



TRINITY SUNDAY

**THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND
THE LOVE OF GOD AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT BE WITH YOU ALL.**

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14, ESV

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE! May this hour be a journey of the heart, a renewal of spirit, a pause in our lives as we worship the Lord our God together. If you are a guest this morning, we extend a special welcome to you and invite you to sign our guest book located in the gathering space outside of the sanctuary, also known as the narthex. If you are interested in learning more about our congregation and becoming a member, please visit with any member of the congregation or Pastor Janis Sloka. Thank you for celebrating the love of Jesus Christ with us at St. Paul Lutheran Church!

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME HERE! We feel strongly that the faith formation of youth—just as any adult’s—develops through experience; because of this, we welcome youth of all ages to participate fully in worship and invite them to serve in a number of roles, such as: ushers, greeters, readers, and musicians. While we expect that children will behave as children—giggles, wiggles, and all—we also understand that sometimes they (and their parents or guardians) need a break; on those occasions, you are welcome to utilize the nursery (unstaffed) located on the north end of the narthex. Additionally, there is a playroom for children and a couch room for older youth on the west end of the Fellowship Hall. You can also find children’s bulletins and crayons on the table as you enter the main church building doors.

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP As Lutherans, worship is connected with and central to everything we do—uniting us in celebration, engaging us in thoughtful dialogue, and helping us grow in faith. At the heart of our worship life is the presence of God through the word proclaimed and the sacraments—Holy Baptism and Holy Communion; this is because worship is—first and foremost—fundamentally about what God is doing in the world and in our lives, and then our response to God’s action. In the context of worship, we find our response in the liturgy, which is a way of living God’s story. The liturgical texts that form the prayers we pray, the texts we say, and the songs we sing find their roots in the Bible; for more information see the back of the hymnal, ELW pp. 1154-1159. Furthermore, these liturgical texts invite each and every one of us—not just the pastor or choir or any other worship leader—to use our voices to praise God. Through worship we are shaped to be participants in God’s life in this world.

PLEASE ASK AN USHER FOR...

- Assistance with wheelchair seating
- Assisted listening devices
- Large print bulletins
- Directions to restrooms

AED Unit an AED Unit is found in the coat area when you enter the main entrance.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

The Holy Trinity ~ May 31, 2026, ~ 9:00 a.m.

+Indicates to stand as you are able. Congregational responses are printed in **bold**.

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.

WELCOME

God is good! **All the time!**

All the time! **Good is good! All are welcome here!**

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins with confidence in God's promise of forgiveness.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon us! Through the power of the Holy Spirit, † our sins are forgiven. We are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise, and recipients of divine mercy. God strengthens us anew to follow the way of peace. **Amen.**

+GATHERING SONG ‘Come, Thou Almighty King’ *ELW #408 RED 267*

+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.**

FIRST 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.

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

PSALM – 8 *The psalm is read responsively by verse.*

How majestic is your name in all the earth! (*Ps. 8:1*)

1 O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

**2 Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;

**4 what are humans that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?**

5 Yet you have made them a little lower than God
and crowned them with glory and honor.

**6 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,**

7 all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,

**8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

**9 O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

SECOND READING – 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.

[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 SONG—"I Love You, Lord"

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice,
To worship You, O my soul rejoice.
Take joy my King, in what You hear;
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear. *Sing twice*

+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.

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.**

GROWING TOGETHER IN THE WORD (CHILDREN AND ADULTS)

GATHER GROW GO

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

KIDS BIBLE PAGE 496

ADULT MESSAGE

Bishop Craig Schweitzer

HYMN OF THE DAY "God, whose almighty word" *ELW #673 LBW #400*

+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.**

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

BIRTHDAYS

“Happy Birthday dear friends, may Jesus bless you!”

OFFERING- CHILDREN’S OFFERING

Thank you for your time, talents, and treasures. These offerings support the ministry of St. Paul. You may also visit www.stpaulgarrisonnd.com/giving to set up a one-time gift or regular, electronic giving. We are now also accepting donations via Venmo and PayPal.

***Members, for a record of your giving, please if you give cash put your name on an envelope.*

Thank you for being a part of what God is doing at St. Paul Lutheran!

+OFFERING SONG “We are an offering” ELW #692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are,
All that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to you: we are an offering,
We are an offering.

+OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful Father,
we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

+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.**

+OUR MISSION What is the mission we share together?

**Our mission is to GATHER as God's people; to GROW in faith, love, and service;
and to GO into the community and world as disciples of Jesus.**

+BLESSING

+CLOSING HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" *ELW #413*

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

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Today

- **Thank you, Stu, Merry for leading worship today!**
- **This weekend is Synod Assembly.** Pastor Sloka, Lisa Maki, Deb Youngs and SAM's Lisa Haugen and Mike Youngs are attending Synod Assembly in Watford City on behalf of St. Paul. Please keep them in your prayers as they along with the assembly will be electing our new Bishop.
- **It is time to commit to the Puerto Rico Service Trip in 2027.** Please see Pastor Janis or Holly ASAP!

Volunteer Opportunities

- We need acolytes and readers for June.
- Youth families have you received your letter about serving fellowship this summer?

Upcoming

- Have you marked your calendars for the Parking Lot Party next Sunday, June 7th and the Rummage Sale on June 19th & 20th?
- **Gift Baskets:** If there are any members willing to donate a gift basket to our Silent Auction at the Parking Lot Party, you can let the staff know. Thanks!

Outreach

- **Little Lunches Backpack Program**” is hosted by St. Paul. If you would like to get involved, please let Dawn Kolden or Pastor Sloka know.

General

- We are asking if any Thrivent members have a Thrivent Action Grant, they would allow us to use towards projects, please let the office staff know. *Please also be aware of the new guidelines for Thrivent Choice Dollars. You may have choice dollars now!*

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We also now offer Venmo and PayPal
***Thank you for being a part of what God
is doing at St. Paul!***

*****Members, for a record of your giving,***



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In Our Prayers...

Our military and their families.

Sylvie Weisgarber, Lu Graeber, Devan Rasmussen, Alyssah Torno, Marlyn Zimmerman, Mike Maki, Geri Fevold, Carol Johnson, Deb Youngs, Pat Thompson, Baby Eloise Hauf, Harold Lindsey, Neil Biwer, Shane Sagert, Glenn Renner, Duke Kastner, Linda Ravnaas, Rachel Everett, Becky Tebby, Pete Stanius, Jessica Johns, Chet Adam, Kayla Neilsen, Jylann Hanson, Jan Clapper, Andy Zietz, Mary Thorson, Paul Hellebush, Jeff Wretling, Alton Krebsbach.

Family and Friends of Betty Iglehart, Nathan Bostow, Ashley Ross, Debbie Stratton at their deaths.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS THIS WEEK

Chris Seidler	May 31
Katie Bittner	June 01
Sadie Bittner	June 01
Jayden Diffley	June 01
Renee Klabunde	June 01
Hedi Rime	June 01
Ethan Betz	June 02
Margie Nelson	June 02
Paul Kolden	June 03
Layne Reynolds	June 05
Elisa Steele	June 06

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Your help is needed with the Parking Lot Celebration! We need people to grill, serve food, help around the parking lot with trash, etc. There is a sign-up sheet at the volunteer center.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Today, Sunday, May 31st The Holy Trinity

Synod Assembly in Watford City

9AM Worship

10AM Fellowship

Monday

1PM Quilting

Tuesday

10AM *The Women's Bible Study will meet June 9, 16 & 23*

The Men's Bible Study will begin again in September.

