

THE HOLY TRINITY



Marduk and Tiamat



And God said, "Let there be light." And there was light.

May 31, 2026, 10:00am

Land Acknowledgment

We recognize that we gather on the ancestral lands of the Ojibwe, Ho Chunk, and Dakota. We acknowledge their leaders, past, present, and emerging.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn *Rise, Shine, You People!*

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Apostolic 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

WORD

Children's Message

The first reading is from 2 Corinthians, chapter 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

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

The Gospel for today comes from Matthew, chapter 28 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.

The Old Testament reading is from the book of Genesis, chapter 1

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!

Sermon Pastor Phil Ruge-Jones

Hymn Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

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Apostles' Creed

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

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

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

A brief silence.

... God of grace,
 hear our prayer.

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

Amen.

MEAL

Offering

Offering Prayer

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.

It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

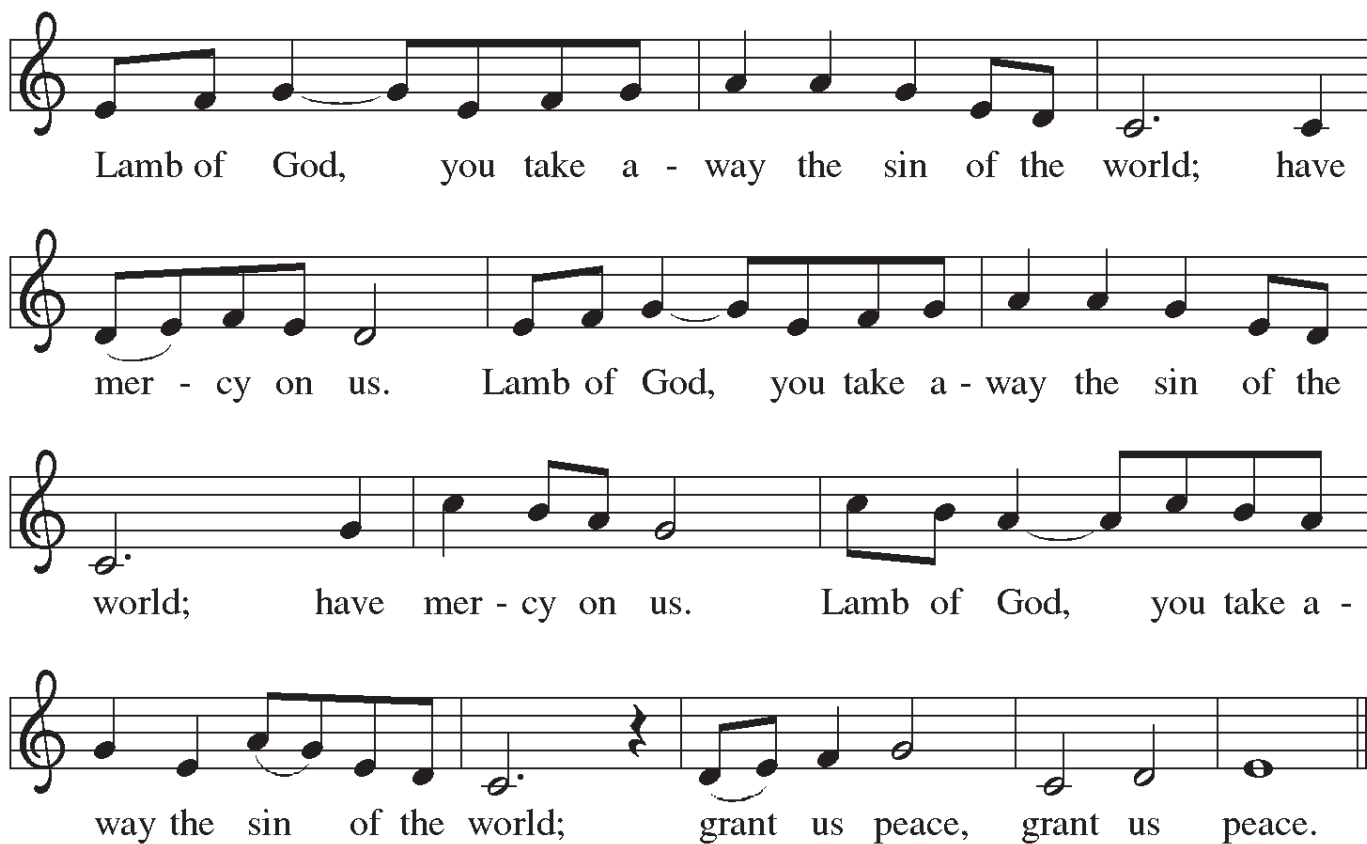
Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Institution

Communion

Our communion bread is gluten free and the communion cups with clear liquid have grape juice instead of wine.



