

# Trinity Lutheran Church

*"I am the way."*

A photograph of a dirt path leading through a field of tall grass at sunrise or sunset. The sun is low in the sky, creating a warm, golden glow and long shadows. The path is slightly wet, reflecting the light. The background is a soft, hazy landscape.

**May 3rd, 2026**  
**5th Easter**

## PRELUDE: *Goodness of God*

(J. Johnson, B. Johnson, J. Ingram, E. Cash, B. Fielding)

## WELCOME

## EASTER LITANY

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,  
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

This is the day the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Death has been swallowed up in victory.

Where, O death, is your sting? Where, O grave, is your victory?

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## GATHERING HYMN:

### *I Know that My Redeemer Lives* (ELW 619)



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives to bless me with his love;  
he lives to plead for me above;  
he lives my hungry soul to feed;  
he lives to help in time of need.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
he lives, and I shall conquer death;  
he lives my mansion to prepare;  
he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
he lives and loves me to the end;  
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;  
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
what joy this blest assurance gives;  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Friends in Christ,

Jesus said,

“Do no let your hearts be troubled.”

With that assurance,

let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**O God,**

**we confess that we often find ourselves troubled —**

**by the uncertainty of life,**

**the pain of loss,**

**the fear of death,**

**and the distance between us and your presence.**

**We have doubted your promises,**

**and sought comfort in things that cannot hold us.**

**We have trusted in our own strength**

**and in our own understanding,**

**rather than in you.**

**Forgive us for our fear, our pride, and our lack of faith.**

**Help us to trust you completely,**

**to follow you without hesitation,**

**and to rest in your presence.**

Hear the good news.

Jesus Christ says to you,

“Do no let your hearts be troubled.”

But he also reminds us,

“Believe in God, believe also in me.”

So today I proclaim:

Your doubts are met with grace.

Your troubled hearts are held in peace.

## GREETING

May 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

*Refrain*

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the  
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for  
 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

u-ni-ty of all; for  
 hun-gry and the poor; that  
 friends and fam-i-ly; for  
 wa-ter and the word; that you

this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
 we may live out . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,  
 life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,  
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,

*Refrain*

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be

peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and

*Refrain*

hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of

vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-

le-lu-ia. 2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,

glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray together.

**Almighty God, in Christ you have shown us the way,  
revealed to us your truth,  
and offered to us everlasting life.**

**Keep our eyes upon him,  
that we may see your path more clearly,  
know your truth more fully,  
and receive your life more abundantly;  
through Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit  
in eternal glory. Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

<sup>55</sup> Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” <sup>57</sup> But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup> Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

<sup>59</sup> While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup> Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

<sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup> **Incline your ear to me;  
make haste to deliver me.**

<sup>3</sup> Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold;  
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup> **Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,  
for you are my tower of strength.**

<sup>5</sup> Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

<sup>15</sup> **My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.**

<sup>16</sup> Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.”

## SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation <sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup> Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and <sup>5</sup> like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup> This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner,”

<sup>8</sup> and

“A stone that makes them stumble  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

<sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God’s people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

The holy gospel according to St. John the fourteenth chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup> “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to the place where I am going.”

<sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”

<sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”

<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

<sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY: *You Are the Way* (ELW 758)



1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;  
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;  
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;  
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,



all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.  
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.  
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.  
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

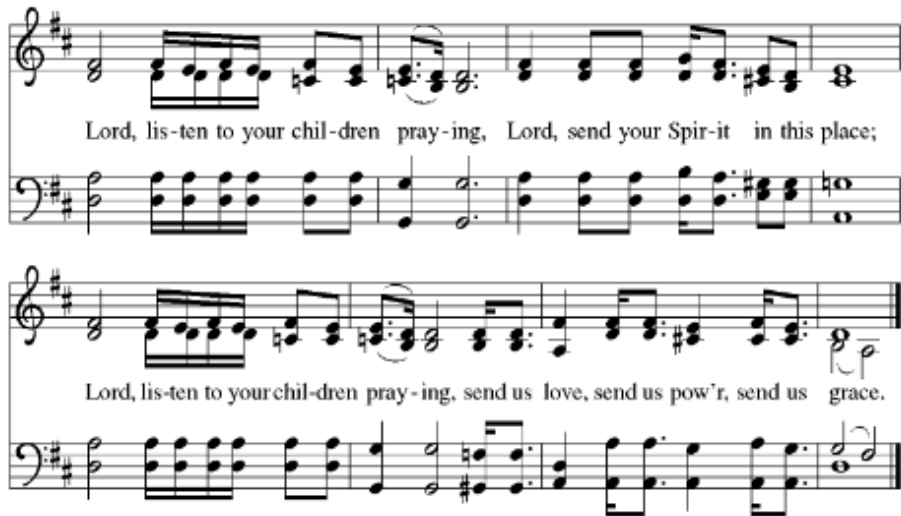
**We believe in God,  
the creator of heaven and earth,  
the source of life and love.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
who showed us the heart of God,  
who lived among us in humility,  
who was crucified and raised,  
and who calls us into new life.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who breathes life into the church,  
who gathers us in grace,  
and who sends us into the world  
to love our neighbors and seek justice.**

**We trust in God’s promise:  
that love is stronger than death  
and mercy will have the final word. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

*Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, we pray for the needs of all creation. You call us together as your people to witness to your love in the world. Make your presence known among those unable to attend worship today.*

