

Trinity Sunday

May 31, 2026

United Church of Christ - Neillsville

Pastor Julie Ruegsegger

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PRELUDE "Trinity – Te Deum" Alec Wyten
Karen Mohr

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

God the Creator is in this place.

The love of God is with us.

Jesus our Redeemer is in this place.

The grace of our Lord is with us.

The Holy Spirit is in this place.

The communion of the Spirit is with us.

We welcome the fullness of God's presence.

**God the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer
be with us now and forever. Amen.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**God who created the world, Jesus the Son given for
the world, Holy Spirit ever present in the world, be
with us in our worship that we may know the fullness
of the Holy One. As God lives in Triune community,
so may we live in communion with God and each
other. Amen.**

HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy" Reginald Heber
#277 NCH (vs. 1,3,4)

**1 Holy, holy, holy! God the Almighty!
Early in the morning we praise your majesty.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

**3 Holy, holy, holy! Though we know but dimly,
Though the eyes of humankind your glory may
not see,
You alone are holy; you alone are worthy,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.**

**4 Holy, holy, holy! God the Almighty!
All your works shall praise your name,
in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.**

WORDS OF GRACE

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The Peace of God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

All are invited to greet one another with words such as
"The peace of Christ be with you," and the response:
"And also with you".

HYMN RESPONSE: "Spirit of the Living God"

#283 NCH Daniel Iverson

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT Genesis 1:1-2:4a

¹When God began to create the heavens and the
earth— ²the earth was without shape or form, it was
dark over the deep sea, and God's wind swept over
the waters— ³God said, "Let there be light." And so
light appeared. ⁴God saw how good the light was. God
separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God named
the light Day and the darkness Night.

There was evening and there was morning: the first
day.

⁶God said, "Let there be a dome in the middle of the
waters to separate the waters from each other." ⁷God
made the dome and separated the waters under the
dome from the waters above the dome. And it
happened in that way. ⁸God named the dome Sky.

There was evening and there was morning: the second day.

⁹ God said, "Let the waters under the sky come together into one place so that the dry land can appear." And that's what happened. ¹⁰ God named the dry land Earth, and he named the gathered waters Seas. God saw how good it was. ¹¹ God said, "Let the earth grow plant life: plants yielding seeds and fruit trees bearing fruit with seeds inside it, each according to its kind throughout the earth." And that's what happened. ¹² The earth produced plant life: plants yielding seeds, each according to its kind, and trees bearing fruit with seeds inside it, each according to its kind. God saw how good it was.

¹³ There was evening and there was morning: the third day.

¹⁴ God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night. They will mark events, sacred seasons, days, and years. ¹⁵ They will be lights in the dome of the sky to shine on the earth." And that's what happened. ¹⁶ God made the stars and two great lights: the larger light to rule over the day and the smaller light to rule over the night. ¹⁷ God put them in the dome of the sky to shine on the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. God saw how good it was.

¹⁹ There was evening and there was morning: the fourth day.

²⁰ God said, "Let the waters swarm with living things, and let birds fly above the earth up in the dome of the sky." ²¹ God created the great sea animals and all the tiny living things that swarm in the waters, each according to its kind, and all the winged birds, each according to its kind. God saw how good it was. ²² Then God blessed them: "Be fertile and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth."

²³ There was evening and there was morning: the fifth day.

²⁴ God said, "Let the earth produce every kind of living thing: livestock, crawling things, and wildlife." And that's what happened. ²⁵ God made every kind of wildlife, every kind of livestock, and every kind of creature that crawls on the ground. God saw how good it was. ²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humanity in our image to resemble us so that they may take

charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the earth, and all the crawling things on earth."

²⁷ God created humanity in God's own image, in the divine image God created them, male and female God created them.

²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, "Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and master it. Take charge of the fish of the sea, the birds in the sky, and everything crawling on the ground." ²⁹ Then God said, "I now give to you all the plants on the earth that yield seeds and all the trees whose fruit produces its seeds within it. These will be your food. ³⁰ To all wildlife, to all the birds in the sky, and to everything crawling on the ground—to everything that breathes—I give all the green grasses for food." And that's what happened. ³¹ God saw everything he had made: it was supremely good.

There was evening and there was morning: the sixth day.

2 The heavens and the earth and all who live in them were completed. ² On the sixth day God completed all the work that he had done, and on the seventh day God rested from all the work that he had done. ³ God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all the work of creation. ⁴ This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshipped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ Jesus came near and spoke to them, "I've received all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you. Look, I myself will be with you every day until the end of this present age."

