

Holy Trinity

May 31, 2026

9:30 a.m. Worship



Como Park Lutheran Church

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We welcome all to worship here: those who are strong in faith and those who are seeking, those who are hurting, and those who give comfort; all who are drawn to worship and faith. We represent a variety of backgrounds, personal orientations, political positions, races and ethnicities. We recognize that we are not of one mind or persuasion on many significant issues, and yet, we gather in Christ to worship God together. If you have questions or need assistance, please ask. If you have concerns, please let us know. We are glad that you are here with us today.

~ The people of Como Park Lutheran Church

TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR
will immediately follow the service.

Please join us for some coffee and light snacks in the Narthex.

This service will be broadcast live on YouTube
and recorded for later viewing.

ADULT FORUM & UPCOMING EVENTS

(For full list of events, see end of bulletin)

TODAY Baptism: Freya Julieann Fischer
06/07/2026 Graduate Appreciation during Worship
06/07/2026 Pastor Marty's Farewell Celebration



Regular - Liturgist
Bold - Congregation
✠ - Stand as able



ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Be present, Holy Trinity"

Gerald Near

WELCOME, GREETING, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠CONFESSIOIN AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

~ Silence is kept for reflection. ~

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

✠OPENING HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty

ELW 413

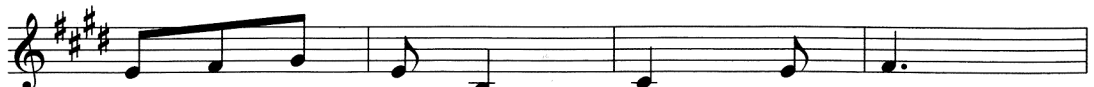
✠NOW THE FEAST

ELW 167

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,



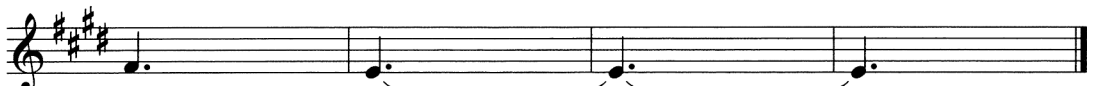
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy



to the God of life and love and



free - dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -



er - more!

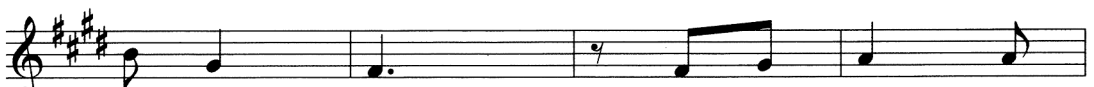
Verse 1:



1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once




slain, whose blood has freed and u -



nit - ed us to be one great

To refrain



peo - ple of God.

Verse 2




Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and



might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ

To refrain



for ev - er.

Verse 3




3. For God has come to dwell with us,



to make us peo - ple of God; to make

To refrain



all things new.

✠PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us 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.

HOLY BAPTISM

ELW pg. 227

Freya Julieann Fischer

THE WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1—2:4a

¹ In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷ So 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. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then 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. ¹² The 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 humankind 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 humankind 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 And on the seventh 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

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, 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.

✠GOSPEL VERSE

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Repeat optional

✠GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the Twenty-Eighth Chapter.

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 some 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Dave Person

(Jesus Loves Me! ELW 595)

SERMON

Pastor Martin Ericson

✠HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

ELW 412

✠PRAYERS

... Lord, in your mercy,
... **hear our prayer.**

✠THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(In sharing God's Peace we share with each other our hope for God's blessing by shaking hands, or turning to one another and nodding, or bumping fists and saying "God's peace be with you.")

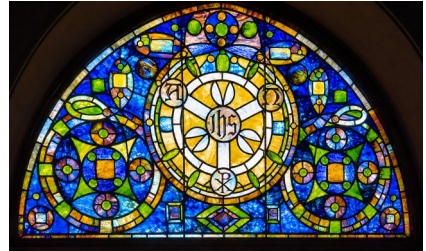
THE MEAL

OFFERING

Trinity's' Shield

Dan Locklair

Based on a Tiffany Window in First Presbyterian Church of Topeka, Kansas, this piece is constructed from only three notes paying tribute both to the Three-in-One and through crisp 'rocks' of sounds, acknowledging the 'rocks' of jeweled glass that are at the heart of Tiffany's stunning creations.