Wednesday

Thursday

10AM Community Bible Study

Friday, Saturday

Next, Sunday, June 7th

9AM Worship with Holy Communion

10AM Fellowship

11AM-4PM Parking Lot Party

Mark your calendars for the

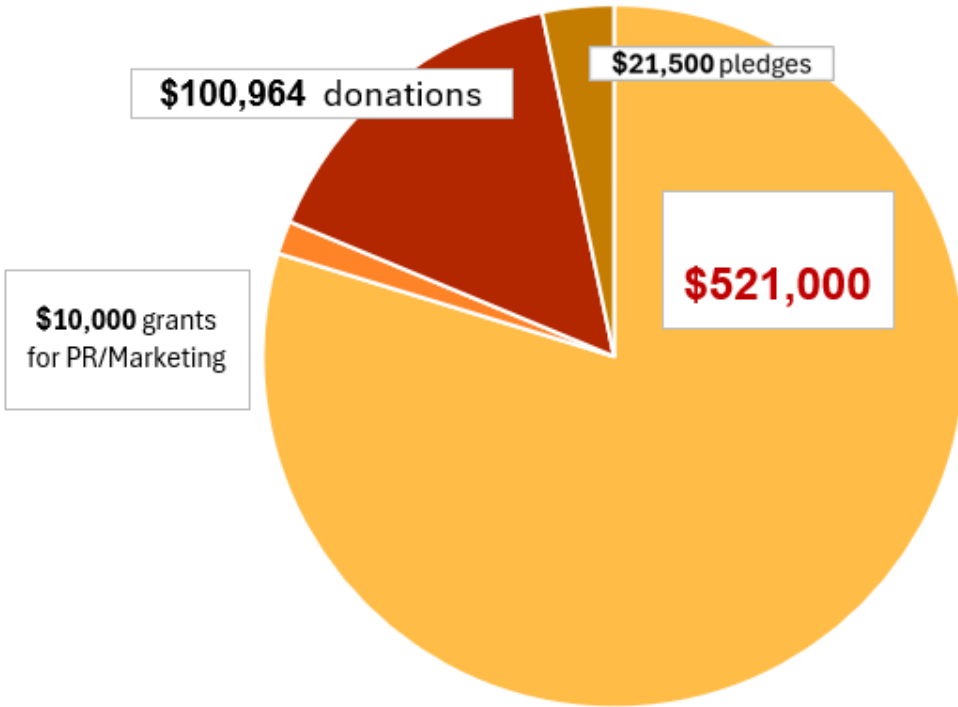
Annual Rummage Sale

Friday, June 19 from 4-7PM

& Saturday, June 20 from 9AM-1PM

Donations can be dropped off starting Sunday, June 14 after 1PM.





Help Us Pave the Way by Cementing Our Future at St. Paul

Events from 11a-4p

- Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, & Pulled Pork sandwiches
- Vendors: Coffee Coop donuts, Youngs Bakery, Full Flavor Farms, 3N Creations by Heidi Smith, Norwex, Plants by Deb Youngs
- Games (Cornhole, tetris)
- Facepainting (requires tickets)

Events by time

12-2p Northern Lights Ranch Alpacas

Live music at 1p and 3p by Pickin' & Grinnin' & Courtney Tomlinson

Bouncy House & Basketball from 12-4p (requires tickets)



June 7, 2026
11am - 4pm



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Drop-off Location: BNC Bank



June 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>Summer Office Hours</i> Monday-Friday 9AM-12Noon</p>						
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			9:30 Circle with Bible Study	10AM Community Bible Study-Meadows		Wedding OFF Site Graveside OFF Site
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9AM Worship with Holy Communion 10AM Fellowship	1PM Quilting	10AM Women's Bible Study	6PM Youth Group	10AM Community Bible Study-Meadows	McLean County Fair	McLean County Fair
11AM-4PM Parking Lot Celebration						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9AM Worship 10AM Fellowship	NO Quilting	10AM Women's Bible Study I	2PM Chapel-3rd Floor 3PM Chapel-BLC	10AM Community Bible Study-Meadows	Rummage Sale 4PM-7PM	Rummage Sale 9AM-1PM CCM Prairie Lake Festival
McLean County Fair 12Noon Rummage Drop Off	Rummage Drop Off	Rummage Drop Off	Rummage Drop Off	Rummage Drop Off until 6PM	CCM Prairie Lake Festival	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9AM Worship with Holy Communion 10AM Fellowship Gordy Lindquist Memorial Open House at the Civic Center in Max 3-5PM	NO Quilting 6:30PM Council	10AM Women's Bible Study		Community Bible Study-Meadows	Curtis Giffey Memorial Golf Outing	
28	29	30				
9AM Worship with Holy Baptism 10AM Fellowship	1PM Quilting					

