

The Holy Trinity

May 31, 2026

Festival of the Holy Trinity (Year A)

At creation God made all that exists out of just his spoken word. He made human beings in his own image and put them just below the angels in a special place in creation as caretakers of the world. When Jesus appeared to his disciples after the resurrection, he entrusted them with a special and particular calling — to share the Good News of Christ with the world he loves and make disciples to do the same.



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE TEXTS

First Reading: Genesis 1:1—2:4a

God Created the Heavens and Earth

In six days, God created the heavens, earth, seas, and all creatures and called them good. When he created humankind in his own image, he called them very good. He gave to the first humans dominion over all that he had made and entrusted to them the care and stewardship of the creation. On the seventh day, God rested.

Psalm 8

God's Name is Praised Above the Heavens

The psalmist sang of the beauty and wonders of God's creation. Who is man that such a Creator would pay any mind to him? Yet God has given him a special place in the created order, just below the angels but above all creatures. His name is to be exalted!

Second Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22–36

Peter Proclaims Christ

Peter preached the story of Jesus to the Jews who gathered around him. He pointed to King David's words about Christ long before Christ came to earth in his humanity. All who gathered that day were witnesses to Christ's resurrection and sending of the Holy Spirit. The last days had arrived, and the apostles had work to do in the name of the one who is the hope of Israel and the whole world.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16–20

Disciples Return to Galilee

As directed, the eleven remaining disciples returned to Galilee, where Jesus came among them. By all authority bestowed upon him, Jesus sent his followers out into the world to make disciples of all nations, teaching and baptizing them in the name of the Triune God. He promised to be with them always, even to the end of the age.

Suggestions for the Day:

Liturgical Color: White

• Use the Kyrie and Hymn of Praise for Trinity Sunday.

• Use the Athanasian Creed on Trinity Sunday. A print-ready PDF copy can be found on the Pentecost Seasonal page of SOWeR.

Consider using the Common Doxology as a blessing today as we remember the Mystery of the Holy Trinity.

God's name is praised above all names. In contemporary Judaism, just as in ancient Israel, the Lord's name YHWH is never spoken aloud out of reverence. Instead they say "ha-shem," which means "The Name." How is God's very identity embodied in a name?

SUGGESTED HYMNS FOR WORSHIP

Hymn Titles:

	LBW	WOV	LSB	ELW	REC	Sola
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty	165	---	507	413	10	10
O Trinity, O Blessed Light	275	---	876	571	---	---
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise	526	---	802	834	40	40
Holy God, We Praise Your Name	535	---	940	414	13	13
God Whose Almighty Word	400	---	---	673	---	---
Now the Silence	205	---	910	460	---	---
Lord, I Lift Your Name on High	---	---	---	857	25	25
Go, My Children, With My Blessing	---	721	922	543	53	53
O Day of Rest and Gladness	251	---	906	521	---	web
Let Us Break Bread Together	212	---	---	471	83	83

The hymn suggestions above can be found in: LBW=Lutheran Book of Worship, WOV=With One Voice, ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Augsburg Fortress); LSB=The Lutheran Service Book (Concordia Publishing), REC=The ReClaim Hymnal for Church and Home (ReClaim Resources), and *** means you can find it on SOWeR at "Hymns and Music."

CONTEMPORARY SONGS

Praise Song Titles

Holy, Holy, Holy
(CCLI# 1156)
God of Wonders
(CCLI# 3118757)
King of Kings
(CCLI# 7127647)
Indescribable
(CCLI# 4403076)
All Creatures of Our God and King
(CCLI# 3608102)

The contemporary song suggestions above are noted by their CCLI number. To print these songs, a congregation must have a CCLI license.