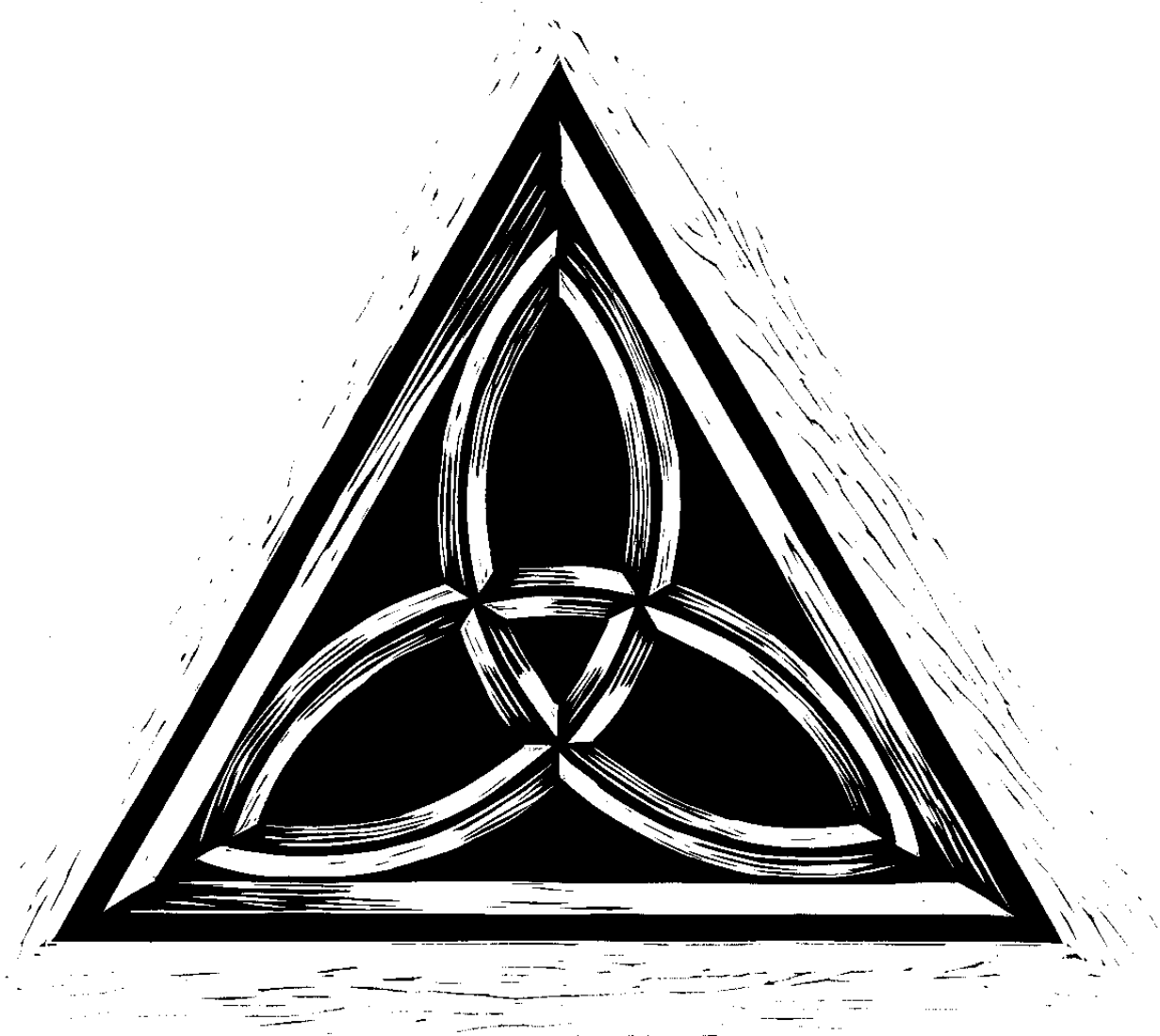




GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

We Are God's People and the Sheep of God's Pasture Psalm 100:3



May 31st, 2026 – Holy Trinity Sunday

Introduction: *Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.*

ALL ARE WELCOME AT GOOD SHEPHERD.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*rise in body or spirit when indicated by **

PRAYER BELL AND WELCOME

PRELUDE

*INVOCATION FOR TRINITY SUNDAY:

We gather in the Triune name of our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

Amen.

