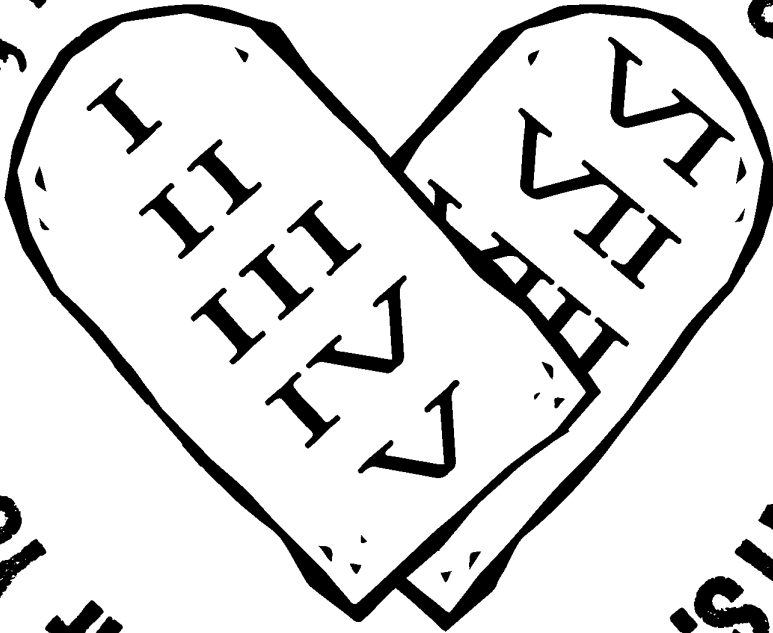
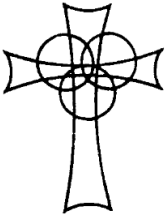


“IF YOU LOVE ME, YOU WILL KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS.”



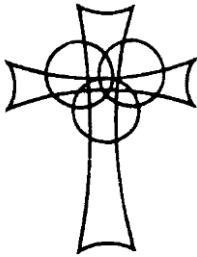
JOHN 14:15



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Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day
MAY 10, 2026

WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Pastor and People of Trinity Lutheran are glad that you are joining us in worship today. We are an “Easter People.” As such, we celebrate Christ’s victory over sin and death not only one Sunday of the Year, but every Sunday! Jesus Christ is worshipped here as the Living Lord and is seen alive as He comes to us in His Word and Sacraments. We pray that you will discover the same Lord Jesus as you worship with us today.

PRAYER UPON ENTERING WORSHIP

Almighty and ever-living God, You hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In Your great mercy receive the prayers of all Your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of Your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CONCERNING HOLY COMMUNION

Lutherans believe that in this Sacrament the very Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are present in, with, and under the physical elements of bread and wine. And this Sacrament is distributed to the Baptized of the Church who believe in the Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, sincerely repent of their sins, and desire to receive God’s forgiveness in this Holy Meal. Those who are present at this celebration who are baptized, have been instructed in the meaning of this Supper, and believe likewise are welcome to commune with us at this Altar today. Anyone who desires, child or adult, may come forward to receive a blessing.

Persons who have questions about what Lutherans believe or have any spiritual concerns are asked to speak with an Usher so that they can direct you to the Pastor so that you may speak with him before communing.



The Divine Service of Word and Sacrament in the Season of Easter

Divine Service, Setting One
Lutheran Service Book, Page 151ff

✠ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✠

✠ The Preparation ✠

The Prelude

“This Joyful Eastertide”

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 482

“This Joyful Eastertide”



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and
2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the
3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
slum - ber Till trump from east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row:
My pass - ing soul de - liv - er:
Shall wake the dead in num - ber:



Refrain
Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris - on,

Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -
ris - en, a - ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934

Tune: VRUECHTEN, Davids Psalmen, 1684, Amsterdam

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The Invocation and Easter Acclamation:

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Confession of Sins and Absolution:

P Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

C We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:3-4

P Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again. The death He died, He died to sin, once for all. The life He lives, He lives to God. Knowing that we have been raised with Christ, let us confess our sins that our lives may be raised and renewed by the power of His forgiveness.

from Romans 6:9-11

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

✠ **The Service of the Word** ✠

The Introit of the Day

Psalm 119:89-93; antiphon: verse 105

P Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

C **Forever, O LORD, your word
is firmly fixed in the heavens.**

P Your faithfulness endures to all generations;
you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

C **By your appointment they stand this day,
for all things are your servants.**

P If your law had not been my delight,
I would have perished in my affliction.