*God of glory, you have built your church on Christ the cornerstone. Inspire lay leaders, pastors, and bishops to proclaim forgiveness and your steadfast love to all whom they encounter. Let our actions be a shining witness of your grace for all people.*

*God of majesty, you bring forth plants and animals, skies and seas, mountains and valleys. Show us the wonder of your presence from the smallest flower to the tallest tree. Inspire us with reverent awe to honor all you have made.*

*God of resurrection and new life, pour out your love on all in need of care. Wipe away every tear from their eyes. Into your outstretched arms we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.*

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERING

*Please place offering in one of the Bulletin Stand offering plates at the end of worship as you leave the church.*

## OFFERTORY: *We Are Called* (ELW 720)



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the  
2 Come! O-pen your heart! Show your . . mer-cy to all those in  
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be

Lord! We are called to be light for the king-dom, to  
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope-less so  
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth-er as

live in the free-dom of the cit-y of God,  
ha-tred and blind-ness . . . will be . . . no more,  
sis-ters and broth-ers . . . u-nit-ed in love.

*Refrain*  
We are called to act with jus-tice, we are called to  
love ten-der-ly; we are called to serve one an-  
oth-er, to walk hum-bly with God.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**Almighty God,**

**receive the gifts we bring in gratitude for your astounding goodness.**

**Make our lives to be an acceptable offering**

**in union with our risen Lord,**

**who lives and reigns with you forever. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Do not let us fall into temptation,  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## COMMUNION

*All are welcome to join in the gift of Holy Communion.*

*White grape juice is available and all altar bread is gluten-free.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond*

Amen.

## LAMB OF GOD



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

## COMMUNION SONGS:

*Come People of the Risen King*

(K. & K. Getty with S. Townend)

*I Am the Bread of Life (ELW 485)*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our lord and savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

**Holy One,**

**through this meal you have made your home among us  
and are making all things new.**

**Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,  
to love our enemies,**

**and to bring your healing to your world.**

**In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

## BLESSING

Now may ✙ Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life, be with you.

May the Spirit empower you to serve in Christ's name.

And may God, who raised Christ from the dead, keep you forevermore.

**Alleluia!**

## SENDING HYMN:

### *How Great Thou Art* (ELW 856)



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er  
 2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the  
 3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to  
 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y  
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain  
 dic, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly  
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-



thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;  
 gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;  
 bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;  
 ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

*Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
 Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE: *Shine, Jesus, Shine* (G. Kendrick)

## Trinity Happenings:

Sun, May 3:	9:00am 10:15am 10:30am	Worship Service w/ the Band Fellowship in Gruver Rm Does the Bible say the... ...Messiah would be born of a virgin?
<b>Mon, May 4:</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Becoming in Gruver Rm</b>
Tue, May 5:	5:30pm	TheologyPub @ Front Street Tavern
<b>Wed, May 6:</b>	<b>10:00am 11:30am</b>	<b>Women's Study in Gruver Rm Campus Cabinet Hours til 1:30pm</b>

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 MAY 7, 2026

<b>Thu, May 7:</b>	<b>11:30am</b>	<b>MUGG Campus Lunchtime</b>
Sun, May 10:	9:00am 9:00am 10:15am	Mother's Day Worship Service Sunday School in Downstairs Youth Rm Fellowship in Gruver Rm
<b>Mon, May 11:</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Becoming in Gruver Rm</b>
Tue, May 12:	6:00pm	Church Council in Gruver Rm
<b>Wed, May 13:</b>	<b>10:00am 11:30am</b>	<b>Women's Study in Gruver Rm Campus Cabinet Hours til 1:30pm</b>
Thu, May 14:	11:30am	MUGG Campus Lunchtime
<b>Sun, May 17:</b>	<b>9:00am 10:15am 10:30am</b>	<b>Worship Service w/ the Band Fellowship in Gruver Rm Does the Bible say... ...Jesus is God?</b>



Have you ever wondered what people mean when they say, "The Bible says so"? Scripture doesn't always speak with one clear voice, so how do we faithfully understand what the Bible is—and isn't—saying? Come and think deeply, ask questions, and discover new ways of engaging with God's Word.

10:30am in Trinity's Rohr Hall

May 3rd: **Does the Bible say...  
...the Messiah will be born of a virgin?**  
 May 17th: **Does the Bible say...  
...Jesus is God?**

# TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Contact Cards available in your pew!

## Serving in Worship

TODAY — May 3, 2026

Altar: **James Apronti**  
Livestream: **Paul Kunkel**  
Welcome: **OPEN**  
Reader: **James Apronti**  
Assistant: **James Apronti**  
Fellowship: **Kris Oolman**

NEXT SUNDAY — May 10, 2026

Altar: **OPEN**  
Livestream: **OPEN**  
Welcome: **Belinda Apronti**  
Reader: **Bernedine Lewis**  
Assistant: **James Apronti**  
Fellowship: **Apronti Family**

The long green summer of the Church Year is approaching, but Trinity still needs help...

...if you know you're able to be here on a Sunday, *please consider signing up!*



- *Could you come half an hour early and fill Communion cups, set out bread?*



- *Could you come fifteen minutes early and welcome folks, especially newcomers?*



- *Could you be a livestream monitor? - we need more folks to run that technology.*



- *Could you Read? - Lisa in the Office would email you the texts beforehand.*



- *Could you assist the Pastor and offer the wine at Communion?*



- *Could you bring treats to put out? - directions for making extra coffee are on the wall.*