



O LORD, OUR LORD,
HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME
IN ALL THE EARTH!

PSALM 8:1

St. Paul Lutheran Church (NALC)

Holy Trinity Sunday

May 31, 2026

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Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church. We are glad to have you worship with us today.

Our prayers include those in nursing homes and home bound: Mary Ann McCallister, Helen Lyons, Susie Leonhardt, Servicemen: Andrew Gendron.

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Dave & Tami Crum in honor of their wedding anniversary..

Women of the Church invites you to join us for Potluck and Painting on Wednesday, June 10 at 6 PM. Bring a dish to share.

On June 30 United in Harmony will be singing during worship. Following worship God Squad will be serving lunch. All are invited to stay for lunch. United in Harmony will also be doing a few songs .

The Wednesday morning Women's Bible Study will be taking a break during the summer but meet again in the fall. Watch the bulletin for the starting date.

Thanks to all of our faithful choir members. Your talents are appreciated and add meaning to the services. We are so fortunate to have "our choir" when so many churches no longer have one.

Blessing,

Roxanne and Kathy

Giving for The Lord's Ministry May 24, 2026

Benevolence	100.00
Current	4,371.00
Feed Crawford County	85.00
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God Squad	20.00
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NALC Seminary	25.00
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Special Projects	60.00
Women of the Church	95.00
Total	\$4,851.00
Attendance 109	

Anyone wanting to donate to the NALC Disaster Response may mark your envelopes accordingly. Donations aid tornado and other natural disaster victims.

Looking to connect with Pastor Andrea? You're always welcome to stop by during office hours: **Tuesdays & Wednesdays 9:00 AM—Noon.** If another time works better for you, feel free to call the church office or reach out directly to Pastor Andrea (614) 256-4318 to set up an appointment. She'd love to hear from you!

Those persons interested in applying for the Robert & Ruby Schimpf Scholarship can pick up information from Joyce Schanzenbach in the church office or see John Britton. Qualifications include: currently enrolled as a college senior (Fall of 2026), fulltime student (12 credits per semester), have a minimum 2.6 GPA, an active member of St. Paul Lutheran Church Sulphur Springs. If no education majors apply, the scholarship is open to other major fields of study. All forms should be returned by June 1.

Altar Flowers

We have been quite spoiled for decades with Steve Auck and his exceptional services, but Steve is retiring, and a new vendor must be selected. Steve will continue to be our vendor until the middle of August. Pricing from several vendors reflect a steep increase in the weekly cost of flowers plus delivery. The lowest estimate came from Norton's Flowers. Estimates were for basic arrangements of carnations, baby's breath and greenery. As always, a more elaborate arrangement can be called in, but the increase in price should be added to the base price and the total paid to the WOC as the bill comes to us. Please let us know what you think:

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This Week at St. Paul

Sunday Sunday School 9 AM
 Worship 10 AM

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The St. Paul worship services and sermons are recorded and available to watch on the web page at www.stpaulsulphur.com or on St. Paul Lutheran Church Sulphur Springs, Ohio YouTube. A live feed of the worship service is available downstairs in the high school room.

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Blessed Be the Holy Trinity

One never finds a forest among trees—the trees constitute the forest! Some look for the word *trinity* in the Bible and never find it. The word *trinity* is used to describe the whole biblical teaching about who God is. It attempts to make explicit what is implicit in the Bible.

Jacob's blessing in Genesis 48 is an example. "The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked" (v. 15) is the Father. "The God who has been my shepherd" (v. 15) is the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, the Son. "The angel who has redeemed me" (v. 16) is the Sanctifier, the messenger of the Lord, the Holy Spirit.

The three persons of God are present at creation. The Spirit (in Hebrew, the *breath*) of God moves over the waters. The Father speaks (see Genesis 1:2–3). And "the Word was God," the Son through whom all was made (John 1:1–3). The Speaker, the Breath, and the Word are present and work together in the creation—an inseparable unity, the Holy Trinity.

The benedictions in the Bible—Jacob's in Genesis 48; Aaron's in Numbers 6; Paul's in 2 Corinthians 13; and the Great Commission in Matthew 28—invoke three persons who are the one true God. Christians confess the Holy Trinity.

Grant me grace, O Holy Trinity, ever to pray in Your name.
Amen.



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Trinity

About the Cover: The name of our triune God is majestic throughout the earth. It is above and beyond all things. For it is from our God that all things came into being and continue to hold together. Amazingly, He places His name upon us in Holy Baptism. The God of all the universe promises to be with us at all times. It is fitting that everything should be in His name, from the Invocation to the Benediction, from Baptism to the day of resurrection, and forevermore!



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Prayer of the Day

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. Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The 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. ³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷And 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. ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. ⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹And 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. ¹²The 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. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. ¹⁴And 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, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶And God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. ¹⁷And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. ²⁰And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." ²¹So 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. ²²And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. ²⁴And 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. ²⁵And 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. ²⁶Then 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." ²⁷So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸And 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." ²⁹And 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. ³⁰And 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. ³¹And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

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

Psalm 8*

¹O | LORD our Lord,*

how exalted is your Name in | all the world!

²**Out of the mouths of in- | fants and children***

your majesty is praised ab- | ove the heavens.

³You have set up a stronghold against your | adversaries,*
to quell the enemy and | the avenger.

⁴**When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,***
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,

⁵What is man that you should be mind- | ful of him?*

the son of man that you should | seek him out?

⁶**You have made him but little lower | than the angels,***

you adorn him with glo- | ry and honor;

⁷You give him mastery over the works | of your hands,*

you put all things un- | der his feet:

⁸**All | sheep and oxen,***

even the wild beasts | of the field,

⁹The birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,*

and whatsoever walks in the paths | of the sea.

¹⁰O | LORD our Lord,*

how exalted is your name in | all the world!

Second Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-36

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them:

²²"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 — ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ ²⁹Brothers, 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. ³⁰Being 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, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being 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. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, ‘The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, ³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.”’ ³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Lessons for Next Week: Hosea 5:15-6:6; Psalm 119:65-72;
Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13

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* The Book of Common Prayer verse numbers for this psalm are different from the numbering in the ESV.

The Holy Trinity

May 31, 2026

For the Work of the Trinity

Holy Trinity, you have revealed yourself as one God in three Persons. We praise you for the wonders of Creation, knowing it is to you that we belong. We thank you for coming to us in Christ to redeem us from all that holds us bound. We pray that you would be at work through your Word, so that we would acknowledge and honor you in all that we do. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

For Protection

Father in heaven, your Son prayed that we may be protected in your name. Protect us today from all calamities and distresses that may befall people in our world, in our nation, in our communities, and in our lives. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

For God's Presence

Eternal God, you are victorious over sin, death, and all that separated us from you. Draw near to all who feel alone in illness or suffering. Fill them with your heavenly presence. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.

For Sabbath Rest

Lord of the Sabbath, be with all those who are taking time off of work to rest and be regenerated. Help us to hear and know you in our keeping of the Sabbath so that we might be renewed for work in your kingdom. Lord in your mercy...

C. Hear our prayer.