



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 18, 2025 - 10:00 AM - in the Gym

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

As disciples of Christ working for peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and embrace all people, without exception, into the fullness of God's love. We advocate for racial, gender, queer, and economic equity. We celebrate people of all cultures, ages, races, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status, and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this community. All are invited to join us as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of her grandmother, Mary Hembree, by Kaitlin Moose.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister	Susan Crowell
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GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

Please stand as able THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font.

Water! Look! Here is water – the water of life! We praise you, O God, for the water of life!

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

We praise you, O God, for the water of life!

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

We praise you, O God, for the water of life!

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

We praise you, O God, for the water of life! Amen.

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. *Refrain*

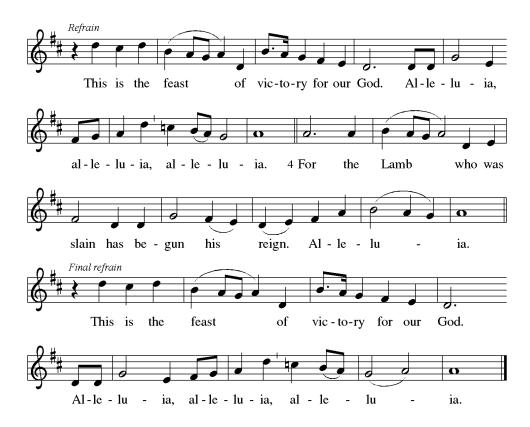
Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. *Refrain*

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain*

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all. **And also with you.**





PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Gracious and loving God, You make all things new in your risen One, Jesus Christ. Through Christ, you have revealed your love, and through the commandment of Jesus, you call us to love one another. Grant that we may live as your new creation, sharing the hope of the resurrection and bearing witness to the abiding peace only love can bring. As you promise the new heaven and the new earth, refresh us with the water of life, and make us bold to proclaim Christ, who is glorified through the cross and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**.

Please be seated

FIRST READING

Acts 11:1-18

A reading from Acts.

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the Jewish believers criticized him, ³ saying, "Why did you go to the Gentiles and eat with them?" ⁴ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. 7 I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, O God; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'9But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' 10 This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three messengers, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹² The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six believers also accompanied me, and we entered Cornelius' house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of God saying, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ If then God gave them the same gift that was given to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

The refrain is introduced by the cantor Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction.



SECOND READING

A reading from Revelation.

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. God will dwell with them; they will be God's peoples, and that very God will be with them and be their God; ⁴God will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new," and also said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then the one seated on the throne said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Missy Roberts

Please stand as able



Sing twice

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the thirteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹When Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son-of-Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in God's own self and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Judeans so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

SERMON

Please stand as able

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

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Missy Roberts

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain*

Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race, neighbors are nearby and far away. *Refrain*

These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love; all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain*

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet: this is the way we will live with you. *Refrain* NICENE CREED

God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God. eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead.

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Fill the church with the spirit of your redeeming love. Make us steadfast in our proclamation of your grace for all people without exception, especially those often overlooked in our communities. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Awaken joy in the beauty and abundance of your creation. Show us the wonder of your presence from the smallest flower to the tallest tree. Recommit us to preserve wild places and guide us to protect and restore the homes of bees, frogs, and salamanders. Grant us new motivation to safeguard your home among us and the creatures you created. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Instruct all world leaders to protect the most vulnerable among us. Guide those in power toward equitable and just economic policies, so that all might have sufficient resources to live safely and with dignity. Bring food and fresh water to those who lack these vital resources. We pray for justice and peace among nations where war and violence rage, especially Ukraine and Russia, Palestine and Israel, Haiti, Sudan, Myanmar, Yemen, India and Pakistan. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pour out your love on all in need of care: those mourning losses, enduring trauma, experiencing broken relationships, yearning for companionship, or facing frightening illness, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Wipe away every tear. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Abide with all who are victims of racism, especially people who are doubly marginalized because of gender, queerness, or ability. Destroy all forms of systemic oppression, and renew our commitment to healing the wounds of our collective body in this community and beyond. Grant safety, protection, and compassion for all migrants. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We lift before you today all those who serve as chaplains—in hospitals, military units, prisons, schools, workplaces, and on the front lines of crisis. Strengthen their hearts as they walk with others through pain, grief, fear, and uncertainty. Give them your words of peace in moments of chaos, your wisdom in silence, and your compassion in every encounter. Grant them resilience when they are weary, hope when the burden is heavy, and a continual sense of your presence as they minister to those in need. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Bless family life everywhere and fill all homes with respect, joy, laughter, and prayer. Strengthen the commitment of partners to one another, that they may mirror your faithfulness; pour out your Spirit on parents, that through them their children may taste your unconditional love; and empower all family members to live in your grace and forgiveness, especially when that work seems difficult. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for all the saints whose lives bear witness to your redeeming love. Guide us by their example, until we join them in your eternal home. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ is with you always. **And also with you.**

Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated

MEAL

OFFERING

Peace I Leave with You Music: Philip M. Young Text from John 14:27 Adult Choir

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Please stand as able

OFFERING HYMN

Hail Thee, Festival Day! (verses 1-2) #394

Refrain

Hail thee, festival day! Blest day to be hallowed forever; day when our Lord was raised, breaking the kingdom of death.

