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**North American Lutheran Church (NALC)**

**North Texas/Oklahoma Mission District**

*Bringing Joy to the  
Heart of Rockwall*

We are a community of faith, formed  
in the grace and joy of Jesus Christ.

We are a people involved in God's  
sure and unfolding promise to mend  
His creation through the life, death  
and resurrection of His Son, Jesus  
Christ, and in the power of the Holy  
Spirit.

We are a church under the cross of  
Christ, shaped by the ancient rhythms  
of Christian worship, fellowship and  
service to others.

*COME SHARE THE JOY!*

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**TRINITY  
SUNDAY**

“The Trinity that bewilders my intellect  
utterly quiets my heart.” -G.K. Chesterton

**HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY (YEAR A)**

**MAY 31, 2026**



### **Our Members, Guests and Visitors**

We are all on a journey of faith; God does not expect us to make the journey alone.

Please contact us if we can be of help in any way.

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### **Prelude**

*You may use this time to prepare your heart for worship*

- Welcome! Whether you are a longtime member or visiting for the first time, you are a gift from God to us. Guests, please fill out the card on the back of your pew and place it in the offering plate later in the service. May the love of Christ comfort you, and the love of His people encourage you!
- All who are baptized and desire to share in the Body and Blood of our Lord are welcome to receive Communion.
- Children in worship are a blessing! A worship bag (filled with coloring pages and crayons, children's bulletin, etc.) is available at the back of the sanctuary to use during worship. Ask an usher if you need assistance.
- We've started an Artists' Gathering, which includes drawing, painting, crafts, etc., every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please come join us in the Fellowship Hall.
- Family Movie Night - Friday, June 19th at 6:45 pm. featuring Jumanji and serving Raising Cane's Chicken Tenders!
- Joy's 2026 Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting will be June 28th after worship. Please plan to attend this short but vital meeting.
- Interested in becoming a member of Joy? Please contact Pastor Martin.
- Please remember to review the Blessing Board to volunteer for various ministries.



## WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*As the Pastor says the Invocation, the Sign of the Cross † may be made in remembrance of our baptisms.*

Pastor (P): "In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

**Congregation (C): Amen**

(P): "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." **(C): Amen.**

(P): "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

(P): "Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another." ...

(P): Most merciful God,

**(C): We confess that we are in bondage 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.**

(P): In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your 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."

**(C): Amen**

## 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 ~ (Green, P. 78)

(P): "In peace, let us pray to the Lord." (C): **Lord, have mercy.**

(P): "For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord."  
(C): **Lord, have mercy.**

(P): "For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord." (C): **Lord, have mercy.**

(P): "For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord." (C): **Lord, have mercy.**

(P): "Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord." (C): **Amen**

HYMN OF PRAISE: "THIS IS THE FEAST"



*Pulsating Chorus*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

*All*  
1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us  
free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and  
strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the  
hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and  
might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

(P): The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

(P): Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us grace to make the confession of a true faith. We acknowledge your glorious eternal Trinity, and we adore the unity of your majestic work. Defend us by this faith from all adversity and opposition to your way; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**(C): Amen**

*Please be seated*

## HOLY WORD

*(God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song)*

### FIRST READING:

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. <sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. <sup>9</sup>And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed,

each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. <sup>14</sup>And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup>And God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. <sup>17</sup>And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. <sup>20</sup>And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. <sup>24</sup>And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds – livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. <sup>25</sup>And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." <sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup>And 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 heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." <sup>29</sup>And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens 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. <sup>31</sup>And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation. <sup>4a</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created . . . .

(R): The Word of the Lord

(C): **Thanks be to God!**

### RESPONSIVE READING

#### Psalm 8\*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord,\*

how exalted is your Name in all the world!

<sup>2</sup>**Out of the mouths of infants and children\***

**your majesty is praised above the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup>You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,\*

to quell the enemy and the avenger.

<sup>4</sup>**When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,\***

**the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**

<sup>5</sup>What is man that you should be mindful of him?\*

the son of man that you should seek him out?

<sup>6</sup>**You have made him but little lower than the angels;\***

**you adorn him with glory and honor;**

<sup>7</sup>You give him mastery over the works of your hands;\*

you put all things under his feet:

<sup>8</sup>**All sheep and oxen,\***

**even the wild beasts of the field,**

<sup>9</sup>The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,\*

and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

<sup>10</sup>O LORD our Lord,\*

**how exalted is your name in all the world!**

## SECOND READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

<sup>22</sup>“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know – <sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup>God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; <sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. <sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. <sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ <sup>29</sup>Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, <sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies your footstool.”” <sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

(R): The Word of the Lord

**(C): Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand for the Reading of the Gospel*

GOSPEL CANTICLE ~ "THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE"

The Lord is in His ho - ly tem - ple: Let all the earth keep  
si - lence be - fore Him: Keep si - lence, keep si - lence, Keep si - lence be - fore Him.