SERMON "The Great Promise" *Pastor Julie*

HYMN "We Join in Proclaiming" *Tune: ASH GROVE ("Let All Things Now Living") Text: Copyright © 2015 by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. All rights reserved.*

**1 We join in proclaiming the faith we believe in —
That God is Creator and we are God's own.
We trust in Christ Jesus and gladly receive him,
For we have been blessed by the love he has shown.**

Christ died and is risen and, one with the Father,
He reigns now in heaven, still loving the earth.
The Spirit of God that moved over the waters
Now moves here among us, empowering God's
church.

2 O God, we have pondered through years of our
history
How you can be Father and Spirit and Son.
We've prayed and we've studied and called it a
mystery
That you are three persons and yet you are one.
Creating and saving, your church here renewing,
You still are one God working many good ways.
May we humbly thank you for all you are doing!
O God in three persons, we offer you praise.

MORNING PRAYERS

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the
glory, forever. Amen

THE OFFERING SERVICE

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory "Praise and Thanksgiving" Dale Wood

Doxology Tune: Old 100th ("Praise God from
Whom All Blessings Flow")

Praise God, the Source of life and birth;
Praise God, the Word, who came to earth;
Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame;
All glory, honor to God's name! Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, you have given yourself to us in Creator, in
Christ, in the Spirit.

We now give back to you:

this money that seems so little;
this worship that seems so small;
these words that never quite get it right.

Receive what we offer and transform it by the power
of your Spirit into:

enough money,
sufficient praise,

worthy words for proclaiming and enacting
your peace, justice, and love in the world.

HYMN "Come Now, Almighty God" Anon. English
#275 NCH (vs. 1-3)

1 Come, now, Almighty God,
Help us your name to laud; Our songs we raise:
Ruler, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come, and
reign over us, Ancient of Days!

2 Come, now, Incarnate Word,
By heaven and earth adored; our prayer attend:
Come, and your people bless, and give your
word success: Grant us your holiness, Savior
and Friend!

3 Come, Holy Comforter,
Your sacred witness bear in this glad hour:
Your grace to us impart, now rule in every
heart,
Never from us depart, Spirit of power!

BLESSING

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS AND BURDENS

*As we are gathered together as children of God, we
are called to share our blessings and joys and our
concerns, our deepest fears, sadnesses, griefs and
needs so that we may bear one another up and
support each other in prayer and Christian love.*

HYMN "Come Now, Almighty God" #275 NCH (vs. 4)

4 To you, great One in Three,
eternal praises be forevermore.
Your sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Karen Mohr



RADIO BROADCAST

11 AM Sunday radio broadcast
on WCCN 98.5FM and 1370AM

This week's radio broadcast is sponsored
anonymously by a church member.

Coffee fellowship after worship -
Sign up on back bulletin board

May 31 – Weyer / Hamm
June 7 – Mathis'
June 14 – Circle of Friends
June 21 –
June 28 -
We need people to sign up

WELCOME

We welcome you to our service of worship!
We are glad that you have joined us on site,
through the internet or on the radio.
We pray that you will hear God's call,
seek to follow Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit.



Join us for “Jesus is the Light”
Vacation Bible School on
Sunday, June 7th
from 10:30 – 1:30 p.m for youth
3K – 8th grade.

YouTube link for Sunday, May 31, 2026
<https://youtube.com/live/mXursXTazuU>

**Registration links on Facebook church page
and JAM page. For more information contact
Stephanie Heck.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday, May 31st

- 9:30 AM Worship

Deacon – Wayne Voss
Greeters – Linda Stalsberg, Carla Marty
Ushers – Ken Shoemaker, Bob Petkovsek
Power Point – Janice Miller
AV – Lydia Schumacher

*FYI - (for those who are scheduled for PowerPoint/AV
it is suggested that you arrive 30 minutes prior to
the church service to get the laptop turned on,
allow for any updates, get screen down and start
running the announcements).*

Following Sunday, June 7th

Deacon – Byrl Buddenhagen
Greeters – Corinne & Neil Armitage
Ushers – Paul Schmidt, Neil Armitage
Power Point – Paul Vine
AV – Emile Miller

Monday, June 8th

-9:00 AM – Card Making

Tuesday, June 9th

-1:00 PM – Bible Study