

**Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, ELCA**

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**June 15, 2025**  
**Holy Trinity Sunday**

Welcome to Holy  
Trinity Sunday!

Trinity Sunday  
celebrates the  
Christian doctrine  
of the Trinity, the  
three Persons of  
God: the Father,  
the Son, and the  
Holy Spirit.

(And speaking of  
Fathers...Happy  
Father's Day to  
all who celebrate  
today).

Today as we  
celebrate the  
Trinity, we get to  
marvel at the  
dance of their  
interconnectivity...  
and how creative  
our God is!

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*Welcome to Prince of Peace! As we begin worship, we hope and pray that it will be a time of connection with God and with others, so that we can leave this service ready to love and serve our neighbors.*

**Bold type indicates everyone's response.**

## Gathering

**Prelude** *Prelude on "Come, Thou Almighty King"*

Healey Willan

## Welcome

## Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God, **you free us to love others,  
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.  
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.  
You surround us with patience, kindness,  
and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right.  
In your mercy, forgive us.**

**Do not give up on us.**

**Heal us, break our bonds,  
and show us the path of life. Amen.**

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✠ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

## \* Gathering Hymn

### Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



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!

## Prayer of the Day

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 hope and joy 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. Amen.**

# The Word

*Romans was written for the church in Rome... and includes some of Paul's most profound words. These words can be a balm to us when we are struggling. ...and what they teach us about the hard-fought acquisition of hope is liberating.*

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These words from Proverbs are often described as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Creation story in the Bible. And will serve as a lovely entrance into a conversation about the Trinity. If you are waiting for worship to start, feel free to read the middle verses 5-21... what stands out for you?*

## First Reading

**Romans 5:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

## \*Second Reading

**Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31**

Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise her voice?

<sup>2</sup>On the heights, beside the way,  
at the crossroads she takes her stand;

<sup>3</sup>beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

<sup>4</sup>"To you, O people, I call,  
and my cry is to all that live.

<sup>22</sup>The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.

<sup>23</sup>Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

<sup>24</sup>When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.

<sup>25</sup>Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth —

<sup>26</sup>when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world's first bits of soil.

<sup>27</sup>When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

<sup>28</sup>when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,

29 when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
 so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
 when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
 30 then I was beside him, like a master worker;  
 and I was daily his delight,  
 rejoicing before him always,  
 31 rejoicing in his inhabited world  
 and delighting in the human race.

L: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Thank God.**

**Children's Message**  
**Homily**

Drew Ajer  
 Rev. Sara Pearson

**\*Song of the Day**

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, truth di - vine, dawn up - on this soul of mine;  
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, love di - vine, glow with - in this heart of mine;  
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, pow'r di - vine, for - ti - fy this will of mine;  
 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, peace di - vine, still this rest - less heart of mine;  
 5 Ho - ly Spir - it, right di - vine, king with - in my con - science reign;



breath of God and in - ward light, wake my spir - it, clear my sight.  
 kin - dle ev - 'ry high de - sire; purge me with your ho - ly fire.  
 by your will I strong - ly live, brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.  
 speak to calm this toss - ing sea, stayed in your tran - quil - i - ty.  
 be my guide, and I shall be firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free.

Text: Samuel Longfellow, 1819–1892

**Prayers of the People**

*We join together in praying as a church body. Our prayers are lengthy today, so feel free to stand or sit depending on your comfort.*

L: Hear us, O God, **C: Your mercy is great.**

To all guests and visitor, to all who have been excluded... Please know that you are welcome at this table!

The communion bread is vegan and we have gluten free options. Wine is red, grape juice is white.

If the walk to the altar is too far, just let our ushers know and we can bring you communion.

Communion is a place of unity and gathering. I think another example of what Eternal Life looks like inside the City of God. Amen, Come Lord Jesus!

## Passing of the Peace

*We give one another a word of peace, as a prayer and a blessing. It is a unique greeting that grounds us here.*

## Offering

*Your offering makes possible and powerful the ministries of this congregation. You may place your offering in one of the plates in the back of the church. If you wish to give your offering electronically today, please scan this QR code...*



## The Meal

***\*Please stand as you are able\****

### **\*Words of the Institution**

### **\*Invitation to Receive Communion**

*Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, welcomes everyone (and we mean everyone!) to this table, regardless of race, ethnicity, gender expression, citizenship, ability, political affiliation, or faith.*

### **\*The 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.**

As we depart, a very  
Happy Father's Day  
to all the  
Fathers...and for all  
who are grieving or  
struggling this  
day...our hearts are  
with you.

**Communion music** *Prelude on Two Traditional Tunes*  
*"Nun Danket" & "Let Us Break Bread Together"*

Lee Hastings Bristol, Jr.

**The Sending**

**Announcements**

**\*Blessing**

The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit

✠ bless you and give you peace.

Amen.

**\*Sending Song** *Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

*(Printed on the next page)*

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *"Nun Danket Alle Gott"*

setting by P.E. Fletcher

**With thanks to our worship leaders:**

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# Holy God, We Praise Your Name



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.

Text: source unknown; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900

Music: GROSSER GOTT, *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774

## Welcome visitors!

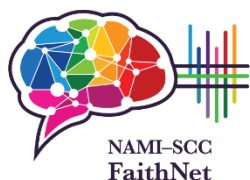
We're so glad you joined us! Please use your visitor card in the pews and leave it in the offering plate.

Learn about upcoming events: request a copy of "Peace Notes," our print announcements, and the calendar. We invite you to learn more about us on our website: [propeace.org](http://propeace.org).

Prince of Peace is a congregation of the *Sierra Pacific Synod of the ELCA* .

We are proud to be a *Reconciling in Christ* congregation , publicly affirming our commitment to being a welcoming faith community for LGBTQ+ people and their families.

We are also members of *NAMI-FaithNet* , which creates mental health-friendly, stigma-free congregations in the Santa Clara Valley.



[namisantaclara.org/  
classes/faith-net-2](http://namisantaclara.org/classes/faith-net-2)



## Our theme for 2025:

*Rooted in the love of Christ, we will grow and cultivate a thriving mycorrhizal network, characterized by faithful awareness, bold hope, and empathetic action.*