C **I will never forget your precepts,
for by them you have given me life.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

The Kyrie Eleison:

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.



The Hymn of Praise

This Is the Feast

Refrain

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

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

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

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

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

The Salutation and Collect of the Day:



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

The Congregation is seated.

The First Reading

Acts 17:16-31

¹⁶While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by

human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for

“‘In him we live and move and have our being’;

as even some of your own poets have said,

“‘For we are indeed his offspring.’

²⁹Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Congregation rises.

The Gradual and Verse

*adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6
Romans 6:9; John 16:33b*

- P** Christ has risen from the dead.
[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.
- C** **He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
he has put all things under his feet.**
- P** Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
C **death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia.**
- P** Alleluia. In the world you will have tribulation.
C **But take heart; I have overcome the world. Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel

John 14:15-21

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁵[Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

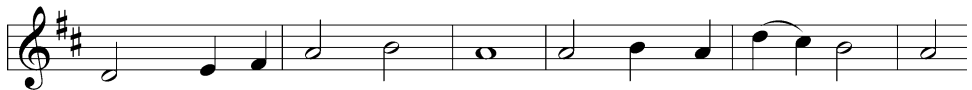
- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**
- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Congregation is seated.

The Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 501

“Come Down, O Love Divine”



1 Come down, O Love di - vine; Seek Thou this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, Till world - ly pas - sions turn
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty Mine out - ward ves - ture be
 4 And so the yearn - ing strong, With which the soul will long,



And vis - it it with Thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 And low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
 Shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near; With - in my heart ap - pear,
 And let Thy glo - rious light Shine ev - er on my sight,
 True low - li - ness of heart, Which takes the hum - bler part,
 No soul can guess His grace Till it be - come the place



And kin - dle it, Thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 And o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
 Where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes His dwell - ing.

Text: Bianco da Siena, c. 1350–1434; tr. Richard F. Littledale, 1833–90

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The Sermon

Conditional Love?

Text: John 14:15-21

The Congregation rises.



The Nicene Creed:

- C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.
- And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.
- And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come.
- Amen.

The Prayer of the Church:

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** God of all, once St. Paul used an altar to an unknown God to reveal Jesus Christ. Grant us every courage and gift that we may proclaim Jesus Christ to the world. Open the hearts of all to know You through Jesus and to know with faith the salvation He has won for us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Though no earthly home is great enough to hold Your glory, yet it was Your glory to become incarnate in Jesus Christ and to abide in us by baptism and faith. Grant to Your Church, her ministers and her servants, the fullness of Your Spirit that we may proclaim the glory of the cross and faithfully administer the means of grace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

- P** You made from one man all the nations of the earth and still You sustain us. Grant to all nations good leaders who seek peace and serve justice, and frustrate all causes of evil, violence, and oppression. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** You promised not to abandon us in our need or leave us orphans. Send forth Your Spirit and work through us, Your people, that the lonely, the poor, the homeless, the traveler and the urban dwellers may rejoice in Your presence and the power of Your love. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Your hand is open to satisfy the desire of every living thing. Bless the time of planting and harvest in our land and in every place throughout Your creation, that all might receive Your gift of daily bread. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Look with favor, O God, upon all our mothers, grandmothers, and mother-figures. Guide them as they serve You in caring for the ones they love and nurture. And bring them joy in the privilege they have in the blessed service of motherhood. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** In Your great mercy visit the sick with healing, and those troubled in mind and heart with peace, especially _____, that all who cry to You may know the full consolation of Your love and receive all things as they have need. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** In You, we live, move, and have our being through the days of our lives until that day when You call Your children to be home forever with You. Bless with your comfort and peace all those who mourn the death of loved ones, [especially _____], that they may be assured that those whom they love who have died in the faith of Jesus now rest in Your presence. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We are indeed Your offspring, and Your loving care for us is daily evident in our lives. We give thanks for all of Your goodness shown to _____ and to us all. Give us thankful hearts, that we may ever acknowledge You, the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P You are the God to whom we may cry out in our times of need and joy with our prayers and our thanksgivings. To Your care we commit ourselves and all of the things that we give over to You in our prayers, especially _____, and any other needs and concerns that we speak now from within the silence of our hearts... Hear all of these prayers, Lord, and grant them all according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We give You thanks for the salvation and life You give us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the forgiveness, life, and salvation that come in His Body and Blood. Help us to receive all that You offer here for our good, that this Holy Communion may strengthen our faith and equip us for Your service. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Remembering Cyril and Methodius, and all of the saints of old, who loved and served You faithfully, we long for the day when we shall be one with them in Your eternal presence. Until that day comes, help us to use faithfully all the earthly resources You have entrusted to our care and to show forth in word and action grateful and loving hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give us only those things which are good for us and keep us from all things harmful to us and to our salvation. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace:

