

**“Bonded in Christ’s love, we teach, preach, and equip God’s people for discipleship here and throughout the world.**



# **The Holy Trinity Sunday**

**May 31, 2026**

**Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler**

*For those who are hearing challenged, Zion has digital listening devices for your use during worship. Please ask a council member for one and they will show you how to use it.*

## **Prelude & Ringing of the Bell**

### **Welcome**

**Gathering our Spirits for Worship** *(As you are able please stand)*

**P** - Come, children of the Holy Mystery

**C** - **The Threefold Flame has already kindled within us.**

**P** - Today, we leave behind the tombs of fear, for Christ has called us out among the living.

**C** - **We are clothed in grace and rich in mercy.**

**Gathering Hymn - Holy, Holy, Holy ELW #413**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

### **Prayer of Opening our Hearts to God**

**P - O Holy Trinity**

**C - Womb of Stars, Carpenter of Mercy, and Wild Holy Spirit;  
we awaken today, already drenched in your abundance. The  
river of blessing is rushing through our lives like spring  
rainwater through dry creek beds.**

**The tomb-dwellers among us are stepping barefoot into the  
morning light, clothed again in dignity and wonder. For already  
your realm is blooming among us; where the broken are  
restored, compassion outweighs commerce, and every human  
being is valuable.**

**We are here at Zion with joy in our hearts, for Jesus has healed  
us and is clearing pathways through the graveyards of this  
world. Amen.**

### **Reading of the Scriptures**

#### **First Reading - Genesis 1:26 & 2:1-3 Humans are created**

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.”

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. 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. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

**Psalm 8:1 & 3-5** *(Please read responsively)*

O Lord, our Sovereign,

**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

**You have set your glory above the heavens.**

**When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,**

the moon and the stars that you have established;

**what are humans that you are mindful of them,**

mortals that you care for them?

**Yet you have made them a little lower than God**

and crowned them with glory and honor.

**Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

**Blessing in the name of the Trinity.**

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. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. *Here ends this reading.*

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## **Gospel - Mark 5:1-20 Jesus heals the Gerasene demoniac**

They came to the other side of the sea, to the region of the Gerasenes. And when he had stepped out of the boat, immediately a man from the tombs with an unclean spirit met him. He lived among the tombs, and no one could restrain him any more, even with a chain, for he had often been restrained with shackles and chains, but the chains he wrenched apart, and the shackles he broke in pieces, and no one had the strength to subdue him. Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always howling and bruising himself with stones. When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and bowed down before him, and he shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me." For he had said to him, "Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" He replied, "My name is Legion, for we are many." He begged him earnestly not to send them out of the region. Now there on the hillside a great herd of swine was feeding, and the unclean spirits begged him, "Send us into the swine; let us enter them." So he gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the swine, and the herd, numbering about two thousand, stampeded down the steep bank into the sea and were drowned in the sea.

The swineherds ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came to see what it was that had happened. They came to Jesus and saw the man possessed by demons sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, the very man who had had the legion, and they became frightened. Those who had seen what had happened to the man possessed by demons and to the swine reported it. Then they began to beg Jesus to leave their neighborhood. As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed by demons begged him that he might be with him. But Jesus refused and said to him, "Go home to your own people, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you and

what mercy he has shown you.” And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone was amazed. *(Please be seated.)*

Gospel Sung Response tune - Darwall's 148th #893

**Rejoice, give thanks and sing: your Sovereign God adore! The scripture has been read to guide us evermore. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice again, I say Rejoice!**

## **Children's Message**

Sung Blessing for our Children - Go, My Children, with My Blessing  
ELW #543 vs 1

**Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own. In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever. Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.**

## **Homily - Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler**

### **Offering Hymn - Come, Join the Dance of Trinity ELW #412**

Come, join the dance of Trinity,  
before all worlds begun  
the interweaving of the Three, the Father, Spirit, Son.  
The universe of space and time  
did not arise by chance, but as the Three, in love and hope, made  
room within their dance.

