

The Holy Trinity
The Rite of Confirmation
Holy Communion



May 31, 2026
10:00 a.m.

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH
1479 Morse Road + Columbus, OH 43229

"Our mission is to welcome all people in learning, living, and sharing God's grace."

A few notes about worship:

- Ascension strives to be a welcoming and safe place for all. Masks are optional: anyone may choose to wear a mask for any reason. Masks may be found on the back table in the sanctuary.
- Unchanged is our commitment to an excellent virtual worship experience. If you are unable to join in the sanctuary, worship services are streamed live on Facebook. Instructions on how to participate or view later on-line (with or without a Facebook account) are on our website.
- **There are now three different options for receiving Holy Communion.** You may come forward and receive communion at the front in a continuous fashion (instructions will be given). Or, you may pick up communion elements on the back table as you arrive to commune yourself in the pew at the appropriate time. Or, you may remain in your pew, and communion will be brought to you (please inform the usher).

PLEASE NOTE:

Gluten-free wafers are available. Indicate to Pastor this preference as you come forward.

Juice is available: The white cups on the tray are apple juice; the red cups are wine. You may take your own cup from the tray, even if one is offered by the lay minister.

- We are glad to have children in worship. We also know that children sometimes need to move and express themselves in ways that the pews don't accommodate. There is a family break room; and you are free to use it as needed. It is located in the back of the sanctuary.

ELW - indicates Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal - in the pew.

ACS - indicates All Creation Sings

W&P - indicates Worship & Praise

WOV - indicates With One Voice - in the pew

Bold print indicates Congregation.

Please rise as you are able at the titles marked with a plus sign - +.

At places where the cross † appears, it is customary to make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism.

Worship Notes: 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.



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Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in these young people the gifts of your Holy Spirit; confirm their faith, guide their life, empower them in their serving, give them patience in suffering, and bring them to everlasting life. Amen.

Today we celebrate an Affirmation of Baptism, a Confirmation day – a milestone in the life of faith in which young people publicly affirm the promises made at baptism and renew their commitment to life in Christ and the church. We give thanks for the journey of faith, for families, mentors, teachers, and this community that has helped nurture these confirmands along the way.

This year, Confirmation falls on Holy Trinity Sunday, a day when the church celebrates the mystery and promises of the God who creates us, redeems us, and sustains us – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In holy baptism, we are welcomed into this life of the Trinity: claimed by God's love, joined to Christ, and filled with the Spirit. As St. Paul reminds us, "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us."

In baptism, the Spirit rests on people of every age and story. Filled with the Holy Spirit, the confirmands before us are called not only to believe, but to grow into lives of discipleship, compassion, courage, and hope. Confirmation is not the end of faith formation, but another step in a lifelong journey of following Jesus and participating in God's work in the world.

Today, together with the whole church, we rejoice with and congratulate Payton, P.J., and Kimweri as they affirm their baptismal faith and continue to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. We promise our prayers and support as these young people continue to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ and take their place more fully in the life and mission we all share.

Payton AnnMarie Clark

Bible verse: Isaiah 40:31 – "...but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength."

Family: Christopher Clark (parent)

Baptismal Sponsors: Brandon and Sarah Clark

Baptismal Date: December 16, 2011

Paul "P.J." David Colbert

Bible verse: Mark 9:23 – "...everything is possible for the person who has faith"

Family: Kimberly Kern (parent) and Isabella (sister), Dave and Robin Kern

Baptismal Sponsors: Mindy Hupp, Matt Kern

Baptismal Date: July 15, 2012

Kimweri Akili Jr. Msola

Bible verse Psalm 37:5 – "Commit your way to the Lord; trust him and he will do this..."

Family: Akili Msola and Emililana Msola (parents), Zindo, Malogi (siblings)

Baptismal Sponsors: Juliana Maneno, Lester Zitto

✠ Gathering ✠

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Fantasy on the Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy"

~Piet Post

Welcome

+Processional Hymn

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

ELW 413

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!

