



Trinity Lutheran Church
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 Service of Holy Communion—*Lutheran Book of Worship*, Setting I
 The Second Sunday of Easter, April 27, 2025
 In-Person at 10:15 am & Live at Facebook.com/TrinityLutheranNH

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:**Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain**

1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4 For to - day a - mong the twelve Christ ap - peared, be - stow - ing
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Now we cry to our King im - mor - tal,



God has brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en;
 with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;
 his deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.
 who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal.



loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad - den faith - ful hearts which with true af - fec - tion
 Neith - er could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,
 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from his light, to whom is giv'n laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - come in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, hold him as a mor - tal.
 God has brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, Johann Horn, c. 1490–1547

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the festival of our Lord's resurrection. Graciously help us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Acts 5:27-32

Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.

²⁷When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey

God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:14-29

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength | and my song,*
and he has become | my salvation.

**¹⁵ There is a sound of exulta- | tion and victory*
in the tents | of the righteous:**

¹⁶ "The right hand of the | LORD has triumphed!*"
The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the | LORD has triumphed!"

**¹⁷ I shall not | die, but live,*
and declare the works | of the LORD.**

¹⁸ The LORD has pun- | ished me sorely,*
but he did not hand me o- | ver to death.

**¹⁹ Open for me the | gates of righteousness;*
I will enter them; I will offer thanks | to the LORD.**

²⁰ "This is the gate | of the LORD;*
he who is right- | eous may enter."

**²¹ I will give thanks to you, for you | answered me*
and have become | my salvation.**

²² The same stone which the build- | ers rejected*
has become the chief | cornerstone.

**²³ This is | the LORD's doing,*
and it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

²⁴ On this day the | LORD has acted;*
we will rejoice and be | glad in it.

**²⁵ Hosanna, | LORD, hosanna!*
LORD, send us | now success.**

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name | of the Lord;*
we bless you from the house | of the LORD.

**²⁷ God is the LORD; he has | shined upon us;*
form a procession with branches up to the horns | of the altar.**

²⁸ "You are my God, and | I will thank you;*
you are my God, and I | will exalt you."

**²⁹ Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;*
his mercy en- | dures forever.**

Gloria Patri (chanted after the psalm)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the / Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be fore-/ ver. Amen

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 1:4-8

The Book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/ALLELUIA

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered

him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY:

O Sons and Daughters of the King



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King,
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,
 3 An an - gel clad in white they see,
 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;



whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing, to - day the
 the faith - ful wom - en went their way to seek the
 who sits and speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will
 a - mong them came their mas - ter dear, and said, "My



grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!
 go to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!
 peace be with you here." Al - le - lu - ia!

After stanza 9:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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| <p>5 When Thomas first the tidings heard,
 that they had seen the risen Lord,
 he doubted the disciples' word.
 Alleluia!</p> | <p>7 No longer Thomas then denied;
 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
 Alleluia!</p> |
| <p>6 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see,
 and look upon my hands, my feet;
 not faithless, but believing be."
 Alleluia!</p> | <p>8 How blest are they who have not seen,
 and yet whose faith has constant been,
 for they eternal life shall win.
 Alleluia!</p> |
| <p>9 On this most holy day of days,
 be laud and jubilee and praise:
 to God your hearts and voices raise.
 Alleluia!</p> | |

Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: O FILII ET FILIAE, French, 15th cent.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

The candidates, sponsors, and parents gather at the font.

In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

A sponsor for each candidate, in turn, presents the candidate.

I present name to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

The minister addresses those candidates who are able to answer for themselves:

Name, do you desire to be baptized?

I do.

The minister addresses the sponsors and parents.

In Christian love you have presented *these people* for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully care for *them* and help *them* in every way as God gives you opportunity, that *they* may bear witness to the faith we profess, and that, living in the covenant of *their* Baptism and in communion with the Church, *they* may lead *godly lives* until the day of Jesus Christ.

Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

I do.

THE PRAYERS

D: In our prayers today and this week, please remember: [prayer list]. We also invite your own petitions either aloud or silently in your hearts.