Come, see the face of Trinity,  
newborn in Bethlehem;

then bloodied by a crown of thorns outside Jerusalem.  
The dance of Trinity is meant  
for human flesh and bone;  
when fear confines the dance in death,  
God rolls away the stone.

Come, speak aloud of Trinity,  
as wind and tongues of flame  
set people free at Pentecost  
to tell the Savior's name.  
We know the yoke of sin and death,  
our necks have worn it smooth;  
go tell the world of weight and woe  
that we are free to move!

Within the dance of Trinity,  
before all worlds begun,  
we sing the praises of the Three,  
the Father, Spirit, Son.  
Let voices rise and interweave,  
by love and hope set free,  
to shape in song this joy,  
this life: the dance of Trinity.

*(Please stand as the offering is brought forward.)*

Sung Offering Response tune #841 Lift Every Voice and Sing  
**Lift ev'ry voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring; ring with  
the blessings of our offering. Let our rejoicing rise, high as the  
listen-ing skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea.**

## **Offering Blessing**

**P - Holy Trinity,**

**C - As we place these offerings upon the altar, we rejoice that generosity has already loosened the fear within us. Multiply these gifts like wild prairie flowers after rain. Turn coins into compassion, budgets into blessings, and this building into a sanctuary of healing. We are learning your sacred mathematics of heaven; that one healed soul outweighs a thousand earthly possessions, and one act of mercy can shake demons from the tombs. Amen. *(Please be seated)***

## **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory**

to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**  
**We acknowledge one baptism**  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**  
and the life of the world to come.  
**Amen.**

**Prayers of the Church** - *When the pastor says, "Lord in your mercy" please respond with "Here our Prayer."*

### **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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Holy Communion Liturgy**

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 our thanks and praise.**

P - It is our joy, at all times and in all places to give God thanks and praise.

### **The Words of Institution**

**Holy Communion - All visitors are welcome at the Lord's Table**

### **Communion Hymn - All Glory Be to God on High**

#### **ELW #410**

All glory be to God on high  
And thanks for His good favor,  
For unto us there can come nigh  
No harm both now and ever;  
God showeth His good will to men,  
And peace shall reign on earth again;  
All strife at last is ended.

We praise, we worship Thee, we trust,  
And give Thee thanks forever,  
O Father, that Thy rule is just  
And wise and changes never.  
Thy boundless pow'r o'er all things reigns,

Done is whate'er Thy will ordains:  
Well for us that Thou rulest.

O Jesus Christ, Thou only Son  
Of God, Thy heav'nly Father,  
Who didst for all our sins atone  
And Thy lost sheep dost gather:  
Thou Lamb of God, to Thee on high  
From out our depths we sinners cry,  
Have mercy on us, Jesus!

O Holy Ghost, Thou precious Gift,  
Thou Comforter unfailing,  
O'er Satan's snares our souls uplift  
And let Thy pow'r availing  
Avert our woes and calm our dread.  
For us the Savior's blood was shed;  
We trust in Thee to save us.

**Benediction** (responsively)

P - Go now in the blazing name of the Trinity who said "Let us make humankind in our image."

**C - So, we carry galaxies of holiness beneath our skin and we are breathing with divine fire.**

P - You are filled with abundance in the name of the Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit.

**C – Amen**

**Announcements in the Life of the Church**

**C - ZION... a place to belong, a place to believe, a place to become!**

**Sending Hymn - Blessed Assurance    ELW #638**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [Refrain]

P - Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C - Thanks be to God.**



## **Next Sunday**

10:00am - Worship/Communion

## **Helping out next Sunday**

Pastor:.....Rev. Dr. Renae Koehler

Organist.....Alnora Daubendiek

Acolytes:.....Cash Harwood

Millie Garton

Lector:.....Katelyn Bohlmeyer

Greeters:.....Katelyn & Jeni Bohlmeyer

Karla Carstens

Coffee Fellowship by Grace Circle

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome to worship! A Warm Welcome to all our visitors. We are so glad you are here & would love to have you visit again! Please sign a visitor card located in the pews and place the information section of the card in the offering plate. We hope to see you again!**