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✠OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray...

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

✠WORDS OF INSTITUTION (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

In the night in which he was betrayed...
... Do this for the remembrance of me.

✠THE LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13; Revelation 11:15)

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

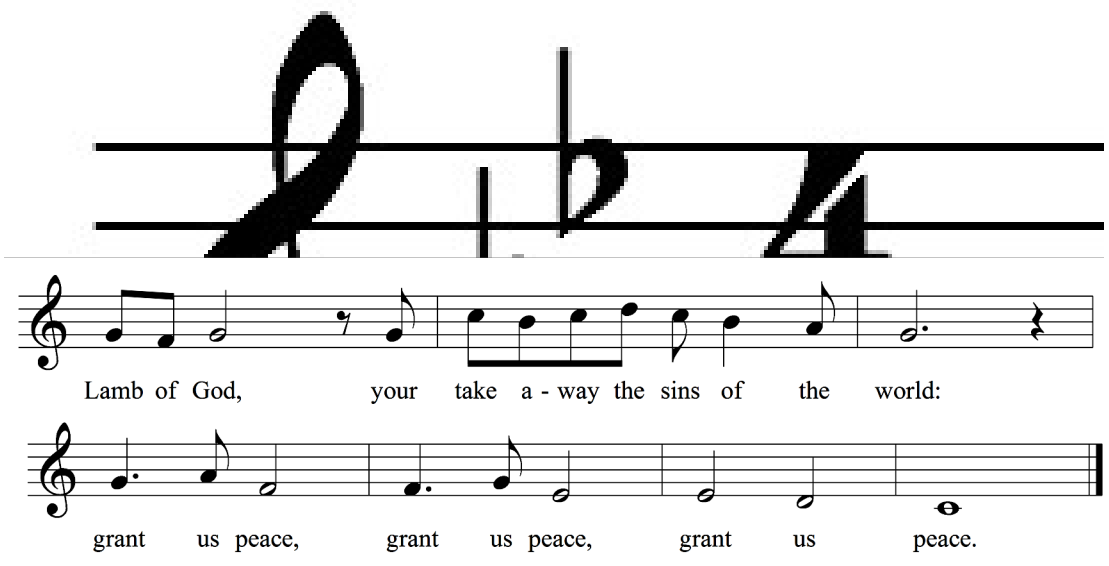
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,**

your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

All who believe Christ is truly present in the sacrament are invited to receive communion. At the server, hold out the flat of your palm to receive the wafer. If you desire gluten-free wafers, simply say to the first server "gluten-free." Then, step to the second server and take the wine in the small cup. The cups hold red wine and grape juice. If you are allergic to grapes, you are free to receive only the bread, knowing that Christ is fully present within each element. Children who do not yet commune will receive a blessing from pastor or first server.

LAMB OF GOD



The image shows the musical notation for the hymn "Lamb of God". It consists of two staves of music. The first staff begins with a large, stylized graphic of a treble clef and a vertical bar line. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, your take a - way the sins of the world:". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace." The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat.

✠POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

✠POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O God, that you make your home with us, bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here, that we may wipe away tears, tend to those in mourning and pain, seek the healing of the nations, and bring to earth the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE SENDING

✠BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:24-26)

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

✠CLOSING HYMN

Rise, Shine, You People!

ELW 665

✠DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

setting by Paul Manz

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Kathy H.	J.J. K. (great grandson of Bill H.)
Ann L.	Joe (friend of Sandra H.)
Ruth R.	Cheryl & Jim (quilter & husband)
Gina K.	Nichole (friend of Como Connects)
Gary (friend of Deb S.)	Mary C.
	... and all in need of prayers

We welcome names of members, family, and friends on our prayer list.

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Serving in the Military

Dane Beecham, Noel Krum, Jonathan Lund, Kristian Nelson
... and all others who serve

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We pray regularly for all members and friends of our congregation.

