

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026
8:00 & 10:15 AM
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



Do not let your hearts be troubled...

John 14:1-11

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Enabled by the Holy Spirit, we boldly proclaim the Good News of Christ,
sharing God's love with all through worship, education, and service.

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Welcome

Welcome to our worship today: If you are visiting with us, or if you are seeking a faith community and desire to be a part of our ministries, we encourage you to follow the contact information at the bottom of this page and give us your address, telephone number and/or e-mail address so that we may contact you.

Offering:

Offering may be placed in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary or in the basket near the elevator. The offering will be carried to the front at 10:15 worship and presented during the offertory.

Online Giving:



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Prayer List:

The clipboard to add people to the prayer list is on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please be sure to include your name, their name, your relationship, and the prayer request.

INTRODUCTION

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

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+GATHERING+

WELCOME & PRELUDE (10:15 only)

The church bell is rung three times to proclaim that we gather to worship in the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Please remain seated.

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.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water is poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

P: Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please stand

GATHERING HYMN *(10:15 only)*

“Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!”

ELW 380

The resurrection is proclaimed three times:

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!


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C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo - ry to God! Glo - ry to God! Glo - ry in the high - est!
(repeat)



To God be glor - ry for - ev - er. To God be glo - ry for - ev - er.



Al - le - lu - ia, A - men. Al - le - lu - ia, A - men.



Al - le - lu - ia, A - men. Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

+WORD+

FIRST READING: ACTS 7:55-60

⁵⁵ Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

¹ In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

² **Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

⁴ **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.**

⁵ Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

¹⁵ **My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

¹⁶ Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 2:2-10

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," ⁸ and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu-ia.

GOSPEL: JOHN 14:1-14

P: The holy gospel according to John.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

P: The gospel of our Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

ELW 384

APOSTLES' CREED

A: With the whole church let us confess our faith:

C: **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 INTERCESSION

A: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

A: Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

- A: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
- C: **Amen.**

PRAYER RESPONSE



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

THE PEACE

- A: The peace of Christ be with you always.
- C: **And also with you.**

8:00 Please remain standing. 10:15 Please be seated.

+MEAL+

MUSICAL OFFERING *(10:15 only)*

OFFERTORY

Please stand and sing as offering is brought to the front.



Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!



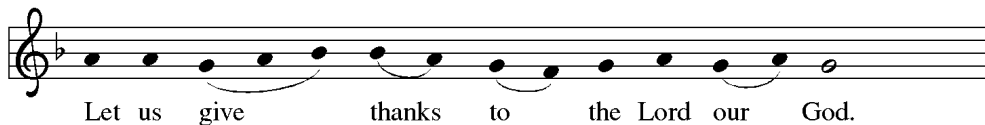
Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

THE OFFERING PRAYER

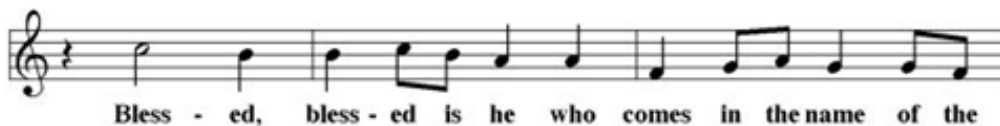
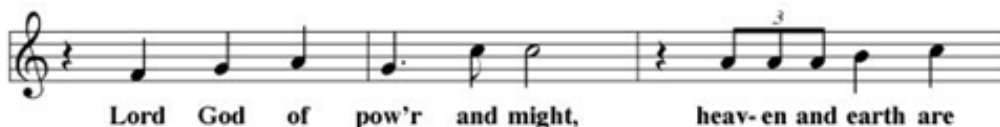
A: Let us pray.

C: **Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: 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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, we praise you, O God.

C: Amen.

THE 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 to the table of new life.

C: **Receive the risen Lord.**

COMMUNION

All baptized believers are welcome at the Lord's table. We trust in faith that the real presence of Christ is present in the bread and the wine. You will be invited to come to the front to receive the bread from the pastor, and then move to the side to receive an individual cup of white grape juice or red wine. Gluten free wafers are available. Please ask at the time of communion. Those who are not communing today, may come forward and request a blessing.



The image shows a musical score for the Agnus Dei hymn, consisting of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;". The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: "have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy." The third staff repeats the first line: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;". The fourth staff repeats the second line: "have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy." The fifth staff concludes the piece with the lyrics: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace." The music is written in a simple, melodic style suitable for congregational singing.

Remain standing (8:00 am) Please be seated (10:15 am)

COMMUNION HYMN

"I Received the Living God"

ELW 477

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

A: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

C: Amen.

+SENDING+

BLESSING

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

ELW 389

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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WORSHIP HELPERS	MAY 3	MAY 10
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<u>GREETERS</u>	Daryl & Ja'net Gochenauer	Kevin & Jill Kramer
<u>ASSISTING MINISTER</u>	Stacey Zeller	8:00 Amy Boya 10:15 Koen Thomas
<u>LECTORS</u>	8:00 Ja'net Gochenauer 10:15 Aubrey Hartman	8:00 Tom Hocker 10:15 Mike Hartman
<u>USHERS</u>	Leslie Hocker Mike Hartman Aubrey Hartman	Jim Smith Mary-Louise Smith
<u>ALTAR GUILD</u>	Sharon Stevens, Denise Burkhard	Deb George

Prayers:

For all of our homebound.

For the work of the Call Committee.

Members: Cathy Lamason; Phil Warner; Denise Burkhard; Alan and Bonnie Williamson; John Wallace; Carol Pensyl; Linda Humes; Miriam Wise

Friends: Joey W.; Jeff Hess; Vickey Wood; Tracy Goshorn; Vickie Widmann; Eliette Costella; Olan Turner; Cally Cole; Gunnar Etchison; Robin Gladen; Stephen; Charles Crum; Jean Kuhn

Family & Friends of: April Zink; Kathy Miller; Thomas McCready; Sam Palumbo
Names will remain on the prayer list for three weeks; if they should remain on the prayer list for longer, please contact the office via phone or email.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY CHURCH: MAY 3, 2026

Sun, 5/3 8 & 10:15 am, Worship with Holy Communion
8:45 am, Snax 'n Study / 9 am, Confirmation Class
10:15 am, First Sunday Kids
11:30 am, Worship & Music Ministry Meeting

Tues, 5/5 6:30 pm, Women at the Well Needle Night

Wed, 5/6 Church office closed for Retreat
6:15 pm, Bells; 6:50 pm, Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm, Bible Study

Thurs, 5/7 Church office closed for Retreat
7 pm, Church Council

Fri, 5/8 4 pm, Set up for Trinity's Clothing Closet

Sat, 5/9 9 am, Trinity's Closet-on-Main

Update from your Call Committee

We have been meeting weekly since January 15 to complete Trinity's Ministry Site Profile, the document that is posted by our Synod for any pastor considering a call within the Synod. The profile is 10 pages long, and it asks very detailed, complex, and thorough questions about our town, our congregation, our mission, our energies, and our expectations. We use your anonymous written responses to the surveys done in worship earlier this year combined with results of our own conversations, and we discuss the questions, pray and reflect upon them for a week, and finalize the answers the following week as a group. We currently have approximately 80-90% of the document completed. When we are finished, we will present the document to Council for their approval.

Thank you for the trust and faith you have placed in us during this very important time!



Trinity Church

CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, May 16
8 am - ?

Come for a couple hours
or all day.

Let Mike Hartman know if you
can come, or just show up!