

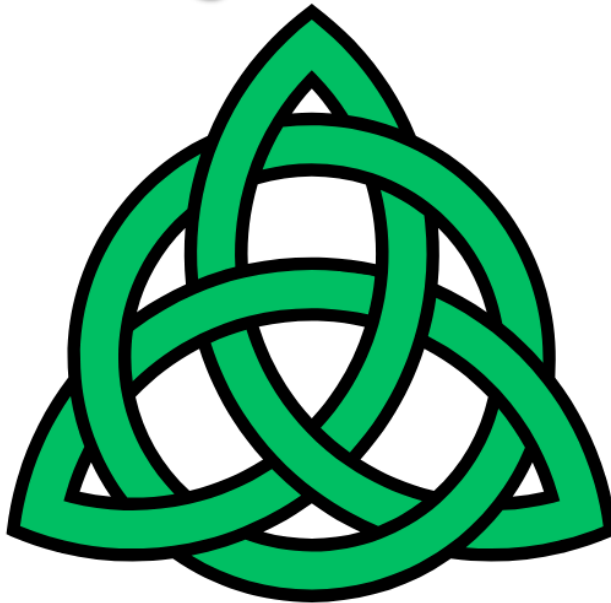
# Westminster Presbyterian Church

2110 Sheridan Blvd. Lincoln, NE

May 31, 2026

Trinity Sunday

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The Trinity Knot, a version of a triquetra, is “a triangular figure composed of three interlaced arcs.” It has a long tradition of being used in Celtic art, including Celtic Christian art. Theologically, the intertwined unbroken line has been said to symbolize the unending nature of God and steadfast love of God. The “three-ness” of the shape brings to mind the Trinity of God.

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\*Please rise in body or spirit for the parts of worship with an asterisk (\*) before the title. Parts of worship that are ***bolded and italicized*** are for all worshippers to read together aloud.

## Prelude

“Improvisation on NICAEA”

## Welcome

Please sign and pass the friendship pad.

### \*Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 8)

Deacon Claire Titus

One: Lord, our Sovereign, when we look at the heavens, we are filled with awe...

***All: O Lord, how amazing is your name in all the earth!***

One: When we consider our place in the gift of God’s creation, we are filled with wonder...

***All: O Lord, how amazing is your name in all the earth!***

### \*Hymn #1

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!**

### \*Call to Confession

Deacon Claire Titus

### \*Prayer of Confession

***Majestic God, You have called us to live in peace, but we turn to conflict and hatred. You yearn for us to work together, but we keep finding reasons to dismiss each other. Forgive us and show us a better way to be your people, your body, your church. Restore us in grace, and help us work to love you and neighbor in the world. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.***

### \*Time of Silent Confession

Lord, hear our prayer. ***Amen.***

### \*Assurance of Forgiveness

Believe and share the good news!

***In Jesus Christ, we are a new creation!***

### \*Response of Praise #473

**Shepherd Me, O God (refrain x2)**

***Shepherd Me, O God,  
beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears,  
from death into life.***

### \*Passing of the Peace

Rev. Chris Peters

*Please share a sign of welcome and inclusion that is mutually comfortable (high five, handshake, fist/elbow bump) with your neighbors. At this time, children in K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade are invited to be dismissed to Faith Village, our children’s education time.*

May the peace of Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

## Prayer for Illumination

## Scripture

Psalm Reading  
Gospel Reading

Psalm 8  
Matthew 28:16-20

O.T. pg. 492  
N.T. pg. 34

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

"A Holy Sending Moment"

Rev. Chris Peters

## \*Hymn #298

**Lord, You Give the Great Commission (verses 1-2, 4-5)**

## \*Litany Affirmation of Faith

**Confession of 1967, 9.07, Adapted**

Christians, what do we believe?

One: Jesus Christ is God with humankind.

**All: Jesus is the eternal Son of the Father,**

One: who became human and lived among us

**All: to fulfill the work of reconciliation.**

One: Jesus is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit

**All: to continue and complete his mission.**

One: This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

**All: is the foundation of all confessional statements**

One: about God, humanity, and the world.