Merciful God, Three in One, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

Creator God, In the chaotic beginning you were there,

separating light from darkness, land from sea,

bringing forth every living thing and calling it all good.

You created human beings and breathed your life into us,

calling us to take our place beside you as those called to nurture all of life.

Creator, guide us to follow you in nurturing your beautiful world.

Jesus, Son of God, in the beginning, you were there,

God spoke through you, The Word, and all things came into being.

Then, in the fullness of time, God sent you to speak to us directly,

You took your place among us creatures and walked with us in our flesh

Embodying God's love, grace, healing and justice in all you said and did.

You showed us how to be whole-heartedly human.

Jesus, guide us to follow you and to nurture the goodness of our humanity.

Holy Spirit, Breath of God, in the beginning, you were there,

as the wind from God moving over the waters.

You bring God's presence everywhere, and to every living thing.

After his resurrection Jesus breathed upon his disciples,

Saying, receive the Holy Spirit, continue in my mission.

So by your power we are sent to heal, baptize, teach and reveal

God alive and active in our world.

Holy Spirit, guide us in all we say and do.

Holy Trinity, you were at the beginning, you are with us every step of the way, you are God without end, drawing us to yourself.

With saints and angels, we praise you, now and forever. Amen.



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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***GREETING:**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

***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.**

KIDS' TIME

READING: Genesis 1:1-5

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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 8: Read responsively

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!



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der con - sid - er
 2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
 birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; when I look down from loft - y moun - tain



thun - der, thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
 gran - deur and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

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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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Hallelujah

171 Red Hymnal

Hallelujah, hallelujah; halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, halle, hallelujah.

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Martin Klammer

***HYMN OF THE DAY: Lord, You Give the Great Commission (vs. 1, 2, 5)**

579 Red Hymnal

1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you

preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,

and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the

to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

Refrain

With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

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***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** Response: God of grace, hear our prayer.

***PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

We share peace by waving to those worshipping online or through the public access channel and then with those in the sanctuary.

OFFERING AND CHILDREN'S OFFERING

Children are invited to come forward to get a pail to collect change and bills for our mission of the month, which is the First Nations Development Institute.

To give online, scan here.

Thank you so much for your support of our shared ministry!



OFFERTORY SONG: Please stand on the last verse



1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -
2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - t'ries
3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -
4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - 'ly



signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and stars and
known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's frag - ile blend with
spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a
with a bil - lion names; let ev - 'ry life be touched by



light and what lies hid - den praise your might.
air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.
dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.
grace un - til we praise you face to face.

***OFFERING PRAYER:** 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. **Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION: *All are welcome at Christ's table.*

COMMUNION SONG:



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed



Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come



Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing



Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion



Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing



Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny



Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

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Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

413 Red Hymnal

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Let us pray...

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.

SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BLESSING

*SENDING SONG: *Rise, Shine, You People*

665 Red Hymnal

Children are invited to come forward to play percussion instruments.



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

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*DISMISSAL: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY:

PRESIDING: Pastor Kristen Larsen-Schmidt

PREACHING: Martin Klammer

ORGANIST & PIANIST: Brooke Joyce

ASSISTING MINISTER: Martin Klammer

READER: Bob Bruce

USHERS: Dustin Cote, Mason Cote, Weston Cote

GREETERS: Mike Bollinger, Katie Prochaska

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Ruth Bruce, Bob Bruce

ALTAR GUILD: Jeri Laursen, Ann Naslund

AUDIOVISUAL TECHNICIAN: Ethan Friedrich

FELLOWSHIP: Jane Jakoubek, Linda Donoghue, Kathy Reed,
Jerry & Ruth Bruce, Heather Cote, Clara Knudson, Kathy Buzza

It's Time to Plant the Garden

Sunday, May 31

at 11:30am (following fellowship)

You are invited to help fill our garden with beautiful flowers and vegetables. Just bring your hands and willingness to get dirty!

No experience needed, there is a task for everyone.

Bring your friends, kids, grandparents- any plant, bloom and veggie lover is welcome!



Memorial for Glendalu Wuest

Thursday, June 4th, 2pm

All are invited to join us as we remember and celebrate the life of Glendalu Wuest, longtime member of Good Shepherd. The memorial service will be held at 2pm, with a visitation happening an hour before the service, and a reception to follow. You can scan the QR code below to find her obituary. May light perpetual shine upon her.