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.

Prayer After Communion

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

Blessing

Sending Hymn Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

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Holy, Holy, Holy, Public Domain

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Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY (31st)

Trinity Sunday

Coffee Hour – 9:30am

Worship – 10am

Hello Summer Potluck – 11am

MONDAY

Scouts – 6pm

TUESDAY

Prayer Group – 11am

ADRC Strong Bodies – 1pm

WEDNESDAY

Crafters – 9am

Text Study – 12noon

THURSDAY

Corpus Christi

ADRC Strong Bodies – 1pm

Summer Camp Open

House – 3pm

SUNDAY (7th)

Coffee Hour – 9:30am

Worship – 10am

Other groups using the building this week: Scouts, Brighter than Sunshine, Grace Rising Wellness, ECWiT, Theater Guild

Grace Foundation Annual Meeting

Earlier this spring we tried to have the annual meeting for Grace Lutheran Communities, but we were unable to reach a quorum due to the Eau Claire Marathon taking place the same Sunday.

The annual meeting has been rescheduled for June 7 immediately after the worship service. If you are able, please stay after for the meeting. There are a couple of items that need to be voted on as well as new board members who need to be installed. Thank you.

Hello Summer Potluck

Join the Life and Growth ministry team this year for our “Hello Summer” potluck and BINGO today in the Parlors. Coffee, water, and lemonade will be provided. There will be BINGO again after the meal for those who wish to play (including the kids)!

COME ONE, COME ALL!!

Noisy Offering Report

Thank you to our Grace Lutheran members for your participation in the noisy offering on May 3rd. The gas/food gift cards were purchased and delivered to the Veterans' office in the court house on May 22nd. The veteran officials were so very pleased to receive them. They expressed how much the veterans appreciate this gift which is so helpful to them.

Thank You Card from Family Promise



*"We envision a day when –
Every child has a place to call home and
an opportunity for a brighter future"*

*Thank you for
dinner! The
mac & cheese
was excellent!*

Thank you!

for your generous support

*Thank you!
Food was great!*

*Thank you
my family loved
the food!*

*Thank you!
my little guy
loved the meal.*

Chippewa Valley Dementia Coalition
Presents the 2nd Annual:



Thursday
JUNE 11, 2026
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Chippewa Valley Technical College
771 Scheidler Road, Chippewa Falls

FOR PROFESSIONALS AND FAMILY CAREGIVERS



Dr. Barbara Bendlin
School of Medicine and
Public Health
UW-Madison

Join us for the 2nd Annual Chippewa Valley Dementia Conference! A day designed to offer practical tools, shared learning, and a supportive space with others who understand the realities of dementia care.

All attendees will enjoy:

- Take-home materials from keynotes and breakout sessions
- Direct access to speakers and exhibitors for Q&A
- Meaningful connection with other caregivers
- Insight into valuable Chippewa Valley resources
- Continental breakfast, lunch, and afternoon refreshments
- Certificates of attendance if needed
- Cost to attend: \$25
- Scholarships available, contact your local ADRC

If you need respite care to attend the event, consider using supportive home care or adult day programs. Contact your local ADRC for more information.



Sharon Lukert, Author
Living Well with Mild
Cognitive Impairment

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

<https://bit.ly/dementiaconf26>
by Friday, June 5, 2026.



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Church Office Hours

Monday — Thursday : 10AM — 2PM

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Services are live streamed Sundays at 10am on:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/gracelutheraneauclaire/>
- Youtube embedded in our website: <https://grace-church.org/our-ministry> Bulletins may also be found on the same page.

Recordings of worship services are broadcast Sundays 10:30am on WQOW Channel 18, Cable 9, 618HD (every other week)

Past services are posted at “Grace Lutheran Church ELCA Eau Claire Wisconsin” YouTube page — <http://grace-church.org/our-ministry>

Do you have information for the bulletin and Grace at a Glance? Deadline is Wednesday by 2:00 p.m. by emailing Andrew at info@grace-church.org or by calling the office at 715-832-9713