This week in worship, we pray for:

Dorothy Putnam
Randall & Heather Quale, Jack
Mike & Ruth Rajacich
Francisco Ramirez & Kristin Carver, Isak, Alexa
Barbara & Judy Reiter Powell, Steven
John & Cassandra Reiter
Irene Roller

ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP

Pastor: Martin Ericson

Director of Music Ministries: Tom Ferry

THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Date	May 31, 2026
Time	9:30 AM
Acolyte	Brennan Todd
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Communion Asst 1	Sasha Weber
Communion Asst 2	Elizabeth Weber
Greeter	Mark & Joann Becker
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Liturgist	Ken Purdham
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USHER TEAM

Team 2: Sandra Hirsch, Kevin Johnson, Mark Bly



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Celebrating Pastor Marty

Honoring His Final Sunday Before Retirement — June 7

Next Sunday marks a milestone in the life of our congregation as we gather for Pastor Marty's final Sunday with us before his retirement. We invite you to join in a heartfelt celebration of his 26 years of faithful ministry, leadership, and dedication to our church family.

Following worship, please come to the Fellowship Hall for cake and refreshments as we give thanks for Pastor Marty and bless him into this next chapter.

A table will be available for individual cards and notes of appreciation. If you wish to leave a gift, please ensure that any checks are made directly to Pastor Marty. Checks made out to the church **cannot** be transferred to him.

During this centennial year, we have reflected on the people who shaped Como Park Lutheran across generations. Among only seven senior pastors in our 100-year history, Pastor Marty has served for more than a quarter of that time, leaving a remarkable legacy of growth and dedication.

We hope you will join us in this moment of celebration, gratitude, and blessing as we honor Pastor Marty, his family, and send them forth with love!



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SENIOR FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON - JUNE 18



Our June gathering will take the form of a field trip to the Gammelngrden Museum on Thursday, June 18, in place of our usual luncheon at church. The cost is \$20 per person for the trip; lunch at the museum café is paid individually. Bus space is limited.

Please contact the office to let us know you're coming and to reserve a bus spot by Thursday, June 17. It's always a lovely outing, and we hope you'll be part of it.

MAY 31, 2026
TRINITY SUNDAY



The Triune God empowers reconciliation with others.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Matthew 28:16-20	Sending of the disciples
Monday	Genesis 1:1–2:4a	God creates everything
Tuesday	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Live in peace
Wednesday	Acts 3:11-26	Peter speaks in the temple
Thursday	2 Corinthians 5:11-21	Ministry of reconciliation
Friday	Ezekiel 18:24-32	The Lord is fair
Saturday	Psalm 8	Wonderful name of the Lord
Sunday	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26	The call to follow Jesus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. 2 Corinthians 13:13 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty and living God, we thank you that you care for us and want us to live in harmony with others; help us to live in peace with all you have created through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer:

Dear God, the works of your hands have placed all things under our feet. Help us to remember and always give thanks for the food we eat. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you. (2 Corinthians 13:13)



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HYMN OF THE WEEK 

*Forgive Our Sins As We
Forgive*

WEEKLY MILESTONES 

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS 

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What does it take to strengthen a relationship with friends or family?
- When is a time you have had a sense of God's love and peace?

DEVOTIONS 

Read: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13.

This reading includes the trinitarian language anticipated for this special day: the grace of Jesus, the love of God as Creator and Father, and the unity of the Holy Spirit. Paul uses this language and understanding of God as being the strength of the Corinthian house churches. Paul's two letters to the Corinthians indicate that these house churches seem to be divided by lots of conflict. At the same time they are closely united because of God. Paul tells the people to "[b]e restored," and "live in peace" (v. 11). God's love and reconciling power make it all possible. The embrace of this family-like community is demonstrated by Paul's urging them to greet each other with a "holy kiss" (v. 12). All of this is expected by Paul, not because of the leadership or wisdom of the people, but because of "[t]he grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit" (v. 13) that is promised to be with them all. For Paul, it is the Triune God who makes the reconciled life of the Christian community possible.

Discuss: How does Paul's description of God help the church seek reconciliation?

Pray: **Triune God, bless us always with your grace, love, and shared fellowship with one another so that we may live in peace and be reconciled with all our brothers and sisters in Christ. Amen.**

SERVICE 

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you restore a broken relationship with someone?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS 

This is Trinity Sunday. In the word Trinity, "tri" means "three" and "unity" means one. Draw a triangle on a piece of paper. Write Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in each of the corners. Think or talk about what each one means to you. In the center of the triangle draw a heart and write the word love.

Pray: **Dear God, we praise you for your abundant love. Thank you for sending Jesus to teach us. Please help us to open our hearts to the work of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**



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