**All: Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.**

## Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer

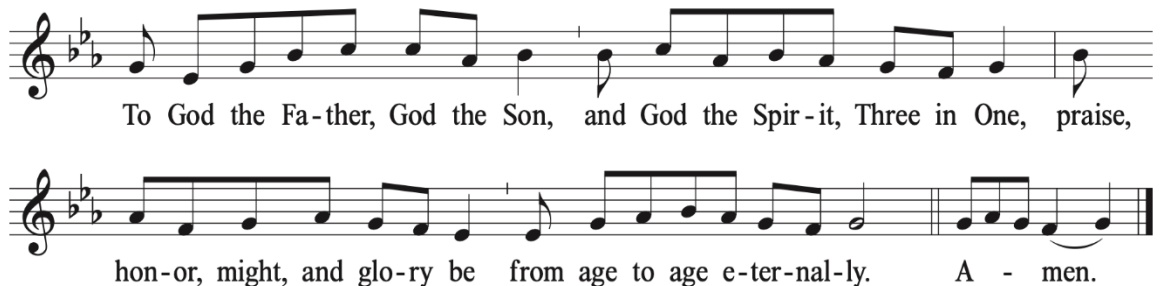
Deacon Claire Titus

***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.***

## Moment of Gratitude / Invitation to the Offering

### Offertory Special Music

"Creator of the Stars of Night"



To God the Fa-ther, God the Son, and God the Spir-it, Three in One, praise,  
hon-or, might, and glo-ry be from age to age e-ter-nal-ly. A - men.

**\*Hymn #606**

***Doxology***

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

**\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Deacon Claire Titus

**\*Hymn #582**

**Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me**

**\*Charge & Benediction**

Rev. Chris Peters

**Postlude**

“Improvisation on NICAEA”

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Liturgy Notes and Sources

Today's liturgy is adapted from Call to Worship: Liturgy, Music, Preaching, and the Arts: May 31, 2026: Trinity Sunday

**Westminster welcomes and values children in worship.** All kids and their families are welcome to pick up a Children's Worship bag or blue Infant Bag in the Narthex (Sheridan Blvd. foyer). A nursery is available for kids under 5. If a parent feels a break is needed for their child during the service, our **Infant Room** is available at the north end of the Narthex.

**Giving to Westminster's Mission and Ministry**

**At Church:** We have resumed giving through an offering in our worship service, leaning on the theology of offering as a response of gratitude to God's word in worship. Checks may be made out to Westminster Presbyterian. General donations go to support the annual budget of the church, which includes Children/Youth support, staffing, building use, worship, and mission. You may also place an offering in our Giving Baskets following the service. These are located near the exits. Look for the baskets and signs that read "Giving Basket." Ushers monitor the baskets and collect the offerings following the service. **For online giving,** scan the QR code.

**Ministers:** The whole congregation

**Pastors:** Rev. Chris Peters & Rev. Dr. Jimmy Shelbourn

**Liturgist:** Deacon Claire Titus

**Music Director:** Wes Hansmeyer

**Organist:** John Ross

**Handbell Director:** Christopher Boilesen

**Director of Children & Youth:** Trish Souliere

**Greeters:** Marilyn Smith, Valery Wachter and Josh Swanson

**Ushers:** Marijane England, David Anderson, Debra Schleining, Gwen Thorpe

**Dishwashers:** Lisa & Steve McConnell

**Sanctuary Audio and Livestream:** Dale Minter





*“I am the vine,  
you are the branches . . .”*

**The week of May 31, 2026**

*Westminster Presbyterian Church is an inclusive faith family, inspired by Jesus Christ, to call, nurture, and empower disciples.*

**Today there is a very short Called Congregational Meeting** following the worship service to vote on at-large members of the Nominating Committee.

### **Adult Ed | Sundays | 11:15 AM | Lounge**

**May 31** (Trinity Sunday): ~~Moth~~ Butterfly: The Moth is a storytelling event where ordinary people tell true stories from their life. Butterfly is Westminster’s version where our Christian friends tell stories from their lives that have impacted their life of faith. On Sunday, May 31 the Butterfly will make a reappearance.

### **WPC Arts and Crafts Show next WEEKEND**

Westminster Arts and Crafts Show is this next weekend, June 6 and 7. Come see the wide variety of talent in our church family. Put this show on your calendar as a Must See thing to do! On Saturday, June 6, hours are from 4:30pm to 7:00pm with refreshments while you browse through the Fellowship Hall in wonder. On Sunday, the doors will open about 8:30am until noon. Come early before Services or stay afterwards to view the show.



**Mission/Outreach is pleased to bring Equal Exchange Coffee and Equal Exchange Organic Chocolate to Westminster friends.** We give the opportunity to purchase Equal Exchange products during Fellowship Hour on the first Sunday of each month. Thank you for supporting our ongoing commitment to making these products available.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Giving to Pantry**

Did you bring your 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday donation to the pantry today? We’re collecting canned fruit, or canned tuna or chicken. Place your donations in the wooden box by the office and thank you!

## Youth Group Mission Trip | June 18-21

Register now to join our summer trek to serve in Kansas City and see the Great Passion Play in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. We anticipate the cost per person will be \$350.