*p* *Rall.*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The tempo markings *p* and *Rall.* are placed above the vocal line in the second system.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

(P): The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th Chapter.  
(C): **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

<sup>16</sup>The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>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, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

(P): The Gospel of the Lord.  
(C): **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

HOMILY FOR HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

**CHRIST'S PROMISE FOR DOUBTERS**

Christ's authority assures us that the Triune God remains faithfully present, even in our doubts.

*Please stand*

# Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise, In  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light, Nor  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small; In  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light; Thine

light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes, Most  
want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might; Thy  
all life thou liv - est, the true life of all; We  
an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight; All

bles - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days, Al -  
jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove Thy  
blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree, And  
laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see 'Tis

might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

*Please Remain Standing*

## APOSTLES' CREED

(P): "With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed."

**(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 THE CHURCH

(P): Confident in God's steadfast love through Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*A brief silence.*

(P): ... Lord in your mercy. **(C): hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

(P): Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **(C): Amen**

## THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

(P): "The peace of the Lord be with you always." **(C): And also with you.**

(P): "Let us share that peace with one another."

*Please be seated as the gifts and offerings are collected*

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE

*Please stand as the gifts and offerings are brought forward*

*Please be seated [after sharing the peace - ushers will collect offering]*

### GATHERING & PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

*As the gifts are brought forward to the altar,  
we will sing the Offertory Response*

*Please stand.*

#### **"LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL"**

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. Grace our ta - ble  
with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

### OFFERING PRAYER

(P): Let us pray.

(C): 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.

*Please remain standing*

## THE HOLY MEAL

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(P): The Lord be with you. (C): **And also with you.**

(P): Lift up your hearts. (C): **We lift them up to the Lord.**

(P): Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. (C): **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### THE PROPER PREFACE

(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:"

### SANCTUS - HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.

*Please remain standing.*

## HOLY MEAL

*(God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.)*

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(P): 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.

(P): 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.' For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes.

**(C): Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

(P): Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of His resurrection, we await His coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**(C): Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

(P): Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of His resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**(C): Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

(P): Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

**(C): Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

(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**

*Please be seated*

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

(P): Come, for all has been prepared.

**AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

**THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

We invite all baptized believers to come forward and receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Small children are invited to come with arms folded across their hearts to receive a blessing from the pastor. Both the elements of wine and grape juice are offered. If you are unable to come forward for communion, please inform an usher and communion will be brought to you.

*Please stand*

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

(P): May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **(C): Amen**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

(P): Let us pray: "We give you our thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord."

**(C): Amen**

*Please remain standing*

**SENDING**

*(God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.)*

**BLESSING**

(P): The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

**(C): Amen**

SENDING HYMN ~ GOD, WHOSE ALMIGHTY WORD" (Green, P. 400)

# God, Whose Almighty Word

400

1 God, whose al - might - y word Cha - os and  
2 Lord, who once came to bring, On your re -  
3 Spir - it of truth and love, Life - giv - ing,  
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, Glo - ri - ous

dark - ness heard And took their flight:  
deem - ing wing, Heal - ing and sight,  
ho - ly dove, Speed forth your flight;  
Trin - i - ty, Wis - dom, love, might!

Hear us, we hum - bly pray, And where the Gos - pel day  
Health to the sick in mind, Sight to the in - ly blind:  
Move on the wa - ter's face Bear - ing the lamp of grace,  
Bound-less as o - cean's tide, Roll - ing in full - est pride,

Sheds not its glo - rious ray,  
Oh, now to hu - man-kind Let there be light!  
And in earth's dark - est place  
Through the earth, far and wide,

**DISMISSAL**

(P): "We are called by Christ"

(C): **To JOYfully share Jesus and ourselves with our neighbors.**

(P): "Go in peace. Share the good news."

(C): **Thanks be to God.**

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**OUR WORSHIP SERVANTS THIS MORNING:**

Greeter:	Gail Crawford
Ushers:	Chris Briggs & Sandra Lacroix
Altar Care:	Denise Moore
Lector & Communion Assistant:	Rhonda White
Acolyte:	Matthew Chubbs
Music Monitor:	Rhonda White
Facebook Live:	Reilly Mahoney
Hospitality:	McCrillis Family
Offering Count Team:	Dennis Chubbs & Joshua Hart
Altar Flowers:	McCrillis Family (Holy Trinity)

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