P The Risen Christ came and stood among His disciples and said, "Peace be with you." Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.
The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The Congregation is seated.

The Blessing of Women on Mother's Day:

P Let us pray.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, Creator of heaven and earth. We give thanks to You for all the women of faith who have done Your will throughout the ages.

We thank You for Eve, made in Your image; for the Matriarchs of Israel:

Sarah, Rebekah, Leah, and Rachel; for Rahab, Ruth, Naomi, and Hannah:

for Deborah and Esther; for Anne and Elizabeth; for Mary and Martha of Bethany;

for Mary Magdalene, first witness of the Resurrection; for the Myrrhbearers, Joanna,

Mary, Salome, and Susanna; for Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe; and for Mary, the

Blessed Mother of Our Lord.

God of our ancestors in faith, we ask Your blessing upon the faithful women of this congregation, our sisters and friends, our spouses and daughters, our grandmothers and mothers.

Bless them and all women who place their trust in You. Keep them steadfast in

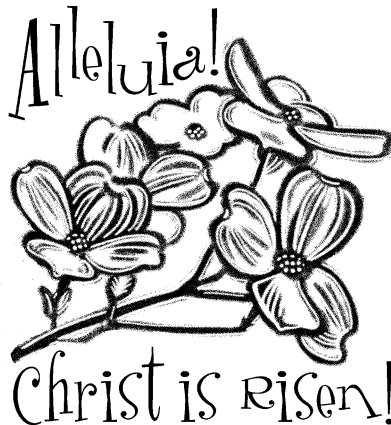
Your Word. Look with favor upon their lives in Christ. May they wait upon the Lord and renew their strength, soaring up with wings like eagles, running and not growing weary, walking and not becoming faint.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P The blessing of Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, descend upon the women of our congregation, especially all of our mothers, grandmothers, and mother-figures, and may His peace and presence remain with them forever.

C Amen.

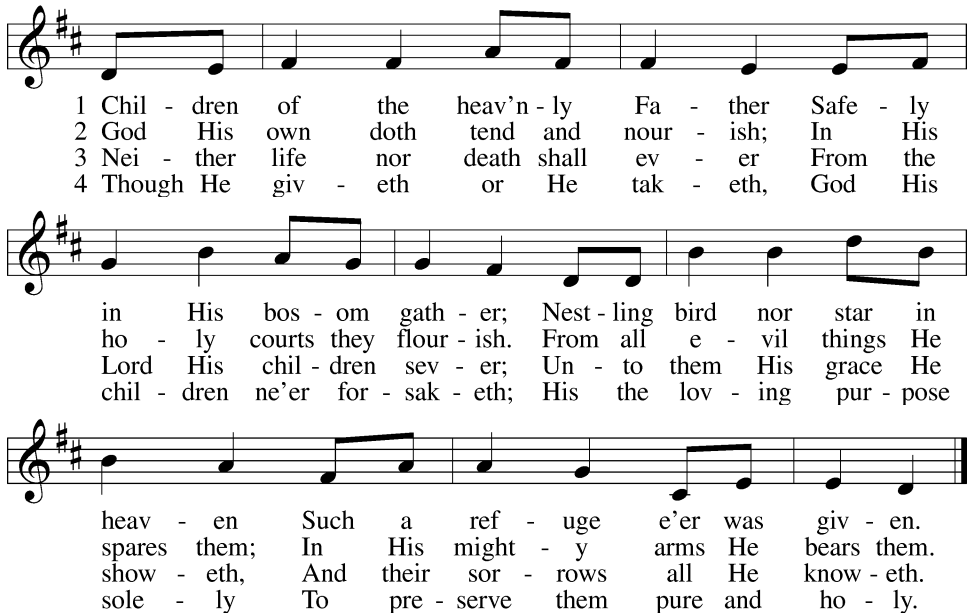


✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

The Hymn of Preparation

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 725

“Children of the Heavenly Father”



