer Corner:	Zella Oswald
Organist:	Jeanne Richards
Accompanist:	Kim Clark
Tech Team:	Chris Timmons
Altar Guild:	Amy Buccanero
Counters:	Lisa Fashner, Arlie Post

Flowers today are provided by Jon & Rosie Quale in memory of loved ones, and by Connie Bahnemann in honor of her sister's 65th birthday. The flower sign up is on the wall in the narthex. Thank you for signing up!

Refreshments today are in honor of our graduates Evan, Tucker and Connor! We ask you to join us in celebrating them!

Please keep in your prayers this week: Our partners in Tanzania, the Migoli and Mtera parishes, Ruth Koehly, Josie Peterson, John & Darla Peterson, Allan DeWolf, Lois (friend of Janelle Albee), Kathy (sister of Ron Rozeske), Julie (family of Pat Miska), Mick Byl, Jim Rauner, Jeremy and Paige and all who serve in the military, Shelby, Tom and all law enforcement.

Today we celebrate the baptism of *Loretta Jean Hollihan*. Loretta is the daughter of Devin and Samantha. We give thanks to God for Loretta and her family this day. Welcome!

Today is Graduate Recognition Sunday! We celebrate and give thanks for our graduates, *Evan Kroschel, Connor Fraley and Tucker Pederson*, who are part of our St. Paul Lutheran Church family and are graduating this year. Congratulations to them all!

Our Summer Outdoor Worship services begin **NEXT Sunday, June 7**, and will alternate every other week, indoors and outdoors. Bring lawn chairs and/or blankets to sit on. If rain is forecasted outdoor worship will be held indoors.

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP! Join **West of 55** for a summer river cruise on **Sunday, June 7!** We'll depart from Stillwater at **4:30 p.m.** for a relaxing **two-hour cruise with buffet dinner** on the beautiful St. Croix River. Please arrive by **4:00 p.m.**, as the boat will leave promptly. Open to **all ages**, with tickets **\$50.25 for ages 13+, \$37.25 for ages 4–12, and free for ages 3 and under.** The cruise is accessible, rain or shine, with nearby parking. **Scholarships are available through the church office.** Casual dress. **Today is the final day to sign up and submit payment to Carole or the church office!**

Come join the Creation Care Team for a brainstorming session TODAY, in the library following worship. We will be brainstorming together ways that St. Paul Lutheran can continue to be good stewards to God's world. **All are welcome!**

VBS 2026 – Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God—Adventure awaits! Vacation Bible School is coming June 29—July 2, from 9:00 a.m. to noon each day. Kids will dive into Bible stories, songs, games, snacks, science fun, and “God Sightings” as they learn to follow Jesus in every part of life. Each day ends with our joyful Compass Closing, families are welcome to join! **Want to support VBS?** Check out the donation board in the narthex, just grab a leaf tag, bring back the item, and place it under the board. To register kids or sign up to help, contact Pastor Carrie or the church office. Don't miss this week of faith and fun!

QUILT RAFFLE DRAWING IS TODAY!

Our **Humble Bees Sewing and Quilting Group** is pleased to sponsor again this year's **Annual Spring Quilt Raffle**, featuring **three beautiful handcrafted quilts**. **Tickets are still available this morning for \$5 each or three for \$10.** The drawing will take place immediately following worship today, and **you do not need to be present to win**. Don't miss your chance to support the Humble Bees and our graduates and take home one of these lovely quilts!

All proceeds from the raffle will be divided equally into college scholarship funds for our three graduating high school seniors,
Tucker Pederson, Connor Fraley, and Evan Kroschel.



Weekly Financial Stewardship Update

2026 General Fund Offering Received	Actual	Budgeted	Over/(Under) Budgeted Giving
YTD Totals	\$89,606.54	\$88,387.38	\$1,219.16
2026 Total Revenue Received	Actual	Budgeted	Over/(Under) Budgeted Revenue
YTD Totals	\$137,498.50	\$108,179.10	\$29,319.40



The Week Ahead

at St. Paul Lutheran

Graduate Recognition Sunday, May 31

Worship w/ Sacrament of Holy Baptism, 9:00 a.m.
Quilt Raffle Drawing after Worship

Monday, June 1

Boy Scouts, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 2

Adult Bible Study, 1:00 p.m.
Cub Scouts, 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 7—First Outdoor Worship

Outdoor Worship w/Sacrament of Holy Baptism, 9:00 a.m.

LOOKING AHEAD

Pollinator Sunday, June 14

Father's Day w/ Root beer Floats Following Outdoor Worship, June 21
w/Guest Worship Band, Cornerstone!

Our Graduates

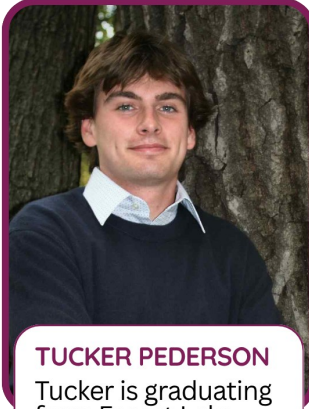


EVAN KROSCHER

Evan is graduating from Forest Lake Area High School and plans to attend Gustavus Adolphus College, majoring in Social Studies Education.

One of Evan's favorite memories growing up at St. Paul Lutheran was watching movies on the couches in the old youth room during church meetings.

As Evan prepares for a busy year ahead in college, prayers would be appreciated for all the challenges and transitions that come with beginning college life.



TUCKER PEDERSON

Tucker is graduating from Forest Lake Area High School and will attend University of Minnesota Twin Cities this fall to study Industrial Engineering.

One of Tucker's favorite memories growing up at St. Paul Lutheran was being confirmed into the church, a meaningful milestone in his faith journey.

As he begins this exciting new chapter, Tucker asks for prayers that God would give him strength and wisdom to overcome the challenges ahead and guide him as he takes these next steps in life.



CONNOR FRALEY

Connor is graduating from Lakes International Language Academy and plans to attend University of Minnesota Twin Cities to major in Kinesiology.

Among Connor's favorite memories growing up at St. Paul Lutheran are the years spent in Sunday school.

As Connor begins this new chapter, prayers are appreciated for an enjoyable first year of college and for meaningful new friendships along the way.