



### **Trinity Lutheran Church**

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Service of Holy Communion—*Lutheran Book of Worship*, Setting I

The Third Sunday of Easter, May 4, 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, Verses 1-4:****Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands**

1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands for our of - fens - es giv - en;  
 2 It was a strange and dread - ful strife when life and death con - tend - ed;  
 3 Here the true Pas - chal Lamb we see, whom God so free - ly gave us;  
 4 So let us keep the fes - ti - val to which the Lord in - vites us;  
 5 Then let us feast this Eas - ter Day on Christ, the bread of heav - en;



but now at God's right hand he stands and brings us life from heav - en.  
 the vic - to - ry re - mained with life, the reign of death was end - ed.  
 he died on the ac - curs - ed tree— so strong his love—to save us.  
 Christ is him - self the joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us.  
 the Word of grace has purged a - way the old and e - vil leav - en.



There - fore let us joy - ful be and sing to God right thank - ful - ly  
 Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly says that death is swal - lowed up by death,  
 See, his blood now marks our door; faith points to it; death pass - es o'er,  
 Now his grace to us im - parts e - ter - nal sun - shine to our hearts;  
 Christ a - lone our souls will feed; he is our meat and drink in - deed;



loud songs of hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 its sting is lost for - ev - er. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 and Sa - tan can - not harm us. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 the night of sin is end - ed. Hal - le - lu - jah!  
 faith lives up - on no oth - er! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–1887, alt.  
 Music: CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524

**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.**

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; 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 9:1-20**

*Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.*

<sup>1</sup>Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he

found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup> He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup> He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup> The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup> Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup> The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup> and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." <sup>15</sup> But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup> I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup> and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 30**

<sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift- | ed me up\*  
and have not let my enemies triumph | over me.

<sup>2</sup> **O LORD my God, I cried | out to you,\*  
and you restored | me to health.**

<sup>3</sup> You brought me up, O LORD, | from the dead;\*  
you restored my life as I was going down | to the grave.

<sup>4</sup> **Sing to the LORD, you ser- | vants of his;\*  
give thanks for the remembrance | of his holiness.**

<sup>5</sup> For his wrath endures but the twinkling | of an eye,\*  
his favor | for a lifetime.

<sup>6</sup> **Weeping may | spend the night,\*  
but joy comes | in the morning.**

<sup>7</sup> While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never | be disturbed.\*  
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong | as the mountains."

<sup>8</sup> **Then you | hid your face,\*  
and I was | filled with fear.**

<sup>9</sup> I cried to | you, O LORD;\*

I pleaded with | the Lord, saying,

<sup>10</sup> **"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down | to the pit?\***  
**Will the dust praise you or de- | clare your faithfulness?**

<sup>11</sup> Hear, O LORD, and have mer- | cy upon me;\*  
 O LORD, | be my helper."

<sup>12</sup> **You have turned my wailing | into dancing;\***  
**you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy.**

<sup>13</sup> Therefore my heart sings to you | without ceasing;\*  
 O LORD my God, I will give you | thanks 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 5:11-14**

*The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship around God's throne. At its center is Christ, "the Lamb who was slain."*

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
 to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
 and honor and glory and blessing!"

<sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
 be blessing and honor and glory and might  
 forever and ever!"

<sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped. 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 21:1-19**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of his fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.*

<sup>1</sup>After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the

boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." <sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:****Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether**

1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly  
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of  
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,  
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er  
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Text: Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt.

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**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE****SERMON****NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,  
 the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**  
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
 the only Son of God,  
 eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 of one Being with the Father.  
 Through him all things were made.  
 For us and for our salvation  
     he came down from heaven;  
     by the power of the Holy Spirit  
         he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
         and was made man.  
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
     he suffered death and was buried.  
     On the third day he rose again  
         in accordance with the Scriptures;  
     he ascended into heaven  
         and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
     and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
 He has spoken through the prophets.  
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
 We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
     and the life of the world to come. Amen**

## **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.

Almighty God, you send your holy Church to the ends of the earth, that all people might be caught up in the net of your love. Strengthen the work of your Church everywhere, so that your net will neither break nor fail, but gather up more and more for your Kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, you commanded Peter, who once denied you, to show his love by feeding your lambs. Bless this congregation called Trinity, that we might show our love for you by serving all our neighbors in and around us, tending your sheep and feeding your lambs. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your Name is great among the nations. We pray for the peace of the whole world; for justice, human dignity, and freedom for all peoples; and for our own nation and for those who protect and serve in our midst. Bless our communities, our loved ones, and

all whose lives are knit closely with ours. Uphold all who are in need or trouble, and provide generously for all people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Though weeping may spend the night, joy comes in the morning. We pray for all those who weep or suffer this day in body, mind, or spirit, including those we have named aloud, or remember before you now. As you once raised up your servant Saul from blindness and despair, so also raise up and bring healing to all for whom we pray. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, you once revealed your risen self to the disciples on the shore in the breaking of the bread. We give you thanks for all who once gathered at this altar, and now rest in you. Come to us now once again in your Holy Sacrament, revealing yourself in our midst. And, at the last, bring us with all your saints and angels into the fullness of your presence, to eat and drink with you forever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord...

## PEACE

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

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** "A Song to the Lamb" Chant

**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 No. 207, WOV (Blue) No. 671**

**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:****Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds**

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in praise of love that  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there - fore our heart with  
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; set heart and will on  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and with the heav'n - ly



still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 things a - bove that we con - quer through your tri - umph;  
 bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!"



Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song  
 Now still he comes to give us life and by his pres -  
 grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day that by our lives  
 Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest,



of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"  
 ence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!  
 we tru - ly say: Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!  
 most ho - ly God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

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**DISMISSAL**

D: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**