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2 God - His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His

in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose

heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

*Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958**Tune: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Lofsånger och andeliga visor, 1873, Sweden**Text & Tune: Public domain**The Congregation rises.*

The Preface Dialogue:

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

The *Sanctus*:



C 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.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving:

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His Body and His Blood on the cross. Gathered in the Name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His Body and drink His Blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord:

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

The Proclamation of Christ and the Lord’s Prayer:

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

The *Pax Domini*:

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

The *Agnus Dei*:



C 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 Congregation is seated.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

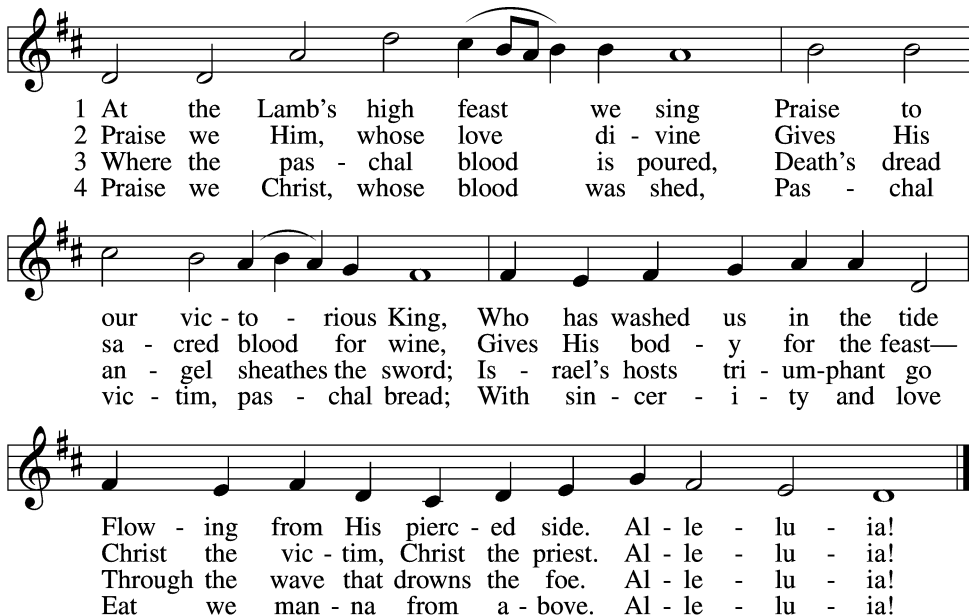
Holy Communion is celebrated in this place in the joyful confidence that Jesus Christ Himself comes to us to give us in bread and wine His very Body and Blood to offer to us the forgiveness of sins. All Baptized Christians who have been instructed in the meaning of this Sacrament and confess with us Christ's Real Presence in this Holy Meal are welcome to commune with us at this Altar. A fuller explanation of what Lutherans believe concerning Holy Communion may be found on page one of this worship folder.

Holy Communion is distributed to the congregation at the chancel rail. Please follow the direction of the ushers to make your way to the Altar. You may kneel or stand as you feel comfortable. The Sacrament is distributed in the following manner...Please extend your hand to the assistant to receive the Body of Christ. Christ's Blood may be received in one of two ways, using that which you feel most comfortable: 1) individual cups containing wine and white grape juice will be offered by the Pastor, or 2) drinking from the chalice. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

The Distribution Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 633

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal

our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love

Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

The Hymn continues on the next page...

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.

Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.

Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.

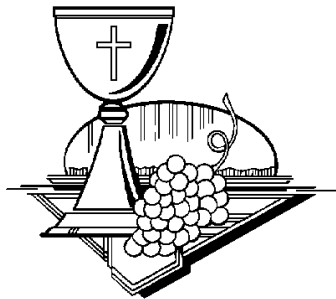
Alleluia!

△ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.

Alleluia!

*Text: Latin, c. 5th–10th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–68, alt.
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The Congregation rises.



The Post-Communion Canticle:

Thank the Lord



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy

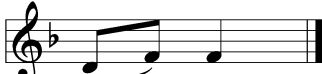


with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Post-Communion Collect:

P Let us pray.

