



TRINITY
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Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Welcome to Trinity!

A place of love, grace, and belonging, where all, without exception, are loved, honored, valued, affirmed, welcomed, and celebrated.

If we can make you feel more at home, please speak to an usher or greeter.

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.

ADULTS & CHILDREN

Worship Bags are available in the Narthex or the Gym for children. Bags for preschoolers are tied with a white ribbon. Bags for elementary age children have no ribbon. After worship, used bags may be placed in the baskets next to the stands.

A nursery hosted by a member of the Trinity staff, Beth Oswald, as well as a small group of rotating volunteers who have been trained in Trinity's Child Protection Policy is available each Sunday morning beginning at 9:45 am to care for infants and toddlers who would prefer enjoying play time instead of attending 10:00 am worship. The nursery is located on the first floor of the Pence Building. Please reach out to a greeter or usher if you need assistance.

PRAYING WITH US

We encourage you to participate fully in our service, as you are comfortable. We invite you to read aloud the **bold text**. Wherever you see ✠, you are invited to cross yourself. Other actions are indicated during the service, but none are required.

LET'S GET CONNECTED

If you are new to Trinity, we are thrilled to have you here. If you would like to know more about this congregation and our ministry please share your contact information with us by filling out a Connection Card which can be obtained from the pew racks or baskets. Thank you for your presence among us.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the wedding of David Londono and Jeff Waddell.

Serving Today

Susan J. Crowell

Presiding Minister and Preaching

Patrick D. Preacher

Assisting Minister

Jim Parham

Pianist and Choir Director

Lector

William Bryant, Jr.

Prayers

Kerrie Seymour

Cantors

Bob and Sheryl Schirmer

Guitar

Duke Barsody

Bass Guitar

Brian Goodlett

Percussion

John Beckford

Communion Assistant

Joe Druga

Acolyte

Christopher Clark

Children's Worship Opportunity

Mark Allen, Jess Bigby

Nursery

Beth Oswald, JL Dykes

Praying for Possibilities

Angie McCormack

New Member Greeters

Sharron Goodlett, Donna Robinson

Greeters

Mark Allen, Jane Mortensen,
Lyle Mortensen, Suzanne Rudisill,
Stopy Stoppenhagen

Ushers

Richard Delap, Pattimarie Janssen,
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God Welcomes All

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Please stand as you're able.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who raised Jesus from the tomb, broke the chains of death, and continues to set us free.

Amen.

In the name of ☩ God our Holy Parent,
Christ who destroyed death,
and the Holy Spirit who grants us peace, we give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Celebrating with water, we give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created water before then creating us in your own image. You placed us in a well-watered garden with water as a life source. 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. On this day, we gather with your people around the water of life.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

We praise you and thank you for creating each of us in your holy image. In Christ you welcome all parts of us. You welcome our brokenness, our doubts, our certainties, our Queerness, and our not-Queerness. You welcome us because you love us. In the waters of baptism we are defined by your grace and love.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Gathered around this water, remind us that you created each drop of water on this earth. You created the oceans we love to float in, the tears which sting our eyes, the water we wash ourselves clean with in showers, and the cool water we sip as sweet tea on a cool day. As you made water to take such numerous forms, so did you carefully and wonderfully make each of us to be unique in your infinite images. Just as water gets each of us equally wet, so does your love cover all of creation, without exception.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation. Claiming ourselves and each other as your people, we give you honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Room at the Table

Piano introduction

Music and Lyrics: Carrie Newcomer



1 Let our
2 Too
3 No



hearts not be hard-ened to those liv - ing on the mar - gins. There is
long we have wan-dered bur - dened and un - done, but there is
mat - ter who you are, no mat - ter where you've been, there is



room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry - one. This is
room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry - one. This is
room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry - one. Here and



where it all be - gins, this is how we ga - ther in. There is
how it all be - gins. Let us sing the new world in. There is
now we can be the be - loved com - mun - i - ty. There is



room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry - one.
room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry - one.
room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry - one.

Chorus



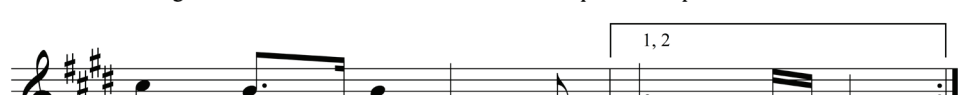
There is room for us all, and no gift is too small. There is



room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry - one. There's e -



nough if we share. Come on pull up a chair. There is



room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry - one.

Finale ending



ev - 'ry - one. There is room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry - one, for



ev - 'ry - one.



GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!


Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE


Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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




1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



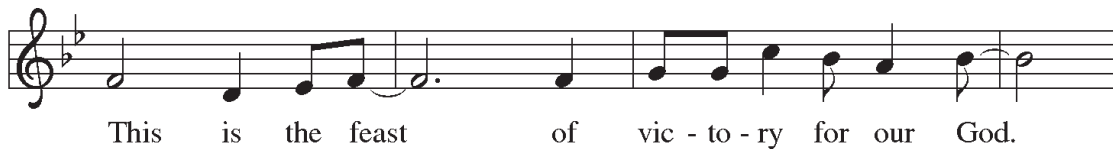
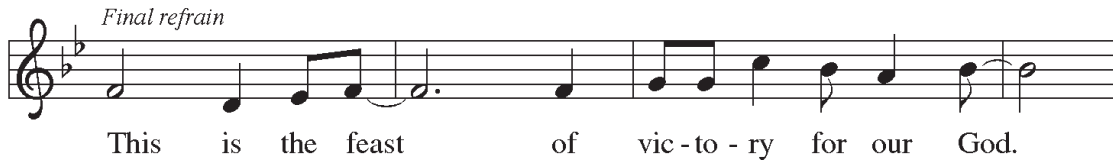
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord is with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of light and love, you call us out of shadow and name us as your own. In a world that measures worth by power, productivity, and perfection, you speak a different truth: we are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy community, your beloved ones. Forgive us when we narrow your grace or hoard your love. Open our eyes to your marvelous light. Remind us that being chosen is not about exclusion, but invitation – invitation into deeper compassion, wider justice, and bolder mercy. Shape us into a people that proclaim the good news of your inclusive gospel to all people. Root us in your grace, ground us in your hope, and help us to love this world with the same relentless love you have for us; in the name of the Risen Christ. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The prayer of the day covers the wide variety of human longing and responsibilities of the church and humanity.

God Speaks to Us Through a Living Word

We follow a three year cycle of readings called a Lectionary. These are lessons being heard in congregations from many denominations throughout the world on this day.

The Psalm is a hymn or poem. The psalms cover the whole range of the relationship between God and God's people. The Book of Psalms, while a "book" of the Bible, consists of 150 hymns intended to be sung.

Accompanied by Child Protection trained adults, children are invited to leave worship after the children's sermon to go hear the scripture read in ways more appropriate for their age. Using lectionary stories heard in worship each Sunday, the children not only hear scripture, but enjoy a related activity such as a game, craft, or music. Children return to worship during the sharing of the peace and in time to participate in the celebration of Holy Communion.

A READING

1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-10

A reading from first Peter.

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 Christ, 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.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the one who called you out of darkness into 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.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

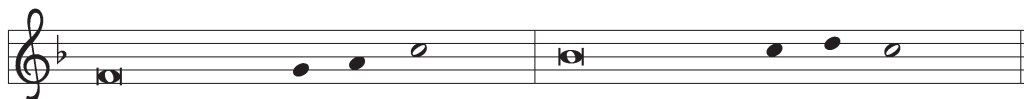
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Psalm
Refrain



In - to your hands, O LORD, I com - mend my spir - it.

Psalm
Tone



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 de- | liver 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 tow- | er of strength. R

⁵ Into your hands I com- | mend 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 up- | on your servant;
save me in your | steadfast love." **R**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

God Chooses You

Please stand as able.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL

John 14:1-6a

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the fourteenth chapter.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Abba God’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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

During worship, there is always a reading from a Gospel. We stand to indicate the importance we place on Jesus’ words and actions.

SERMON

Chosen to Belong...Called to Serve

HYMN OF THE DAY

Christ, Be Our Light

Please stand as able.



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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The Prayers of Intercession are always responsive, because everyone gives voice to the supplications. We include prayers for others throughout the world, in our Synod, and those connected to our congregation.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the resurrection power that rolls away every stone of despair and division, let us bring before God the longings of a world aching to be made whole.

A brief silence.

God of the cornerstone and the threshold, you build your church not of stone alone, but of every voice raised in love. Breathe fresh fire into lay leaders, pastors, and bishops — that they may proclaim forgiveness with open hands and welcome every soul, Queer and not, Trans, nonbinary, and cisgender into the fullness of



your grace. Do not let our hearts be troubled, merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of the ancient forests and the rising seas, you spoke creation into being and called it good — every creature, every ecosystem, every fragile and magnificent thread of life. Where pollution poisons and climate crisis threatens, stir in us the courage to protect what you have loved into existence. Do not let our hearts be troubled, merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of the refugee and the marginalized, you have always made your home among the displaced and the forgotten. Bend the hearts of political leaders toward justice; raise up fierce advocates for those who seek refuge, asylum, and dignity. May our laws reflect your fierce, boundary-crossing love. Do not let our hearts be troubled, merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of tender mercy, you draw close to those who grieve, those who are ill, those who are afraid, and those whose bodies and identities the world has too often refused to honor. Hold gently all who suffer, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Fill caregivers with holy purpose, and remind the wounded that they are beloved, whole, and seen. Do not let our hearts be troubled, merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of belonging, you call us into community across every difference — gender and generation, ability and background. Make your presence radiant among those who cannot gather with us today, that no one would ever doubt they have a place at your table. Do not let our hearts be troubled, merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of every new beginning, you have been at work in the lives of those who join us as official members today long before they ever entered our doors. We thank you for Karen, Jen, Tiana, Mary, Christopher, Kyle, Cindy, Kale, Haddie, Nickolas, Paul, Sherri, and Susan. You said yes to them the moment they took their first breath as infants. You've been drawing them through doubt and wonder, through seeking and into being found. Welcome them now into Trinity's expression of your body, this community of imperfect and beloved people. May they know themselves seen, claimed, and celebrated exactly as they are — every identity, every story, every gift they carry. And may we, who receive them, be changed by their presence among us. Do not let our hearts be troubled, merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of those who have gone before, your dwelling places have no locked doors, no tests, and no hierarchies of worth. We give thanks for the faithful departed who bore witness to your love in word and deed, who marched and prayed and dreamed of a more just world. May we carry their legacy forward. Do not let our hearts be troubled, merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection and renewal, take these prayers, though they are imperfect and perhaps too hopeful, and use them to proclaim new life to every corner of your beloved world. Through Jesus Christ, who rose for all of us and who is making all things new, **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WELCOME INTO MEMBERSHIP

I invite those who are being received today as members of Trinity Lutheran Church to come forward at this time and stand facing the congregation:

Karen Beck
Jennifer and Tiana Childress
Mary Clark, Christopher
Kyle and Cindy Davis, Kale and Haddie
Nickolas Nyhus and Paul Tan
Sherri Severa and Susan Sommer

Siblings in Christ: You belong to God. You are created in the image of Mother-Father God. You are strong, beautiful, loved, enough. Today, your connection to this community of faith is made official. We now belong together. We now serve together. We now work together to shine Christ's love and light into the world.

We strive to see the value and worth in every single human being. We strive to bring hope and comfort to a broken, hurting world. We strive to create brave, safe spaces where more and more people can find welcome and belonging. We acknowledge the pain and suffering that the church has caused and we covenant to work together to bring healing and wholeness, restoration and reconciliation.

My siblings in Christ:

Will you join with this fellowship of faith as we work to make this community and the world a more fair, just, and equitable place for all people?

Will you embrace the reality that in life as in faith, there are often more questions than answers, more uncertainty than certainty?

Will you use your time, talent, and treasure to proclaim in word and deed the good news of God's love in Christ for all people?

Will you strive to grow in faith, to see the image of God in all humanity, to break down barriers that divide and exclude one person from another?

Will you step forward in faith, knowing that saying "yes" to this community, "yes" to God in Christ, "yes" to life in the church is fraught with risk and challenge?

Will you say "yes" to God and this family of faith trusting that the Holy Spirit is always leading and guiding us into new places, new ministries, new ways to lead and serve?

Will you trust that through the sacraments of communion and baptism God is extending grace?

Will you open your heart, your mind, your ears, your eyes, your hands to the work God is calling us to do together even when that work is difficult and challenging?

I will and I ask God to help and guide me.

Please stand as able



Trinity family and friends, will you welcome these fellow travelers on the journey of faith and into the life we share together in this community? Will you accept them as partners in ministry, extending your love, care, and support to them as part of this family of faith?

We will, with the help of God.

Let us pray. Gracious God, you make these people your very own. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit you empower them, encourage them, sustain them. Through the sacraments of baptism and communion, you extend grace upon grace. As they join with this family of faith, renew their lives, strengthen their faith, give them patience and grace for the challenges of daily life, remind them over and over and over again of your love in Christ for each and every one of them. Use them to build and nurture the kin-dom of God.

Amen.

Let us offer welcome into our family of faith.

Beloved children of God, we welcome you into this household of faith. You are no longer strangers or sojourners, but equal citizens with the saints and members of this household of faith, all of us learning together, serving together, proclaiming together the good news of God in Christ's inclusive love for all humanity.

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.

God Invites Us to the Table

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Adult Choir

Come to Him

Music: Mark Kilstofte

Text from 1 Peter 2: 4 – 5a

*Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals
yet chosen and precious in God's sight,
and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house.*

The Peace has been exchanged in worship since the time of the first Christians. It is a profound act to offer the miraculous peace of God to one another before we join in communion with God and each other.

The Offertory is when we bring our gifts of bread, wine, money, and our very selves to present to God as our initial act of thanksgiving. This collection is a visible reminder that our whole lives are God's, and a part of what God has given us we give back in thanksgiving for all that we have and all that we are. Financial contributions can be placed in the offering plates during worship, mailed to the church, or given electronically by going to our website trinitylutheran.ws, by scanning the QR code, or texting TRINITY to 3256.



This anthem was commissioned for this congregation's 100th anniversary.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
5 Christ has a - ris - en to set us free.

Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, to him prais - es be.

For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;

e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
he reigns tri - um - phant, hea - ven - ly king.

Refrain

Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.

Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen Christ,
**on this morning of hope that refuses to stay buried,
we bring our gifts —
imperfect, heartfelt, and alive with possibility.
You who destroyed the power of death
also break open our fear, our scarcity, our stinginess.
Plant in us a resurrection generosity,
that dares to imagine a world made new.
Bless these offerings, we pray,
that they may become shelter for the weary,
welcome for the stranger,
justice for the oppressed,
and belonging for all who have been told they are not enough.
May what we give today help build a community
where every body is honored,
every story is sacred,
and love rises again and again.
In the name of the Risen One,
who calls us into courage, compassion, and community. Amen.**

THE 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 our joy and honor
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you,
O God of resurrection and new life.

In the rising of Jesus, you overturn the powers of death
and break open every tomb that holds your people captive.
You lift up the lowly,
restore the broken,
and call all people into the fullness of life.
You create each and every one of us in your image,
declaring every life beloved, valued, and celebrated.

Through your Spirit, you gather a people
to seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you –
a community where no one is cast aside.
With all the witnesses of the resurrection,
We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus (holy, holy, holy) recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, overwhelmed by the presence of God in the sanctuary, and these words were sung by the people as Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The Sanctus reminds us that this is an offering of the whole creation, which joins in singing these praises.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

At the right time, you sent Jesus,
An open channel of light and love,
who turned water into wine,
rejection into welcome,
hunger into fullness,
and death into life.

On 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.



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.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts
of bread and wine,
that they may nourish us to be your hands and heart in the world;
to feed the hungry,
welcome the stranger,
and reject evil in the world and in our own hearts,
until that day when all creation is made whole
and every tear is wiped away,
and God's kin-dom of peace and justice reigns over all the earth. **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.

The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus gave to his followers when they asked him to teach them to pray. It links our daily bread to the spiritual food we receive in Communion.

In an effort to further embrace Trinity's mission of welcome, affirmation, and hospitality, both wine and grape juice are available in the split chalice.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Lamb of God

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

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Lamb of God'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one flat) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have'. The second staff continues with 'mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the'. The third staff continues with 'world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the'. The fourth staff concludes with 'sin of the world; grant us peace.' The word 'grant' is underlined with a red line in the original image.



Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Graham Kendrick,
b. 1950

Music: Graham
Kendrick

Shine, Jesus Shine

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Shine, Je-sus, shine, — fill this land with the Fa-ther's glo-ry;



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, — set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv-er, flow, — flood the na - tions with grace and mer-cy;



send forth your Word, — Lord, and let there be light!



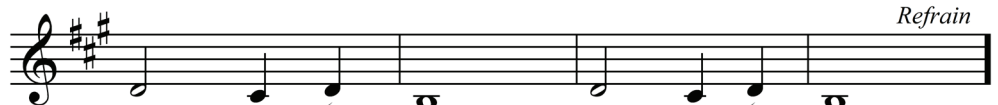
1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis -



dark-ness, shin-ing; Je-sus, light of the world, shine up-on — us,
play your like-ness, ev - er chang-ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth you now bring us.
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.



Shine on — me, shine on — me:
Shine on — me, shine on — me:

Text: Daniel L. Schutte,
b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM,
LORD, Daniel L.
Schutte

Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

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I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a-lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat-is-fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

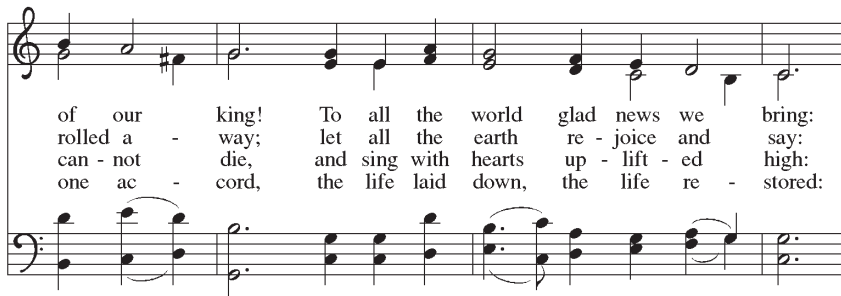


lead me. I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joyce and sing! Now is the tri-umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is
3 Praise we in songs of vic-to-ry that love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris-en Lord, and sing to-day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
rolled a-way; let all the earth re-joyce and say:
can-not die, and sing with hearts up-lift-ed high:
one ac-cord, the life laid down, the life re-stored:



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, al-le-lu-ia!

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872-1955, alt.

Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius, 1570-1615

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Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Music and Text: Rick
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Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your
prais - ses. — I'm so glad you're in — my life;
I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heav - en to earth
— to show the way, — from the earth — to the cross,
— my debt to pay, — from the cross — to the grave,
— from the grave — to the sky; — Lord, I lift your name on high.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand as able.

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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, **Amen.**

God Sends Us to Love and Serve the World

BLESSING

May the ☩ Risen Christ meet you where you are and call you beyond where you thought you could go.
May this meal strengthen you
to practice resurrection in your daily living —
to seek justice, love your neighbor, welcome the immigrant, and widen the circle of belonging. **Amen.**

After Communion, we
give thanks for being
part of the communion
of God's life and for
being fed so that we
may go out to feed
and serve others in our
world.



SENDING HYMN

Note: each verse is sung twice before returning to the refrain.

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises
Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona

Refrain— sung twice each time

Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our

bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. *End*
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain

I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

DISMISSAL

Beloved Community,
You have been called out of darkness into God's marvelous light.
You are chosen – not for privilege, but for purpose;
entrusted with a story that must be lived, not just told.
Go in peace.
Shine Christ's light into the world.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Following worship, everyone is invited to gather for special refreshments and fellowship in the back corner of the Gym honoring our new members.

Having heard the Gospel and having been fed at communion, the final act of our common worship is the Dismissal. It is not an afterthought, but an integral part of the service. Jesus' final action on earth was to send his followers into the world to make disciples, baptizing and teaching them to obey all he had commanded.

And so we are sent out into the world to proclaim the Good News and be Christ's hands and feet on earth.

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WILL BE ORDAINED TO THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT
INTO CHRIST'S ONE HOLY, CATHOLIC, AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH

PENTECOST SUNDAY
MAY 24, 2026 | 10:00 AM

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Bishop Ginny Aebischer
Presiding over the Ordination

Pastor Susan Crowell
Preaching

Patrick Preacher
Presiding over Holy Communion

Patrick will be installed during this service as
Pastor of Queer Ministry and Belonging
serving Trinity Lutheran Church

Clergy from all traditions are invited to vest
and/or wear a stole. The color of the day is red.

Attendees are welcome to wear red or rainbow.

Livestream will be available at www.trinitylutheran.ws &
[Trinity Lutheran, Greenville's](#) Facebook and Youtube pages



RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

Activities & Opportunities

Our beloved Trinity Community celebrates with Keith and Elizabeth Thompson at the birth of their daughter, Hannah Elise, on April 29.

Adult Faith Exploration continues to meet each Sunday at 9:00 am in Rooms 12 and 13. Next week's class will be led by Angie McCormack.

Support Group for Women in Challenging Relationships. This group, led by Jerry Wesley, Trinity's Coordinator for Mental Health Wellness, is a safe, judgment-free space where participants can share with others who understand, find encouragement, practical ideas, hope, and build genuine connections with women walking a similar path. Reach out to Jerry Wesley for more information. Childcare is provided.

Congregational Mental Health Event. Everyone is invited to gather for a congregational lunch and program in the Multipurpose Room led by Jerry Wesley, LMFTA, Trinity's Coordinator of Mental Health Wellness, today from 11:45 am to 1:00 pm. The gathering will focus on ways to promote positive mental health for ourselves and for the communities in which we belong and will include a short lesson as well as fun activities to encourage and support positive mental health for all.

Introducing A Pray and Play Area in Worship. Worshippers in the Gym worship space will see a Pray and Play area being put together, piece by piece. A Pray and Play Area is a designated space within the worship area where young children are welcome to be present and engaged during worship in ways that suit how they naturally learn and experience the world: through movement, touch, and imaginative play. This area will include a large rug, books, simple figures, soft play items, and even Communion sets for children to enact the Lord's Supper along with the Presider. Other items will be included that connect children to the sights and sounds of worship happening around them. Rather than asking children to be still and silent a Pray and Play Area says with its very presence: you belong here! It reflects Trinity's deep theological conviction that children are not simply future members of the congregation, but full participants in the Body of Christ right now. Just as Jesus welcomed children into his midst and declared that the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these (Mark 10:14), this area will make that welcome visible and concrete. It honors the reality that children engage and pray differently than adults — and that this difference is a gift to the whole worshiping community, not a disruption to be managed.

Farm Fun Day at Bowers Farm! A day at the farm might be just what everyone needs! The Young-ish Adult group invites the entire congregation to Farm Fun Day at Bowers Farm on Saturday, May 9, from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Sarah Bowers, daughter of Trinity and ELCA Deacon, runs the farm with her husband and daughter. The day will include a guided tour with Sarah sharing the farm's journey to organic farming, games, time with the animals, and fellowship. Guests should bring their own picnic lunch; Trinity will provide bottled water and juice. Transportation is on your own, and carpooling is encouraged. Please register by April 30 with Lara Wannemacher (LaraWannemacher@gmail.com) or Patrick Preacher (864-483-2590). The farm is located in Pomaria, SC. Learn more at bowersfarmsc.com.



Please join the Trinity family
for a baby celebration for
**Matthew, Grace, and
Benjamin Wessinger**
as they anticipate the arrival of another baby boy

Sunday, May 31
11:30 am following worship in the Gym

*Everyone is invited to bring a favorite children's
book as a gift for the new baby.*

May 3, 2026

Week at a Glance

TODAY	MON, MAY 4	WED, MAY 6	THURS, MAY 7	FRI, MAY 8	SAT, MAY 9	SUN, MAY 10
<p>9:00 am Adult Faith Exploration</p> <p>10:00 am Worship in the Gym and Live-stream</p> <p>11:30 am New Member Reception and Fellowship</p> <p>11:45 am Mental Health Congregational Event</p> <p>11:45 am Sustaining Ministry Team Meeting</p> <p>1:30 pm Congregation Council</p>	<p>6:00 pm Fiber Arts Group</p>	<p>6:00 pm Handbell Choir</p> <p>7:00 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>11:30 am Foothills ELCA Rostered Leaders Gathering</p> <p>6:30 pm Queer-led Worship in the Gym and Live-stream</p>	<p>10:00 am Mahjong Group</p>	<p>10:00 am Farm Day at Bowers Farm</p>	<p>9:00 am Adult Faith Exploration</p> <p>9:30 am Second Sunday Food Drive</p> <p>10:00 am Worship in the Gym and Live-stream Refreshments and fellowship to follow</p>