This Week at Good Shepherd

Today, Sunday, May 31st: Holy Trinity Sunday

10:45 AM: Fellowship Time; Fellowship Hall; treats: Purple Flock

Monday, June 1st: Church Office Hours: 9 AM-2 PM

6:30 PM: AL/ANON; Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, June 2nd: Church Office Hours: 9 AM-2 PM

Election Day: Poll workers at GS from 6 AM – 9:30 PM

9:30 AM: Bible Study with Pastor Kristen; Library — all are welcome

1:00 PM: Church Staff Meeting

5:30 PM: Education Committee Meeting

5:30 PM: Stewardship Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 3rd: Church Office Hours: 9 AM-2 PM

3:30 PM: Men's Coffee Ministry; Lefse Lodge Kafe

Thursday, June 4th: Church Office Hours: 9 AM-2 PM

2:00 PM: Memorial Service for Glendalu Wuest

Friday, June 5th: CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, June 7th: 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM: Worship, Sanctuary; with Holy Communion

10:45 AM: Fellowship Time; Fellowship Hall; treats: Pink Flock

11:30 AM: Facilities and Grounds Committee Meeting

May Children's Offering First Nations Development Institute



The First Nations Development Institute is a non-profit dedicated to “uplifting and sustaining the lifeways and economies of Native communities through advocacy, financial support, and knowledge sharing” (First Nations). Since 1993, they have given over 110 million dollars in grants to Indigenous projects and organizations. You can learn more about them by clicking scanning the QR code!

Help us Update our Directory!



We need your help updating our directory photographs! Some of the photos are 5+ years old, and being able to put faces to names is extremely helpful in creating a culture of welcome and inclusion! If you have an updated photo you would like to submit, you can email Tristan in the office at office@goodshepherddecorah.org! Thank you!

Prayers of Healing, Care and Joy

Praying for others is a cherished ministry that everyone can participate in at any time. People on the prayer list are welcome to remain there for as long as is needed.

Those with health concerns:

- Carol Andreasen,
mother of Sara Hopkins
- Philip Swanson
- Marilyn Anderson
- Mic Martin
- Dick Schmidt,
Brian Larsen-Schmidt's dad
- Barbara Nasby,
best friend of Stephanie Hoff
- Ann Fredrickson,
friend of Gabby Bizal
- Bob Wilson
- Linda and Jim Morgan, *Jane Borelli's sister and brother-in-law*
- Joan Searles
- Naomi Craft
- Barbara, *mother of Christy Vrtis*
- Anthony McCabe
- Mickey Slind
- Jon Wendling
- James Barth
- Ginny Olson
- LaVerne Ramsey
- Harland Nelson
- Carrie Solberg
- Jutta Anderson

Those who grieve:

- The family of Glendalu Wuest, upon her death on May 14th

To have a prayer request added to or removed from the Prayer List, please email Tristan at office@goodshepherddecorah.org, call (563) 382-3963, scan the QR code, or fill out a card in your pew.



Good Shepherd Mowing Crew




Do you have some time this summer to help us mow our yard? Volunteers can sign-up to mow our property as many times as they would like this summer! Once you sign-up, you can meet with Reg or another member of our grounds committee to learn how to operate the EGO electric mower! If you would like to sign-up, you can scan the QR code or call Tristan in the church office.





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WELCOME TO ALL GUESTS! It is a joy to worship with you. You are welcome to enjoy really great coffee, juice, treats, and conversation down the hall after worship – just follow the crowd. Sit anywhere!

- **All are welcome at Good Shepherd.** God makes no exceptions. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, we offer trust and respect to all, including those who may experience alienation, distrust, or rejection. We rely on the healing, unconditional love of God to shape our community in the name of the Good Shepherd.
- In keeping with our welcome, **Good Shepherd is a Reconciling in Christ partner congregation**, affirming our welcome to persons of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, and our commitment to anti-racism work so that all may participate fully in the life of our congregation. **We are an AMMPARO Welcoming Congregation** - Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities. Good Shepherd buildings are Carbon Neutral/Net Zero Energy use.
- **Our RACIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT** was approved by the congregation on February 6th, 2022. Find the full statement at goodshepherddecorah.org/Racial-Justice-Statement or by scanning the  code.
- **ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN HOLY COMMUNION**, the bread is all non-gluten. Wine is dark, grape juice light.

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