**THIS WEEKS BULLETIN IS SPONSORED BY: None**

**IF INTERESTED IN SPONSORING A WEEKLY BULLETIN you may do so by contacting the Church secretary and making a check out to Zion Church for \$75.00.**

**FIFTH SUNDAY - The offering for the fifth Sunday in May will be designated to the cemetery fund.**

**WORSHIP TIME CHANGE** – Starting June 7<sup>th</sup> church services will change the start time of worship for the summer to 9:00am. Please mark your calendars.

**FARM FRESH EGGS** - Farm fresh eggs are now available for purchase! Suggested price is \$3 per dozen and can be found on the Welcome Center. Proceeds will support various projects around the church. Eggs have been generously donated by Don Schuster—thank you for your kindness and support!



**SAVE THE DATE** - We have scheduled a date for the dedication of this new flagpole. We invite you to join us after church on June 14th (National Flag Day) at the park. While we are still in the planning phase regarding the details of the event, we can confirm that there will be a flagpole dedication along with a meal available for free will donations, featuring our famous burgers, brats, and hotdogs.

We are also excited to share that we are raising funds for several initiatives, including additional water sprinklers for the ball field, upgrades to some items in the concession stand, and building a fund to eventually purchase a new mower.

Thank you from the Board – Greg Robinson, Greg Dorn, Todd Bohlmeier, Jerod Ideus, Josh Jensen, Kevin Meyer, Blake Meints, Terry Oltman

**ZION FULLER PARK NEWS** -The Zion Park Board expresses its gratitude to all who contribute and support our ballpark. Maintaining the park requires significant time and financial

resources. We would like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks to the family of Leonard and Caroline Gronewold. Our appreciation goes to Jeff, Pam, Jim, and their families for their generous donation towards the acquisition of a new flag and flagpole for our park. We hope everyone has had the chance to see it proudly displayed! It is a wonderful enhancement to our park, coinciding with our Country's celebration of 250 years of freedom!

**JOIN ZION** - as we Celebrate “America 250” on June 14<sup>th</sup>

As our nation approaches its 250th birthday on July 4, 2026, Zion invites you to gather on June 14<sup>th</sup> for a special day of remembrance, gratitude, and celebration as we honor this historic milestone and the contributions of all Americans.

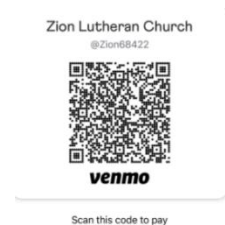
- Before the church service, join us for coffee and donuts in the fellowship hall and visit the display of “Quilts of Valor” many which have been presented to Zion members.
- The worship service will feature patriotic songs that lift our hearts in gratitude for our nation’s heritage.
- Immediately following the service, The Piecemakers, a quilt group of Firth will present a Quilt of Valor to Sandra (Busboom) Minnick, a daughter of Zion who served 25 years in the military.
- Head up to Zion Fuller Park for the dedication of the new flagpole at 10:45am, donated in memory of Leonard and Caroline Gronewold, especially fitting as we gather on Flag Day.

- After the dedication, enjoy a “All American Ballpark Meal” of burgers, brats, or hotdogs for a free will offering in support of our beautiful ballpark. Come celebrate “America 250” with Zion as we honor our heritage as one nation under God and share in fellowship.



**online**  
**GIVING**  
easy. fast. effective.

**GIVING OPTION** - Simply scan the QR Code to the right to access Zion’s Venmo account and submit your offering. Offering envelopes and online giving via Vanco are still available to members as well.



**Any members with questions regarding these options can reach out to a church council member.**

**Bailey Pointe** - Vivian Schuster

**Gold Crest** - Janice Jurgens, Doreen Wallman, Marilyn Robinson

**Homestead House** - Anora Schoen, Rosanna Miller, Marsha Zulauf

**Our Homes Assisted Living** - Randy Oltman