+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.**

+Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

✠ Word ✠

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

The First Reading

The creation of the heavens and the earth

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

P.J.: A reading from Genesis.

¹When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. **And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.**

⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So 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. ⁸God called the dome Sky. **And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.**

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. ¹¹Then 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. ¹²The 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. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.**

¹⁴And 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, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. **And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And 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. ²² God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." **And God saw that it was good.** 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.

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.

P.J.: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.



Payton: A reading of Psalm 8.

- 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!

Special Music

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

Chas. H. Gabriel

Joe Riggs, Soloist

2nd Reading

Paul’s farewell to the church at Corinth

1 Corinthians 13:11-13

Kimweri: A Reading from 1st Corinthians.

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.

Kimweri: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

+Holy Gospel

Living in the community of the Trinity

Matthew 28:16-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

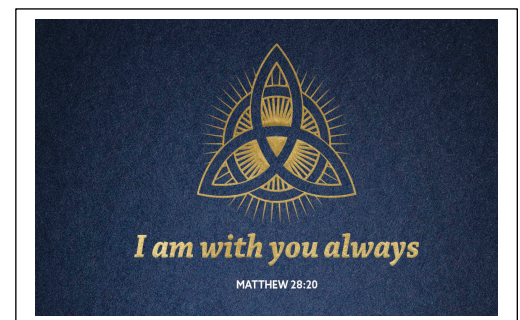
¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, 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: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

Please be seated.

Sermon





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.

✧ Rite of Confirmation ✧

Presentation

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

Amanda Wiesehan (Confirmation Teacher): We present P.J. Colbert, Kimweri Akili, and Payton Clark, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

P: Merciful God, we thank you for these siblings whom you have made your own by water and the word in baptism. You have called them to yourself. Enlighten them with the gifts of your Spirit and nourish them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth; we ask this in the name of Christ.

C: Amen.

Profession Of Faith

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmand Response: I renounce them.

Do you affirm the gifts of faith that God gave you at baptism?

Do you affirm the scriptures that have taught you the stories of faith?

Do you affirm this Christian community and the cloud of witnesses that surround you today?

Confirmand Response: I do by the grace of God.

The congregation stands and joins in the Profession of Faith.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

The congregation may be seated.

Affirmation

P: You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmand responds individually: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support these siblings and to pray for them in their life in Christ?

C: **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Laying on of Hands

During the laying on of hands, each confirmand will come forward to recite their confirmation verse, receive a blessing and anointing with oil, and be presented with a confirmation stole by their family.

The congregation is invited to join in singing the following songs during this time.

“Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am” ELW 814 (sung multiple times)

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

“In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified” ELW 744

1 In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;
2 In our song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;
3 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;
4 In your world, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;

in my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.
in our song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.
in your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.
in your world, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.

Welcome

Amanda: Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

We welcome these newly affirmed members of Christ's church with our applause and prayers!

+Prayers of Intercession

R1: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

R1: Holy God, we are in awe of your creative work. Continue that work in your church, making us a new creation that proclaims your presence and love. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

R2: Creator God, nature reveals your power and glory. Protect water sources, vegetation, and wildlife as reminders of who you are. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

R3: Redeemer God, you call us to pray for those in authority. Guide our leaders to pursue the work of fostering peace and community. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

R1: Sustaining God, you are mindful of your people in every circumstance. Heal those who are sick. Provide for all who hunger. Protect those in harm's way. Comfort any experiencing hardship. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

R2: Gracious God, we pray for the children of our church and community. Provide for their needs. Support their caregivers. Nurture their faith. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

R3: Loving God, we give thanks for those who have died and claimed their baptismal promises. Strengthen us to live as they did in communion with you. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

R1: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

C: Amen.

+Sharing of Christ's Peace

R1: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please share with one another Christ's peace, and then be seated.

