

Hymn Reflection on the Trinity: God

Hymn: VU 264 "Immortal, invisible, God only wise"

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Reflection on the Trinity: Holy Spirit

Hymn: VU 375 "Spirit, Spirit of gentleness"

Commissioning and Benediction

Go into this new week, renewed to serve and to love and to learn. May God bless your thoughts, your words, and your deeds that by your living, others may recognize God in you and in the world. And may God nourish your faith, that you may know God's peace through God's eternal grace. **Amen.**

Services will be at 9:30 am for August.

Sunday September 6 Services at Avonlea will be at 11am for the rest of the Church year.

David Johnson and Jenny Pelland will be having their son Levi baptized in a private service at Avonlea United on Sunday August 23 2026.

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Welcome and Announcements

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Acknowledging the Territory

We recognize that we share this land with the first inhabitants of this area, the First Nations of Treaty 1 and the Red River Métis, with whom we seek to live in harmony on this land and all of its inhabitants. **We are all treaty people.**

Centring and Lighting the Christ Candle

Lighting a candle creates an atmosphere of calm. Lighting a candle designated as a Christ candle enables us to take time to find our quiet centre. Notice the flame and how it dances. Observe the light and how it reflects throughout the room. Feel yourself becoming at peace as you gaze at that which is an illuminating spark. Sink into the wonder of God the creator of light, Christ who came as light, and the Spirit who dances in the light.

Call to Worship

Welcome to this time of worshipping
our Triune God: Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Creator God is among us to receive our praise.

We lay down our troubles and worries and open our hearts and minds in preparation for worshipping the Holy One.

God in Christ is here to fill our hearts and minds with grace.

We bring to God our prayers for those in our communities, in our church, among family and friends, and for this world that is hurting.

The Spirit of God is waiting to embrace our prayers.

To the glory of God and praise for the goodness of the Creator, Son, and Spirit, we continue into worship today.

Opening Prayer

Creator of all, Christ of our lives, Spirit that gives life, thank you for trusting us with so much.

Your love moves us and makes everything new. Alleluia!

Bless this time. Bless all time.

Bless the world with your love.

We ask it, celebrating the Trinity: Maker, Redeemer, Sustainer.

May it be so. Amen.

Hymn Reflection on the Trinity: Names

Hymn: MV 30 "It's a song of praise to the Maker"

Prayer of Confession

God's love, you can't define it. God's love, you can't pin it down, God's love, you can't explain it. God's love, you can't limit it.

God's love, you can't confine it to a book or a faith or a person.

You find love in the Creator, the Holy Spirit, and Jesus the Christ, but God's love is also found in us and shared through us as we follow the Way of Jesus. In silence, let us open ourselves to God's love and confess whatever keeps us from experiencing and sharing that love.

**God of love, help us to see ourselves honestly,
to see each moment we intend love,
and each moment we intend otherwise.**

Trusting, by the grace of Christ, that you intend only love,

we offer ourselves to you:

receive us, forgive us, heal us, and perfect your love in us.

Amen

Words of Assurance

Here is an amazing truth. Nothing can limit God's love. Nothing can separate us from God's Love. Not time, nor gender, not the needs of today, not our status nor places of origin, not our fears or worries, and especially not the limits we set on ourselves or others.

Nothing at all. Nothing can separate us from God's Love.

We are a beloved people of God. Alleluia! Amen.

Hymn Reflection on the Trinity: Jesus *Mark 10:13-16*

Hymn: VU 345 "Come Children Join to Sing:"

Scripture Readings:

2 Corinthians 13:11–13

Psalms 8 VU 732

Offering

Invitation: We embrace the promise of love through the gifts of our offering—love with God and love with the world—as we seek to further God's eternal work of acceptance, kindness, compassion, and forgiveness.

Prayer: **These, our offerings, for a world in need. We present ourselves, such as we are, to be a blessing for the betterment of our neighbourhood and our world. May these gifts be a blessing indeed for all who are in need. Amen.**