All the fair beauty of earth from the death of the winter arising! Ev'ry good gift of the year now with its master returns: *Refrain*

Rise from the grave now, O Lord, the author of life and creation. Treading the pathway of death new life you give to us all: *Refrain*

Let us pray, Risen One,

you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

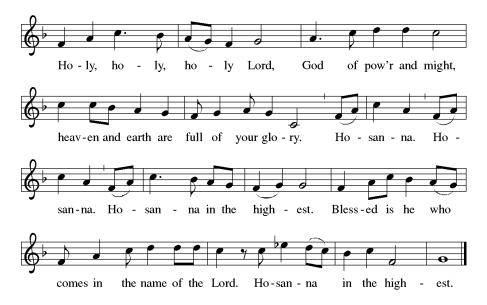
The Lord is with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace. The gift of new life belongs to you...to ALL of you! **Thanks be to God!**

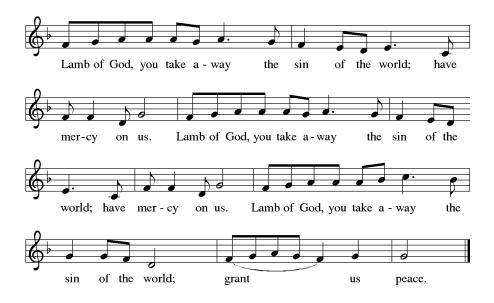
Please be seated

COMMUNION

All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Both wine and grape juice are available in the split chalice— wine in the larger section and grape juice in the smaller section. Christ's grace and forgiveness is found in the bread, wine, and grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available.

At the direction of the ushers, worshippers are invited to move to the front of the center aisle to dip the wafer into the chalice to receive Communion by intinction.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



Rejoice! by Jim Parham Handbell Choir

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet *Vamos todos al banquete*

Refrain / Estribillo Va - mos to dos alban - que --te, la а Let us go ban - quet, now to the to the me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta bu feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta-ble's set and a place is tie-ne_un pues - to re te $y_u - na$ mi sión. wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share. 1 Hoy me le van - to muy tem pra no; ya me es -1 Ι will rise in the ear _ ly morn ing; the com -2 God in vites all the poor and hun gry to the 3 May we build such a place а mong us where all pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do_a - le - gre la mu - ni-ty's wait - ing for me. With spring in my а step I'm ban-quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be peo-ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -Refrain / Estribillo cues - ta, voy en bus са de tu a - mis tad. walk - ing with my friends and my fam i ly. hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food. geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing have. we

- 2 Dios invita_a todos los pobres a_esta mesa común por la fe, donde no_hay acaparadores y_a nadie le falta_el conqué. Estribillo
- 3 Dios nos manda_a_hacer de_este mundo una mesa donde_haya_igualdad, trabajando_y luchando juntos, compartiendo la propiedad. Estribillo

GATHERING

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God of tempest, God of whirlwind, as on Pentecost descend! Drive us out from sheltered comfort; past these walls your people send! Sweep us into costly service, there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!

God of blazing, God of burning, all that blocks your purpose purge! Through your church, Christ's living Body, let your flaming Spirit surge! Where deceit conceals injustice, kindle us to speak your truth, kindle us to speak your truth!

God of earthquake, God of thunder, shake us loose from lethargy! Break the chains of sin asunder, for earth's healing set us free! Crumble walls that still divide us; make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!

God of passion, God unsleeping, stir in us love's restlessness! Where the people cry in anguish, may we share your heart's distress. Rouse us from content with evil; claim us for your kingdom's work, claim us for your kingdom's work!

Baptized and Set Free

We are people created, chosen by God. Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love. Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.

We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed. Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed. For whatever the need, God is greater indeed: endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.

We are nourished by water, all living things, and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings. As we journey toward home, may your presence be known: precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.

Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song. All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong. Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free! #453

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light! Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open our eyes; breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain*

Jesus the vine, we are the branches; life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree; heaven to earth, Christ to the people, gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain*

Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent: death put asunder, and Easter is bright. Cherubim sing: O grave, be open! Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain*

City of God, Easter forever, golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb, river of life, saints and archangels, sing with creation to God the I Am! *Refrain*

Please stand as able

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection joy, now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

#535

Refrain

Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness. Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness. Repeat

Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread, I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger. Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread, I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger. *Refrain*

Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel. Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt, strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Go now, beloved of God, for the one who makes all things new goes with you. Let love be your song, mercy your path, and hope your light as you walk in Christ's glory.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Following worship, everyone is invited to gather for refreshments and fellowship in the back corner of the Gym.

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