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord Jesus Christ, let the light of your Resurrection shine upon your Church. Breathe out your Holy Spirit upon it, and fill it with your peace. Strengthen all who suffer persecution for the sake of your Name, and use your Church to bring many to a sure and joyful faith in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Show yourself in mercy, forgiveness, and power to those who doubt, disbelieve, or have become disillusioned in faith. Keep this congregation called Trinity united together as your priestly people; that by the work of your Spirit we may all share in that promise, "Blessed are those who have not seen, and yet have come to believe." Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for Colin, now to be baptized. Wash away his sin; join him to the saving death of Jesus Christ; raise him up with you to newness of life; pour out on him your Holy

Spirit; keep him always in the company of your people; and make him your child forever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your glory is proclaimed in the heavens and throughout the universe, O Lord. Cause this world, broken and wounded by sin and sorrow, to also praise you. Turn the hearts of the rulers of nations to seek your will. Provide for the poor and needy. Keep watch over all who stand in harm's way for the sake of life and liberty, and breathe out your peace upon the whole world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift before you everyone grieved by trials or wounded in body, mind, heart or spirit. Lead them safely through their suffering, free them by your blood, heal them by your wounded hands, and restore them to health and hope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Risen Savior, we entrust into your keeping all our beloved dead who have died trusting in you. Comfort all whose grief runs deep, and fill our hearts with a living hope through your Resurrection from the dead. And, at the last, bring us with all your saints to the place where faith gives way to sight, and where we will gaze upon you in glory everlasting. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord...

THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that *those who are* here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of *all those who are* cleansed by this water and bring *them* forth as *inheritors* of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The minister addresses the baptismal group and the congregation.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

BAPTISM

The minister baptizes each candidate.

Name, I baptize you in the name of the Father,

The minister pours water on the candidate's head.

and of the Son,

The minister pours water on the candidate's head a second time.

and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

The minister pours water on the candidate's head a third time.

A psalm or hymn may be sung as the minister and the baptismal group go before the altar.

BAPTISM HYMN: "Baptized in Water" WOV (Blue) No. 693

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Those who have been baptized kneel. Sponsors or parents holding young children stand. The minister lays both hands on the head of each of the baptized and prays for the Holy Spirit:

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon name: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

Amen

The minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

Name, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

The sponsor or the baptized responds:

Amen

After all have received the sign of the cross, they stand.

A lighted candle may be given to each of the baptized (to the sponsor of a young child) by a representative of the congregation who says:

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

WELCOME

The ministers and the baptismal group turn toward the congregation; a representative of the congregation says:

Through Baptism God has made *this new brother a member* of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.

PEACE

The ministers may exchange the peace with the baptized, with their sponsors and parents, and with the congregation.

Peace be with you.

Peace be with you.

All return to their places.

OFFERING *The ushers collect the offering. You can also give electronically through our website, Facebook page, or by [clicking here](#).*

CHOIR ANTHEM: *"Be Thou My Vision"* arr. Marie Pooler

OFFERTORY: *"Let the Vineyards"*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

D: Let us pray...

Merciful Father,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD

THE COMMUNION *To all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord, are baptized, and confess Jesus' real presence in the Holy Communion, we invite you to join us in the Holy Eucharist. At the usher's invitation you may come forward to kneel or stand at the altar rail. Please take an empty individual cup from the tray and bring it with you to the rail. The host wafer will be placed into your open hands to eat. Your cup will be filled from the pouring chalice, take and drink. Individual cups filled with non-alcoholic grape juice are also available, please point to receive one. Sealed pre-consecrated Communion packages are also available. Please remain at the altar rail until all have finished and a blessing is given.*

COMMUNION HYMNS: LBW Nos. 154, 149

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: *"Thank the Lord"*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

D: Let us pray...

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.
Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Make Songs of Joy



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| 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! |



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| 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: Jiri Tranovsky, 1591–1637; tr. Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919
 Music: ZPIVEJMEZ VSICKNI VESELE, Chorvát, *Velka Partitura*, 1936

DISMISSAL

D: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE