



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church  
Welcomes You!

10:00a.m. Worship Service & Communion  
[Sunday School]

11:00a.m. Fellowship Hour

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*We are a church that actively shares  
a living, daring, confidence in God's grace  
with our community and the world.*

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May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)**

May the presence of the Almighty bless and comfort you, so you  
leave here renewed and prepared for the week ahead.

Congregation please stand if able when indicated by the Pastor

You are also invited to say the words in **bold type**.

**PRELUDE MUSIC** *(a time of quiet preparation and heart reflection)*

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. ***Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!***

“O Living One”: ***make us one as you are one***

(repeated three times)

**GREETING**

**GATHERING SONG**

***ELW#385***

[Good Christian Friends]

**KYRIE:** ELW p.184

**GLORIA:** ELW p.187-188

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Acts 11:1-18**

<sup>1</sup> Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup> saying, “Why did you

go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” <sup>4</sup> Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup> “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. <sup>6</sup> As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup> I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ <sup>8</sup> But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ <sup>9</sup> But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ <sup>10</sup> This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup> At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup> The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. <sup>13</sup> He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup> he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ <sup>15</sup> And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup> If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” <sup>18</sup> When 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 the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

**PSALM: Psalm 148**

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights.

***<sup>2</sup> Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.***

<sup>3</sup> Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars.

***<sup>4</sup> Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens.***

<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created,

***<sup>6</sup> who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away.***

<sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps;

**<sup>8</sup> fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

<sup>9</sup> mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

**<sup>10</sup> wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;**

<sup>11</sup> sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

**<sup>12</sup> young men and maidens, old and young together.**

<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

**<sup>14</sup> The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!**

## SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; <sup>4</sup> he 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." <sup>5</sup> And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup> Then he 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 the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW p.188 "ALLELUIA"

## GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN, THE 13<sup>TH</sup> CHAPTER.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

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## MESSAGE

## SONG OF THE DAY: ELW# 502

[The King of Love My Shepherd Is]

## NICENE CREED ELW p.104

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each prayer petition will conclude with "Hear us, O God"*

*The congregation's response is: "You mercy is great."*

## PEACE

## OFFERING

*The offering table is in the narthex, outside the sanctuary doors.*

*Giving is a reminder of the blessings God gives us and gave to us through Jesus Christ.*

*Tithes & offerings are gathered for the support and mission of the church, including the care of those in need within our community and beyond.*

## PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS:

Everything That We Have

***Everything that we have everything that we are  
every moment is a blessing from above***

***It's endless love that we breathe  
it's endless love that we receive-***

***what has freely come we now let freely go.***

***Working hard to survive is no guarantee***

***For the deck is always stacked against the poor***

***If we'd use just what we need***

***Reject the creeping cancer of greed***

***Like a miracle the hungry could be fed***

***May we show gratitude in the way that we live***

***Not with pompous prayers and not with fancy feasts***

***Imagine how the world should be***

***Then take a risk to build this dream***

***That's the offering that God is asking for***

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

## GREAT THANKSGIVING COMMUNION

The Lord be 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.***

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ELW p.190

## CHRIST'S WORDS AT THE TABLE

... we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. ...

***Christ has died.***

***Christ is risen.***

***Christ will come again.***

***Amen.***

## LORD'S PRAYER ELW p.191

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*All are invited forward for communion.*

*Kneel at the altar rail where you will receive communion by individual cup.*

*Red wine and white grape juice are available.*

*Gluten-free wafers are also available.*

*If you would just like to receive a blessing, come with your arms folded  
in prayer.*

## LAMB OF GOD ELW p.191

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## BLESSING

## SENDING SONG: ELW#872

[Praise Ye the Lord]

## DISMISSAL:

Alleluia! Christ is risen. ***Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

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The budgeted income and expenditure totals will be posted up on the overflow bulletin board each week by the finance manager, Lisa Gregg