We give You thanks, almighty and merciful God, that You have refreshed us with Your Holy Sacrament; and we beseech You to pour out upon our hearts the Spirit of Your love, and to unite in peace those whom You have fed with the true Paschal Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

The Benediction:

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

The Dismissal:

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P** Go in peace to love and to serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
C **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Hymn to Depart

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 484

“Make Songs of Joy”



- 1 Make songs of joy to Christ, our head; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Our life was pur - chased by His loss; Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 O death, where is your dead - ly sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 And where your vic - to - ry, O grave, Al - le - lu - ia!



- He lives a - gain who once was dead! Al - le - lu - ia!
 He died our death up - on the cross. Al - le - lu - ia!
 As - sumed by our tri - um - phant King! Al - le - lu - ia!
 When one like Christ has come to save? Al - le - lu - ia!

- 5 Behold, the tyrants, one and all,
 Alleluia!
 Before our mighty Savior fall!
 Alleluia!

- △ 6 For this be praised the Son who rose,
 Alleluia!
 The Father, and the Holy Ghost!
 Alleluia!

Text: Juraj Tranovský, 1591–1637; tr. Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1919–2008

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“Make Songs of Joy”

✠ *To God Be All Praise and Glory!* ✠

✠ ✠

The floral arrangement on the Altar today is given to the Glory of God
by the Elias Families in memory of Jean Elias.

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THOSE WHO SERVE US THIS MORNING IN WORSHIP

The Celebrant & Preacher

The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel

The Lector

Sarah Lydia McCoyer

The Communion Assistant

Helen Joynes

The Worship Assistant

Paul Ritter

The Parish Musician

Skip Hall

Alleluia!

NOTES AND NEWS

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS ... Copies of the *Lutheran Service Book* in Large Print are available for use during worship for those who may have need of them. You may find them on the literature table at the rear of the sanctuary, and please return them there following the service.

PASTOR'S TRAVELS ... Pastor Schiebel will be away on Monday and Tuesday of this week attending a meeting of the Presidium and Circuit Visitors of the Southeastern District (SED), being held at Trinity Lutheran in Richmond, VA. Please pray for him and his safe travels and for a productive meeting for all of these leaders of our District. Lord willing, Pastor will return to the church office on Wednesday morning, May 13th.

MPG MEMBERS ... Please mark your calendars—The Ministry Planning Group will be meeting on **Sunday, May 24th**, following worship to tend to some congregation business matters.

OUR 95th ANNIVERSARY YEAR! ... This year, we have the joy of celebrating the Lord's blessing on our dear Trinity Congregation through all of the years since our founding in 1931. As a part of our year-long celebration, we have the honor of having the Bishop and President of the Southeastern District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, The Rev. Dr. William A. Harmon, to be with us and to deliver an Anniversary Message. Plan to be with us for worship on **Sunday, June 7th** for this special Divine Service where our Bishop will be the Preacher for the day. Following the service, there will be a celebratory Potluck meal for us to have the opportunity to share together in our joy and to greet Bishop Harmon. Please speak with Carole Dingess to help us coordinate our menu for this joyous time of fellowship.

OUR PRAYER LIST ... We are pleased to have an active ministry of prayer among us, attested by the weekly "O Christ, Hear Us" page in the bulletin, inviting us all to remember these persons and needs in our prayer during worship at Trinity and in our own personal prayers during the week. We kindly ask you to also help us keep this list current and up to date by letting us know of any changes or deletions which need to be made. To do this please contact Pastor or the church office with a note that can be placed in the offering basket at church, or with an email.

ALTAR FLOWERS ... The flower chart for **2026** is available for you to donate floral arrangements to adorn the Lord's Altar in honor of special occasions or in memory of loved ones. The chart can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. The donation for a single arrangement remains at **\$50.00**, mainly owing to delivery charges, which we hope will not increase. If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email (trinity-elc-office@verizon.net).

LUTHERAN RADIO ONLINE AND ON THE AIR FOR YOU THIS WEEK:

KFUO Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUO.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfu.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUOradio on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/KFUOradio), [X](https://twitter.com/KFUOradio), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/KFUOradio).