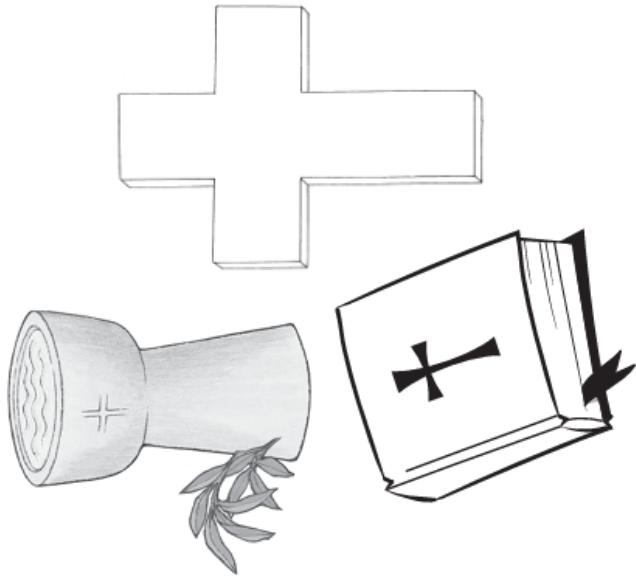
On Trinity Sunday, we remember that God created us. Look around your worship space. Can you find these three things?



The Bible helps us remember God's Word.

The cross helps us remember that Jesus died for us.

The baptismal font helps us remember that the Holy Spirit is with us at our baptism and always!

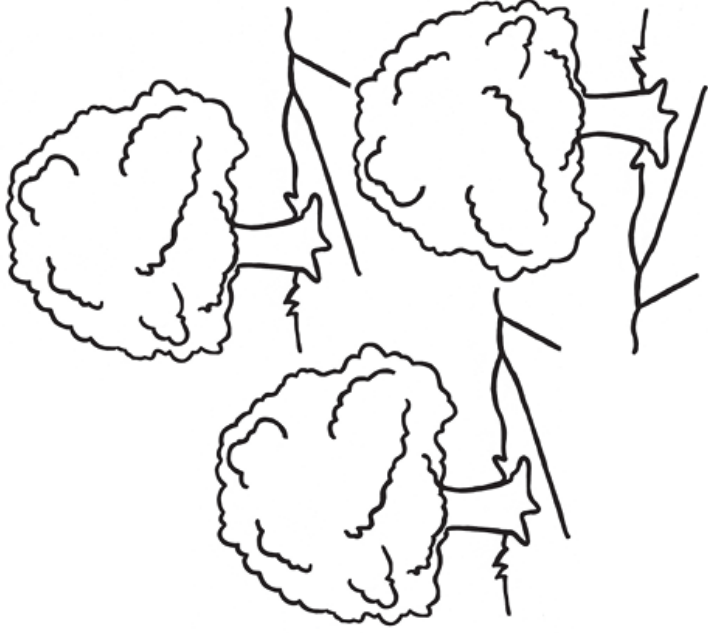


PRE-READER

Trinity Sunday

- Today is **Trinity Sunday**.
- The **color** for Trinity Sunday is **white**.
- **Trinity** means **three**.

Color these three trees.



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SERVING IN THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF OUR CHURCH

<i>Ministers</i>	The People of St. Paul Lutheran
<i>Pastor</i>	Rev. Janis Sloka, III
<i>Faith Formation Director/Treasurer</i>	Holly Klemisch
<i>Synodically Authorized Ministers</i>	Lisa Haugen and Mike Youngs
<i>Partner in Ministry</i>	Our Savior Lutheran Church, Max
<i>Church Council Officers</i>	Randy Essler, Kayla Macheledt & Deb Youngs
<i>Financial Secretary</i>	Loree Jeffers
<i>Custodian</i>	Pam Kolden
<i>Missionaries</i>	Anne & Willie Langdji; Katie Narum Miyamoto
<i>Sweet Sounds Coordinator</i>	Loree Jeffers
<i>Choir Director</i>	Lisa Haugen
<i>Musicians</i>	Sundi Lagge and Kim Gehring
<i>Reader</i>	Wade Kolden & Marian Lehnherr
<i>Ushers</i>	Donna Blanchard & Randy Essler
<i>Greeters/Door Greeter</i>	Jan and Stu Merry
<i>Acolyte</i>	Lyndy Macheledt
<i>Fellowship</i>	Self Serve
<i>Technology</i>	Gerard Schwan
<i>Council Member</i>	Stu Merry

MISSION STATEMENT

As we share the gospel of Jesus Christ, our mission is to **GATHER** as God's people; to **GROW** in faith, love, and service; and to **GO** into the community and world as disciples of Jesus.