

Welcome to
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Holy Trinity
Sunday**

May 31, 2026



PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able.

THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

C: **Amen.**

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

All are invited to a time of silence and reflection.

P: Holy and gracious God,

C: **We confess that we have sinned against you this day. Some of our sin we know — the thoughts and words and deeds of which we are ashamed — but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ we ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace. Amen.**

P: As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you.
As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you.
As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you.
Your life has been renewed through the cross of Jesus Christ.
Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

C: **Blessed be God forever. Amen.**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

THE 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!**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

GENESIS 1:1-2:4A

At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.

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.

R: The Word of God, for the People of God!

C: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

PSALM 8

The Cantor will sing the verses as the congregation response in singing the refrain.



CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Following the Children's moment, children in pre-k through 5th grade are invited to gather for an activity by the chapel.

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 28:16-20

After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 28th chapter.

C: **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 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."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Please be seated.

THE REFLECTION

REV. CLAYTON J. BAILEY

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW # 455

CRASHING WATERS AT CREATION

Please be seated.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

P: Dear friends: Life presents us with various significant milestones that set the stage for the next chapter of our earthly journey. Graduation from high school or college is one of these milestones. Today, we wish to honor those who are moving through this special time of accomplishment, transition, and change, and show them that we, their community of faith, stand with them and support them as fellow believers in Jesus Christ.

Graduates and their parents are invited forward and asked to introduce themselves.

YFM: Today, we gather with these young men and women to celebrate with them, and to ask God's blessing on them for the days and years to come. At this special time in your life, we are eager to show you how delighted we are that you have reached this milestone in your life. As fellow members of this community of faith we rejoice with you and want you to know of our pride and excitement as you move from this accomplishment into the next phase of your life. We also want you to know that wherever you go and whatever you do, you are going forward with our prayers for God's continued guidance, power, protection, and strength.

P: Hear these words from Jeremiah the 29th chapter: “For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you.”

P: You have reached a milestone in your lives, a significant achievement. We thank God for bringing you to this moment, and we pray for God’s blessing for you in moments to come. God’s Holy Spirit has guided you to this day and has nurtured you in your faith.

P: I ask you, then, will you continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism?

Graduates: Yes, with the help of God.

YFM: Will you continue to live among God’s faithful people, to hear His Word and share in His supper:

Graduates: Yes, with the help of God.

YFM: Will you seek the wisdom of God in the decisions you will make, and will you seek the strength and guidance of God in this next phase of your life?

Graduates: Yes, with the help of God.

P: Members and friends of Grace, will you promise to keep these graduates and their families in your thoughts and prayers as they go forth into the future?

C: We will.

YFM: Will you, as fellow believers in Jesus Christ, promise to help these young men and women as need and opportunity arise?

C: We will.

At this time parents are to lay their hands on their youth.

P: Let us pray. Gracious God,

C: We celebrate with these young people. We give thanks for the strength and gifts that you have provided them.

YFM: Bless them as they move on. Be with them as they step out into the world you have made.

C: Bless them in their continued learning and in their working. Bless their colleges, their military units, their workplaces.

P: Bless them so that they may grow to better know themselves. Bless them that they may serve the world and share compassion with all whom they meet.

C: Bless them most of all with faith so that they may continue to live in the grace of God revealed to us through Christ. Amen.

P: To you as graduates, hear this blessing:
May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord watch over you and keep you safe.
May the Lord guide your every step.
May you always know of our unending love for you.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

At this time you are welcome to share the Peace of Christ with those around you. Following the Sharing of the Peace you may be seated.

OFFERING AND OFFERING MUSIC

Please stand.

OFFERING SONG

ELW # 412

COME, JOIN THE DANCE OF TRINITY

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. 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.

C: Amen.

THE DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE FOR HOLY TRINITY

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In your mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, so that all who believe in him should not perish but have the gift of eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in this holy supper.

C: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

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.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

A: As our Savior Christ has taught us, together we are bold 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: Heaven has come near. Come and share the Feast!

AGNUS DEI



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

At Grace, all are welcome to the Table of the Lord. At the ushers invitation, you are invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available as an additional substitute. As you return to your seat using the side aisle, there is a basket to dispose of your individual communion cup. Those who would like a blessing are also welcome to come forward. Simply ask Pastor for a blessing instead of taking communion.

COMMUNION HYMN

ELW # 410

ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH

After all have communed, you are invited to stand.

TABLE BLESSING

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: 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.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: Amen.

COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING**THE SENDING**

- P:** Heaven has come near.
A: Go, share the good news!
C: **Thanks be to God!**

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SERVING IN WORSHIP	
SUNDAY – 9 AM	
ACOLYTE	
GREETERS: NARTHEX	Jan Guthrie Tanya Schling
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COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Cecilia Boucher
DEACONS/CLOSER	Tracy Michles Cornelia Star

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS! You are God's gift to us today. Please introduce yourself to the pastor and come worship with us again.

PLEASE NOTE: Our Sunday worship is live streamed on Facebook.