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Tune in for “Spring into the Psalms” on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 9 a.m. ET)! This week, we’ll study Psalms 56, 64, 72, 82, and 94. We’re continuing our study of the book of James on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 12 p.m. ET). Join us for chapters 3-5! Stay tuned for our next study, beginning next Monday, May 18th! Pastor Booe will be leading us in a study of Paul’s longest epistle: the Book of Romans! Find your favorite programs on demand by visiting kfu.org!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR ... Our small efforts to become the people Jesus saved us to be might seem insignificant, but small efforts compound. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, May 17, 2026, for this message from Lutheran Hour Speaker, the Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, “Don’t Despise Small Beginnings”. The Lutheran Hour can be heard online on KFUO.org on Sundays at 12:30 PM and 5:00 PM, as well as on SiriusXM’s Family Talk 131 channel on Sundays at 10:00 AM. For more ways to listen, to hear messages on demand, or for more information on this media ministry, visit the Lutheran Hour Ministries website at www.lhm.org, and click on “The Lutheran Hour” link. You can also view many of the other devotional and spiritual life materials provided by Lutheran Hour ministries as well.

OTHER MEDIA MINISTRIES FOR YOUR LISTENING AND VIEWING ...

LUTHERAN PUBLIC RADIO lutheranpublicradio.org
24/7 internet radio station with *Sacred Music for the World*.

ISSUES, ETC issuesetc.org
A program of *Christ-Centered, Cross-Focused Talk Radio*.
Airs Monday-Friday from 4-6 p.m. ET, both on its website and on kfu.org.
Archived shows are also available to listen to at any time.

WORSHIP ANEW worshipanew.org
Weekly Lutheran Worship services online and devotions.



REMEMBERING THE SAINTS ... In our weekly Prayer of the Church, the final petition is dedicated to all of the Faithful Departed who are now with the Lord and a part of the Church Triumphant. As a part of this remembrance, we recall by name the saints who are on the calendar of Feasts, Festivals, and Commemorations of our church and remembered during the current week. Some have asked for more information about these saints; so, biographies for each saint, along with a prayer and suggested Scripture readings, are now available for you on our church website.

THIS WEEK'S FEAST AND COMMEMORATION...

May 11 **Cyril and Methodius**, *Missionaries to the Slavs*

May 14 **The Ascension of Our Lord**

Visit <http://tlcmr.org/worship/celebrating-the-saints/> where you can learn more about the cycle of saints' days on the church calendar and find the biographies for each saint listed by month.

COMPASSION CENTER NEWS... Our Compassion Center is open and is serving members of our community with their needs for food and clothing. If you are able to volunteer during the Center's open hours, please contact Elma. Thank you all for your continued help and support and prayers.

There continues to be increased need to help feed those in our community. In order to keep our pantry shelves well-stocked to meet the needs of our neighbors, we will continue to receive your generous donations of food. All non-perishable foods are welcome, and especially needed items include:

Cereal; Peanut Butter; Pasta and Pasta Sauce; Macaroni & Cheese; Rice; Soups;
Canned Tuna and Chicken; Canned Fruit; Canned Vegetables (both green and color)

Clothing donations are also welcome. There is a need for boys' (sizes 10-18), girls' (sizes 10-14), and men's (especially small and medium) clothing.

There is always a demand for diapers and wipes, especially sizes 3, 4, 5, and pull-ups 2T-4T.

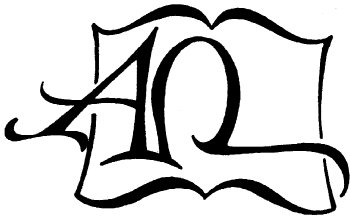
Donations can be dropped off at the Center during Center hours. And you can also leave your donations at church, and we will make sure that they are delivered to the Compassion Center. Thank you for your loving and generous support.

Center Hours: Mondays & Tuesdays: 10 AM – 4 PM

Wednesdays: 10 AM – 2 PM

Elma Pervaiz, Coordinator, LMS Compassion Center, Hyattsville, MD

Center Phone Number: 301-277-2302, ext. 23



PREPARING FOR THE COMING SUNDAY ...