Register here <https://forms.gle/5MCTbUkw8gXrkbNj7>. Questions? Contact Trish at [trish@westminsterlincoln.org](mailto:trish@westminsterlincoln.org) or 402-570-0163

## Join Us at Toast

Lunch Bunch will meet Tuesday, June 2, 11:30 A.M., at Toast, 570 Fallbrook Blvd. Please RSVP to [jimkinkennon@gmail.com](mailto:jimkinkennon@gmail.com) or text to 402-290-5888.

## BED BUILD: PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION

On Saturday, June 13, 2026 (9 am to 1 pm), Westminster will partner with Sleep in Heavenly Peace to build 20 beds for children in the Lincoln community, living out both organizations' missions in a tangible way. SHP's goal is that **NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN**. By participating in this bed build, Westminster volunteers will connect deeply, serve side-by-side, and make a real difference through service by giving children a safe, dignified place to sleep. All tools and safety equipment are provided, and all ages are welcome.

## Volunteer registration is now open!

You can use the QR code to sign up or contact Paul Korslund ([paulkorslund@gmail.com](mailto:paulkorslund@gmail.com)) or Gary Haller ([garyhaller70@att.net](mailto:garyhaller70@att.net)). Please plan to be part of this meaningful day of service.



## BRINGING IN THE SHEETS

Join us for a bedding drive benefitting "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" a volunteer-driven nonprofit with a simple motto: **NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN**. **This drive is done in conjunction with the SHP Bed Build** on Saturday, June 13, 2026, in the Westminster Presbyterian parking lot from 9 am to 1 pm.

There is a bed set up in the Garden Room, just like the beds we will be building. You can help by purchasing a sheet set for \$10, a bed-in-a-bag for \$40, or a comforter for \$25. Volunteers will be stationed at the bed after church services. After you decide what item or items you want to purchase, just pick it up from the cart at the end of the bed and place it on the bed. There's no need to go out to a store. If you write a check, make it out to Westminster Presbyterian Church with SHP in the memo line.

There are currently 147 children on the wait list in Lincoln to receive a bed. That number stays steady during the year. As more beds are delivered, more applications come in. It is estimated that over 8,000 children in Lincoln are currently sleeping on the floor or in undesirable conditions. Every child deserves a safe place to lay their head at night. For a child, a bed can mean better rest, better health, and a better day at school. Each child needs to feel safe and to know they matter. We are making a difference for kids in our own community one bed at a time.

Thanks for directly helping children in our own community. **Don't forget to sign up for the BED BUILD on June 13.**

*--Mission and Social Witness Committee*

### **Prairie Readers in June**

Prairie Readers will meet in the lounge at 1 PM on June 17. Martha VanSickle will lead the discussion of *Life of Pi*, a winner of the Man Booker Prize. This classic is sure to stimulate a vigorous discussion. Come and join us.

### **Hearts & Hands**

Hearts & Hands is a fun-loving group that meets every Wed. from 1:30 – 3 PM, in the church library. Our mission is to knit and crochet items for the People's City Mission—hats, scarves, baby items, toys, etc. We donate finished items in the fall before the holidays. All needle work folks are welcome to come visit and see what you're missing! Laughter is free. All yarn donations are welcome! Questions? Call Dorrie Gage, 402-730-9676.

### **Staff Schedules**

Pastor Jimmy will return to the office on Monday, June 1.

**Week Beginning May 31**

<p><b><u>Sun. (May 31)</u></b> 10 AM Worship, Sanctuary 11 AM Called Congregational Meeting 11:15 AM Adult Ed, Lounge 12 PM Sudanese Worship, Chapel</p> <p><b><u>Mon. (June 1)</u></b> 9 AM-3 PM Youth Actors Academy of Lincoln (M – F) 7 PM Recovery Group, Library</p> <p><b><u>Tues. (June 2)</u></b> 9:45 AM Staff Meeting 10 AM Lincoln City Library Summer Reading Program, Fellowship Hall 5 PM Adult Education, Conference Room</p> <p><b><u>Wed. (June 3)</u></b> 1 PM Hearts &amp; Hands, Library</p>	<p><b><u>Fri. (June 5)</u></b> 12 PM Lounge Reserved by Josh Whitfield</p> <p><b><u>Sat. (June 6)</u></b> 4:30-7 PM Arts &amp; Crafts Show with refreshments in Fellowship Hall</p> <p><b><u>Sun. (June 7)</u></b> 8:30 AM-12 PM Arts &amp; Crafts Show, Fellowship Hall 9:30 AM Equal Exchange Coffee &amp; Chocolate Available for Purchase 10 AM Worship with Communion, Sanctuary 11:15 AM Adult Ed, Lounge 12 PM Sudanese Worship, Chapel</p>
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**Worship services are available on-line at this link:**

<https://www.youtube.com/@WestminsterLincoln/streams>