

Welcome to First Lutheran Church

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Holy Trinity Sunday

May 31, 2026

Welcome and Announcements *(Guests please sign the attendance book in the pew)*

Sharing the Peace

Opening Song: "Come, Join the Dance of Trinity" (ELW 412)



- 1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—
- 2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;
- 3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame
- 4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter-weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.
then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.
set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.
we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,
The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;
Let voic - es rise and in - ter-weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.
when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

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Music: English folk tune
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Confession & Forgiveness

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

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

Prayer of the Day

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.

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

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, 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 humans 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 humans 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 On the sixth 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 blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

^{4a} These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Psalms: Psalm 8

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!

Second 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.

***Gospel Announcement**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20**

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.

Thanks be to God.

Children’s Message

Pastor Hans Anderson

Sermon: “You GO girl!”

Pastor Hans Anderson



***Statement of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed**

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 People:**

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Holy God, we are in awe of your creative work. Continue that work in your church, making us a new creation that proclaims your presence and love. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Creator God, nature reveals your power and glory. Protect water sources, vegetation, and wildlife as reminders of who you are. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Redeemer God, you call us to pray for those in authority. Guide our leaders to pursue the work of fostering peace and community. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Sustaining God, you are mindful of your people in every circumstance. Heal those who are sick. Provide for all who hunger. Protect those in harm’s way. Comfort any experiencing hardship. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, we pray for the children of our church and community. Provide for their needs. Support their caregivers. Nurture their faith. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

Amen.



Hymn of the Day: "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" (ELW 414) *(Offering will be taken during the hymn)*



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with
 and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

***Offertory 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.**

***Words of Institution**

***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;
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.**

† Communion †

*All who believe in the death and resurrection as given in this bread and wine are welcome to the table today.
Please follow usher's guidance to come forward to receive communion and then return to your seat.
Gluten free wafers, and apple juice are available from the communion server upon request.
You are welcome to this Table of our Lord.*

Holy Communion Distribution

***Post Communion Prayer**

**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.**

***Blessing:**

**Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
Amen.**



Sending Song- "Bind Us Together" (WOV 748)

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that
can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,
bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.

1 There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King.
2 You are the fam-'ly of God. You are the prom-ise di - vine.

There . . is on - ly one Bod-y; that . . is why we can sing:
You are God's cho-sen de - sire, you are the glo-rious new wine.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, while the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The score is divided into several systems, each with a vocal line and a piano line. The lyrics are: 'Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er, Lord; bind us to - geth - er in love.' This is followed by two verses: '1 There . . is on - ly one God. There . . is on - ly one King. 2 You are the fam-'ly of God. You are the prom-ise di - vine.' The final line of the score reads: 'There . . is on - ly one Bod-y; that . . is why we can sing: You are God's cho-sen de - sire, you are the glo-rious new wine.'

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***Dismissal:**

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.



Reader:	Denice Smith
Communion Assistants:	
Zoom:	Cora Hohnstadt
Sound:	Denice Smith
Ushers:	Paul Pearson & Neil Smith
Altar Guild:	JoAnn Nelson & Penny Siewert
Counter:	Wendy Swenson

The Week Ahead

Sunday, May 31, 2026

Holy Trinity Sunday

Worship Service

9:00 AM

Fellowship & Coffee Time

10:00 AM

Monday, June 1, 2026

Game Day

1:00 PM

Thursday, June 4, 2026

Dorcas Circle

9:00 AM

Operation Sandwich Distribution

11:00 AM

Sunday, June 7, 2026

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Service and Picnic at the Dam Park

9:00 AM

It's a Party!

"90 Years Young"

Party for Anita Cadwell

Sunday, May 31st

11:30—1 pm

American Legion, Pine River Minnesota

Lunch and cake provided



Announcements

Sunday Services at First Lutheran continue to be in-person and via Zoom. To join us via Zoom, go to www.zoom.us and select the blue "Join a Meeting" link at the top center of your screen. (You won't need to create an account.) Type in the appropriate Meeting ID number and click the blue "Join" button.

Sunday worship, 9:00 a.m. – Meeting ID is 882 7501 6398 Passcode is 753902.

Bulletins can be sponsored for \$25.00 per week. Today's bulletin is sponsored by the Cadwell family in CELEBRATION of Anita's 90th birthday! The sign-up sheet is on the *Called to Serve* bulletin board in the Narthex.

FLCW needs a treasurer. All financial information is up to date. Needed is someone to make all budgeted donations, deposits funds, and complete a twice yearly Income and Expense Report for the FLCW Board Meetings. If finance is one of the gifts God has given you and you are willing to use this gift for First Lutheran Church Women, please contact Denice Smith at 218-820-4522. Thank you.