Offering

An offering will be taken up today and the ushers will come to you; or you may go to www.ascensioncolumbus.org. to give electronically. We give thanks to you for your generosity of spirit.

Offertory Music

+Presentation of the Gifts

“Now the Feast and Celebration”

ELW 167



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

Offering Prayer

- A: 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.**

✠ Meal ✠

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

+Thanksgiving at the Table

- 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 our God.
- C: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**
- P: For God is good, and God's love endures forever.
- C: **Amen.**
- P: We praise you, O God, for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us on the cross and rose again from the dead.
- C: **We praise you, O God, for the gift of your Holy Spirit, who guides us and empowers us to live as your people.**
- P: We praise you, O God, for the gift of this meal, which reminds us of your love and grace.
- C: **We praise you, O God, for all your blessings.**
- P: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty.
- C: **The whole earth is full of God's glory.**
- P: Hosanna in the highest.
- C: **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**
- P: Hosanna in the highest.

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.

+Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

P: Come, let us feast on this bread and wine, a symbol of God's great love divine. This bread is broken for you, this wine poured out for you, a sign of God's forgiveness and grace.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to participate in Holy Communion. Please see the "Worship Notes" at the front of the bulletin regarding the options to receive communion, plus the options (gluten-free, apple juice...) for communion elements.



Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
 gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
 all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,
 2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Blessing at the Table

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen 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.**

✠ Sending ✠

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Ministry Announcements

+Benediction

P: May you be filled with the love of God, the peace of Christ, and the joy of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

+Sending Hymn

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

ELW 414

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.

+Dismissal

A: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

~Flor Peeters

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Serving in Worship

Presider and Preacher: Pastor Karen Asmus-Alsnauer

Assisting Minister: Curt Skarloken

Organist and Chancel Choir Director: Dr. Ed Duling

Substitute Organist: Barry Moenter

CWS Band: Tom Martin (Director and bass), Ed Hinton (drums), Von Smith (guitar), Chris Young (piano).

Ascending Tones Bell Choir: Jan Dahlstrom, Director

Altar Guild: Jan Dahlstrom, Brenda Noe, Peggy Dlusky, Pam Kratzer

Ushers: Alan Dahlstrom, Mike Fitak

Tech Crew: Oscar Kamazima, Joel Kratzer, Dave Holtzapple

Librarian: Martha Gostely

Hospitality: Allan and Cindy Hiscox, Robin Kern, Joyce Heft, Karen Lashley, Sandra Stohr, Sara Smith and Myron Miller.

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Upcoming Commemorations



Visit of Mary to Elizabeth

Sunday, May 31, 2026

This festival marks the occasion when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visited her cousin Elizabeth who was herself pregnant with John. Elizabeth pronounced Mary "blessed among women," and Mary responded with the song called the Magnificat.

Justin, martyr at Rome, died around 165

Monday, June 1, 2026

Born of pagan parents, Justin was influenced by an elderly Christian in Ephesus. He became a teacher of philosophy and the Christian faith. Jailed for practicing an unauthorized religion, he refused to renounce his faith and was beheaded.

The Martyrs of Uganda, died 1886

Wednesday, June 3, 2026

On June 3, 1886, thirty-two young men were burned to death for refusing to renounce Christianity. The confident manner in which these Christians went to their deaths contributed to a much stronger Christian presence in Uganda.

John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, died 1963

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When elected pope, the former Angelo Roncalli was expected to be a short-term caretaker. He showed great spirit, though, and convened the Second Vatican Council which helped bring great changes to Roman Catholic and other churches.

Boniface, Bishop of Mainz, missionary to Germany, martyr, died 754

Friday, June 5, 2026

Boniface was a native of England who became a Benedictine monk and was called to missionary work among the Vandal tribes of Germany. With fellow workers, he established churches and schools, and he also worked to reform the church.



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