The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord (Observed)

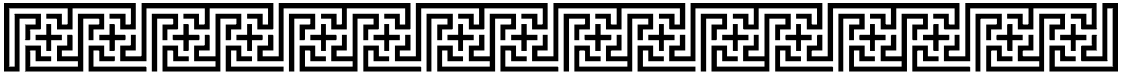
The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026

Scripture Readings: Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53



PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 10 – 17

May Be Subject to Change

Today	<i>The Sixth Sunday of Easter – Mother’s Day</i>
	9:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	12:00 PM EECMYM Worship (at church in person)
Monday-Tuesday	<i>Pastor Away at SED Circuit Visitors’ Meeting</i>
Monday	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open
Tuesday	9:00 AM—Noon Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open
Wednesday	9:00 AM—Noon Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Compassion Center Open
Thursday	<i>Ascension Day</i>
	9:00 AM—Noon Church Office Open
Next Sunday	<i>The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord (Observed)</i>
	<i>The Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>
	9:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	10:45 AM Trinity Singers Rehearsal
	12:00 PM EECMYM Worship (at church in person)



CHURCH STATISTICS



Sunday, May 3, 2026

Worship Attendance: 19; Communed: 17.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR APRIL 2026:

General Offerings received (4 Sundays): \$11,209

General Offerings needed to meet the budget: \$11,148

Withdrawals from Thrivent (money market): \$0

Balance in Thrivent mutual funds: \$49,574 (as of 3/31/26)



✠ **O Christ, Hear Us!** ✠

Intercessions for the Week of May 10, 2026

Prayers for Continued Healing and Help

For Members of Our Trinity Family:

Julie & Kenny, Diane, Travis, Waymond, August, David, Tracy, Ernie, Paul, Angela, and Judy

For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:

Luke, grandson of Charlie & Jean; Susan, relative of Gus & Betty;
Britnany, niece of Lynda; Juliet, mother of Ras-I; Linda, daughter of Gus & Betty;
Caron, former Concordia School Teacher; Jari, former Concordia Teacher;
Nathan, son of Art; Bernie, friend of Trinity; Robin, daughter of Vincent & Tracy;
Doris, mother of Vincent; Orbelina & Family, mother of former Concordia Students;
Kay & Bob, relatives of Carole; Kumar, co-worker's spouse of Joyce;
Craig, husband of Edith; Steve, father-in-law of Michelle; Denise, fiancée of Mark;
Raymond, brother of Joy; Daniel, friend of Cullen; Mr. Emanuel, husband of Shelda;
Mary, former Concordia Teacher; Laura, granddaughter of Gus & Betty;
Jim, friend of Michelle; Millie, co-worker of Joyce; Dale, son of Gus;
Pat, mother of Kim; Sean, friend of Joyce & Dave; Eleanor, former Concordia Teacher;
Kelly, co-worker's spouse of Joyce; Leo, relative of Carole; Carolyn, daughter of Susan;
Ann, friend of Judy; Shirley, aunt of Kim; Eliot, pre-born son of Ryan & Ryann;
Kaylee, great-niece of Noel

Thanksgivings and Blessings

Rebecca McCoyer, who celebrates her birthday this week.

Eric & Abrak Royal, Jimmie & Joyce Mayo, and Sam & Judy Welch, who celebrate their wedding anniversaries this week.

For the women of our congregation, and especially all of the mothers, grandmothers, and mother-figures in our midst, on this Mother's Day.

We Keep In Our Prayers

- ✠ Our Trinity family, our ministries, and our mission.
- ✠ Pastor Gugssa Biru and the people of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus in Maryland.

- ✘ For the Lord to continue to move the hearts of our Trinity Members to a deeper realization of our part in His mission to the world and to be *Ablaze!* with a desire to tell the Good News about Jesus with those whom we come into contact in our lives.
- ✘ For the work of our Compassion Center, for Elma Pervaiz, our center coordinator, and for Redeemer Lutheran and the Lutheran Mission Society, our mission partners.
- ✘ For our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer persecution for the faith and Name of Jesus, even to the point of shedding their blood.
- ✘ For peace in our world, especially in those places that are affected by war, oppression, or acts of terror.
- ✘ Our government leaders, and for the members of our armed forces.
- ✘ For all those affected and recovering from the effects of natural disasters.
- ✘ For peace and reconciliation that brings an end to racism and bigotry in our nation and world.
- ✘ For calm, civility, and peace in our nation's political and social discourse.
- ✘ For peace in our neighborhoods and for an end to violence.
- ✘ For the students, teachers, and staff in our educational institutions.
- ✘ For all those we know who are sick, who grieve, and who are in any need of prayer.





***Celebrating the Gift of Ninety-Five Years of
God's Love and Grace!***

***...as it was in the beginning,
is now,
and will be forever.
Amen!***

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Worship with Holy Communion – 9:30 AM

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The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel, Pastor



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