DRIVE-IN CHURCH - If you are joining us on Sunday in the parking lot, please tune your radio to 90.3 FM.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in honor of Kaitlyn Fisher's graduation from the University of Findlay. We are so very proud of you. Much love from Mark, Annette and Brenden Fisher, Grandpa Bill Smith and Uncle Derek Smith.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given as a gift to the congregation. (**Radio Broadcasts can be heard each Sunday morning at 9:30 am on Eagle 99.1. Anyone wishing to sponsor a radio broadcast [cost is \$72.50 and please make checks payable to BAS Broadcasting.], should contact the church office.**)

THIS WEEK, AS YOU PRAY please remember: Diane Berryman, Duane Pump, Tim Rutherford, Tanya Schardt, Julie Stawowy, Jan Serwin, Melissa Toker, and Connie Wasserman.

CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES TO OUR GRADUATES! College: Kaitlyn Fisher, Charlie Ligus and Haley Welter. High School: Kayleen Durell, Brandon Fry and Madison Hawn.

HOSPITAL VISITS! If you, or a member of your family, are in the hospital, please call the church office and let us know.

HEARING DEVICES are available at the Usher station at the back of the Sanctuary. Please return after worship so that they can be charged and ready for the next service.

PRAYER LIST REQUESTS - If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayer and would like to be added to our prayer list, please write their name on the back of our *Welcome Cards*. You are welcome to indicate what prayers are needed, i.e. "has an upcoming surgery" etc. Names submitted for our prayer list will remain on the list for four (4) weeks. Our goal is to keep the prayer list ever flowing and as up to date as possible.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday from 9 am to 4 pm and Friday from 9 am - 1 pm.

SUBMISSIONS FOR OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWSLETTER should be sent to Tricia at dabrunztricia@yahoo.com

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THIS SUMMER AS WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP, we will begin a "Semi-Continuous" Old-Testament reading series. Starting this weekend, we will reflect on many of the stories found in the book of Genesis. From the stories of creation, Noah and the Ark, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph and more. We will have the opportunity to hear and fall in love with the stories of old.

HELP BRING BEAUTY TO OUR WORSHIP SPACE OR SEND GOD'S WORD BEYOND OUR WALLS THIS SUMMER! With your gift of altar flowers, you can enhance the beauty of our sacred space. Our radio ministry, helps carry God's Word into homes across our community each week on Eagle 99.1 FM. Interested? Contact Tricia in the church office (dabrunztricia@yahoo.com).

OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE SPECIAL MUSIC THIS SUMMER - If you have a musical gift you would like to share with the congregation during the summer months, there are plenty of opportunities to do so! Whether you sing, play an instrument or even write music, we invite you to share your gifts as a musical offering. There are also opportunities for volunteer cantors. Please contact our music director, Charles Ligus, (pianomancharlie03@gmail.com) if interested.

FOR OUR YOUTH

THE NEXT YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING will be held on June 3 at 6 pm in the conference room.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – VBS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER! Vacation Bible School will take place June 22 – 25 at St. John's Lutheran.

ATTENTION PARENTS - Do you want to keep your children busy during worship, but you don't want to take your child out of the sanctuary? Please check out our new play area in front of the chapel. There are activities, toys to play with, and books to read while you join us for worship. If you feel that you need to take your children out of the sanctuary there is a nursery with live audio of worship, so you don't miss out on anything.

COMING SOON!!

TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW FOR THE BUILDING SWEET DREAMS PROGRESSIVE DINNER which will take place on June 12 at 5 pm at Grace Lutheran. This event is hosted by the Missions/Outreach Committee as a fundraiser for the next Let's Build Beds Project on September 13. Participants will enjoy a grill pork chop meal complete with sides, appetizers and dessert all served in a different part of the church. This event is comparable to a traditional progressive dinner where each course is served at a different home, but ours will take place in different rooms around the church. In addition to dinner there will be several raffle baskets displayed for you to bid on with tickets purchase! Tickets are \$25 for one or \$45 for two tickets.

LET'S BUILD BEDS – SEPTEMBER 13! The first Let's Build Beds event was so well received that we have decided to build more beds. This fall we plan to build 50 beds for children who are sleeping on couch, a chair or even on the floor. Don't be alarmed when you look at the calendar and see that this event is scheduled for a Sunday afternoon. Our day will begin with a LIFT worship at 10 am at Grace Lutheran. Following worship brunch will be served. After lunch set up for the build will start at noon and building beds will begin at 1 pm. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help with this event please make checks payable to LIFT and write *Let's Build Beds* in the memo line.

LIFT

OUTDOOR WORSHIP – Let's join with all the LIFT Churches for worship at the Fremont Amphitheater on June 28 at 10 am. A continental breakfast will be served before worship. Please bring your own chairs or blankets.



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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

MAY 31 – JUNE 7, 2026

Today

9:00 – Worship/Recognition of Graduates

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

5:00 – Bible Study with Pr. Bailey
6:00 – Youth Committee Meeting

Thursday

10:00 – Stewardship Committee Meeting
11:30 – Soup Kitchen

Friday

Summer Office Hours Begin – Office Closed

Saturday

9:00 – 1:00 – Mom 2 Mom Sale
4:00 – Worship/Noisy Offering/Bridge of Hope Food Pantry
Collection

Sunday

**NOISY OFFERING & BRIDGE OF HOPE FOOD
PANTRY COLLECTION**
9:00 – Worship

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 129

Called to Present the Light of Christ!