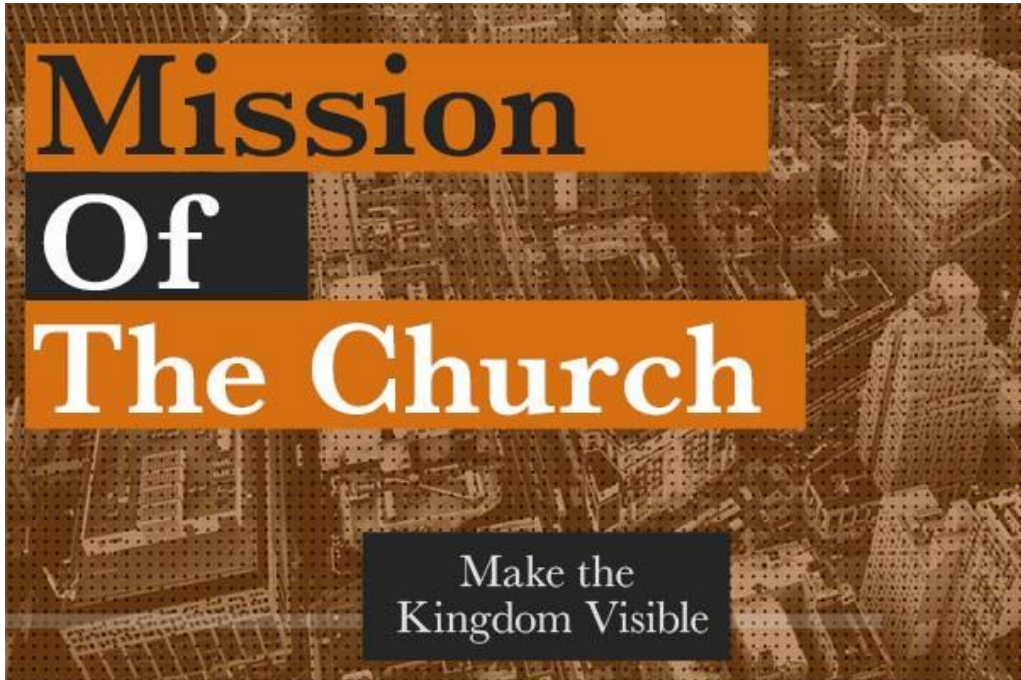


SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026  
8:00 & 10:15 AM  
ASCENSION OF OUR LORD  
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



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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.

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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**

In today's readings the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

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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)*

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

ELW 634

The resurrection is proclaimed three times:

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**


P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**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 only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

+WORD+

## FIRST READING: ACTS 1:1-11

[Luke writes:] <sup>1</sup> In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." <sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

L: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 47

<sup>1</sup> Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
shout to God with a joyful sound.

<sup>2</sup> **For the Lord Most High is to be feared:  
a great king over all the earth,**

<sup>3</sup> who subdues the peoples under us,  
and the nations under our feet;

<sup>4</sup> **who chooses our inheritance for us,  
the pride of Jacob, whom God loves.**

<sup>5</sup> God has gone up with a shout,  
the Lord with the sound of the ram's horn.

<sup>6</sup> **Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our king, sing praises.**

<sup>7</sup> For God is king of all the earth;  
sing praises with a song.

<sup>8</sup> **God reigns over the nations;  
God is enthroned on high.**

<sup>9</sup> The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of  
the God of Abraham. The rulers of the earth belong to God,  
who is highly exalted.

## SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1:15-23

<sup>15</sup> I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward  
all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for  
you as I remember you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and  
revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your  
heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he  
has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance  
among the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his  
power for us who believe, according to the working of his great  
power. <sup>20</sup> God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him  
from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly  
places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion  
and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also  
in the age to come.

<sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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.

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## GOSPEL: LUKE 24:44-53

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

<sup>44</sup> [Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” <sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.

<sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup> and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

“Rejoice, for Christ is King!”

ELW 430

## 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!



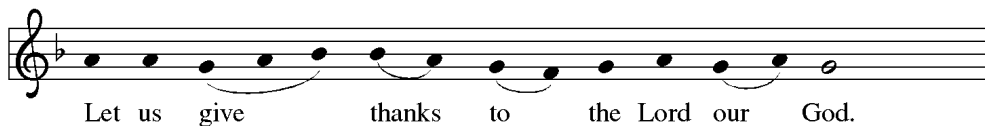
Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

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, consisting of five staves of music. The first two staves are in German, and the last three are in English. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us, have mercy on us, have mercy." The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a common time signature (C). The tempo is marked with a quarter note.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

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

## COMMUNION HYMN

"This is Christ's Body"

ACS 967

*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

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

ELW 579

## DISMISSAL

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

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

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**Prayers:**

**For all of our homebound.**

**For the work of the Call Committee.**

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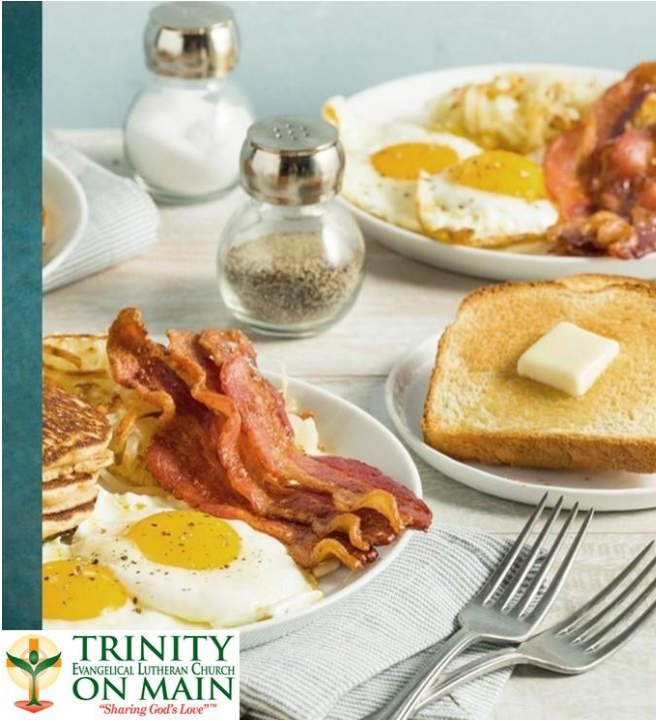
*Names will remain on the prayer list for three weeks; if they should remain on the prayer list for longer, please contact the office via phone or email.*

**THIS WEEK AT TRINITY CHURCH: MAY 17, 2026**

Sun, 5/17      8 & 10:15 am, Worship with Holy Communion  
                     8:45 am, Snax 'n Study  
                     9 am, Confirmation Class

Tues, 5/19     6:30 pm, Women at the Well Needle Night

Wed, 5/20      6:15 pm, Bells; 6:50 pm, Choir Rehearsal  
                     7:30 pm, Bible Study



# **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

**Join us monthly,  
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8 am**

**CC's Kitchen**

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