On Saturday, June 27, 2026 First Lutheran Church Women will hold a bake sale during the Pine River Summerfest Celebration. Please bring one or two baked items to our tables in front of Jim's Barber Shop. Set up will begin at 9:00 am. We will take down following the noon parade.

ONE MORE VOLUNTEER is needed to help Holly, Knutson, Penny Siewert and Mary Krecklau set up and manage the sale. If you can help please contact the church office @ 218-587-2316. Thank you

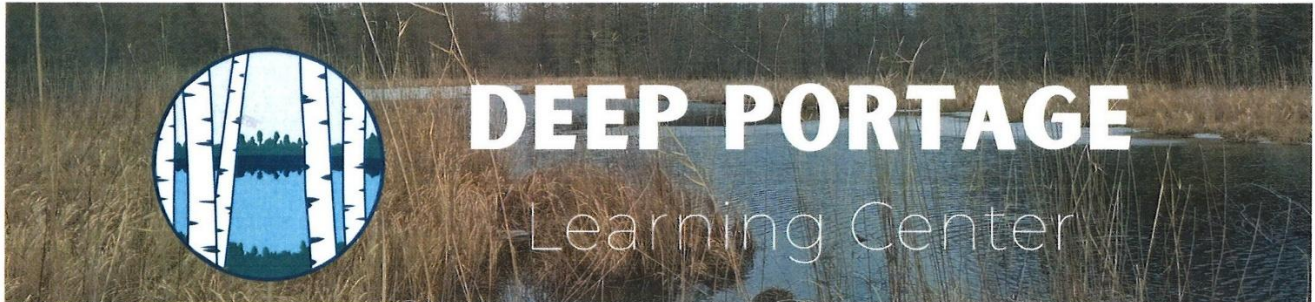
Our community **VBS** will be running from July 6-10. We are looking for some teen and/or adult volunteers to help with the arts and crafts station during the evening camp that runs from 5:15-8:00. You can do the whole week or you can volunteer for one evening--we'll take the help in any way! Please see Morgan Kepner or Melanie Lindquist if you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions. Thank you!



A retirement celebration poster for Bishop Amy Odgren. The poster has a dark blue background with colorful bunting flags at the top. On the left is a Polaroid-style photo of Bishop Amy Odgren, a woman with long brown hair, smiling, wearing a blue jacket over a black top with a white collar. To the right of the photo, the text reads: "RETIREMENT CELEBRATION" in white, all-caps, sans-serif font; "Bishop Amy Odgren" in a large, black, cursive script font; "Sat, June 13 · 1:30pm" in white, sans-serif font; "Zion Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids" in white, sans-serif font; "Hymn Sing & Reception" in white, sans-serif font; and "Help us give thanks for Bishop Amy's many years of service, care, and love for God's people!" in white, sans-serif font. There are also some small white starburst graphics near the bottom of the photo.

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION
Bishop Amy Odgren
Sat, June 13 · 1:30pm
Zion Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids
Hymn Sing & Reception
Help us give thanks for Bishop Amy's many years of service, care, and love for God's people!

*A Women's
Day of Retreat*
Deep Portage Learning Center



Monday, June 29, 2026

**We will carpool from the church at
11:00 AM**

Lunch at noon

followed by a

Tour of grounds and facility

**Afternoon Bible Study, from the
Gather Magazine, led by Pastor Hans**

Please sign up on the clipboard on the narthex!

Prayers of Healing, Care and Joy

Those with medical concerns...

Madeleine Primmer

Ryan Kelley

Juliet Perry Stevens, Jodi Perry's daughter, recovering from surgery

Arlan Hagen, fractured three vertebrae in his back

Those in the service...

Senior Master Sergeant Bradford, son of Bill & Kaye Schroeder

Major A.J. Depman, nephew of Bill & Kaye Schroeder

Sgt Christopher Krecklau, son of Mary & Randy Krecklau
E-6 Nathaniel & Chief Amanda Mitchell, nephew of Mary & Randy Krecklau

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

Sunday, May 24, 2026

Attendance: 63

Offering May 24, 2026 \$2,224.00 Weekly Budget: \$3,803.77

Direct Deposit: \$ 325.00

Total Offerings: \$2,549.00

Year-to-Date (Fiscal year starts September 1)

2025-2026 Giving: \$125,297.89 Expenses: \$126,031.39

Income less Expenses for April:

\$15,044.30 - \$17,156.52 = **-\$2,112.22**

If you would like a visit from pastor or have a pastoral care need, please contact Pastor Hans Anderson at 218-820-9166 or email him at pastorhanspineriver@gmail.com

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