

Trinity Lutheran Church

*“You will be my witnesses...
to the ends of the earth.”*



May 17, 2026
7th Easter

PRELUDE: *Here I Am to Worship* (T. Hughes)

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:

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High (ELW 857)

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your prais-es.

I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth

to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,

from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Based on 1 Peter 4:14 and 5:6-10.

Brother and sisters,

God not only desires our repentance,
but longs to offer us forgiveness.

Therefore, cast all your anxiety on God,
because God cares for you eternally.

We pray together,

Loving God,

we confess that we do not always bring honor and glory to your name.

We are rebellious and weak;

we flee before your goodness.

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us by the grace and mercy of Christ,
that we may rise up again in peace to love and serve your world.**

Amen.

Sisters and brothers,

the Spirit of God is resting on you,

to restore, support, and strengthen you.

Therefore, be at peace in the One who forgives and loves you;
rise up and give God thanks.

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

Based on 1 Peter 4:14 and 5:10, and John 17:11.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together.

**Spirit of Glory, Spirit of God,
bless us this day.**

**Restore, support, and strengthen us
as we seek to be one with you,
as you are one with Christ. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 14:6-14

⁶ When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

¹ Let God arise, and let God’s enemies be scattered;
let those who hate God flee.

² **As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;
as the wax melts before the fire,
so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

³ But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴ **Sing to God, sing praises to God’s name;
exalt the one who rides the clouds;
I AM is that name, rejoice before God!**

⁵ In your holy habitation, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

⁶ **you give the solitary a home
and bring forth prisoners into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

⁷ O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸ **the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

⁹ You sent a bountiful rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance when it languished.

¹⁰ **Your people found their home in it;
in your goodness, O God,
you have made provision for the poor.**

³² Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord.

³³ **You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

³⁴ Ascribe power to God,
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

³⁵ **How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,
giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ’s sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5,6} Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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 17:1-11

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

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing! (ELW 393)

1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
 3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, “Why stand and gaze up - on the
 4 “You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the por - tals of the
 5 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -
 ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
 stand, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! and with his faith - ful fol - l’wers
 sky?” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! “This is the Sav - ior!” thus they
 sky.” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! “Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
 cord: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! You are, while end - less ag - es
 trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
 see their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.
 say, “this is his glo - rious tri - umph day!” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty.”
 run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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
by living among us as one of us,
feeding the hungry,
freeing the oppressed,
and touching the untouchable.

He was rejected and crucified,
yet God raised him from the dead,
breaking the power of sin and death
and opening the way to new life.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who gathers us into that grace,
breathes life into the church,
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.

The image shows two systems of musical notation. Each system consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The first system has the lyrics 'Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;'. The second system has the lyrics 'Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.'.

Your people sing your praises throughout the church. By your Holy Spirit, inspire us to witness to the gospel of Jesus through our music. Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, we pray for the needs of all creation.

Your love radiates from communities gathered in your name. Enable us to look beyond ourselves to perceive where you are calling us forward. Bless those experiencing significant transitions in life such as graduation, retirement, and new employment.

Your compassion and care come through the gifts of medicine and relationships. Be present with those who are grieving, lonely, or fearful, and those who are troubled by illness. Soothe the anxious, comfort those living with memory loss and their families.

Your promise of eternal life is certain and sure. Inspire us by the steadfast faith of those who have gone before us, so that we may be confident in the assurances you give. Use us to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through 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: *Will You Come and Follow Me* (ELW 798)



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



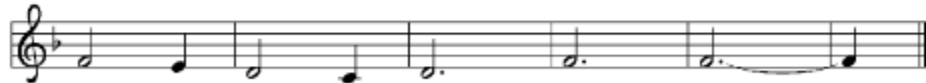
know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
pray'r in you and you in me?"
mean in you and you in me?"
sound in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

OFFERING PRAYER

Based on Psalm 68:9.

Let us pray together.

**Glorious God, everything that is given to us
rains forth out of the abundance of your love,
even Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Bless these gifts and our lives together
that all we are and all we offer give glory to you;
in the name of Christ, who is the way, truth, and life. 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

COMMUNION SONGS:

10,000 Reasons (M. Redmon)

Let Us Break Bread Together (ELW 471)

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

**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.**

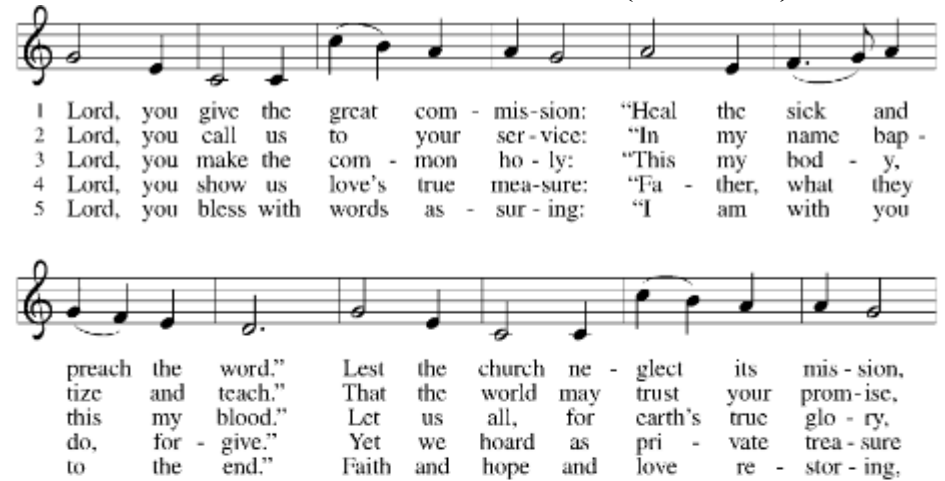
BLESSING

Based on 1 Peter 5:7, Psalm 68:9, and 1 Peter 4:14 and 5:10.

Sisters and brothers,
God loves and cares for each of us.
Therefore, cast all anxiety on him.
And may the abundance of God bless you,
the strength of ✙ Christ keep you,
and the Spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God,
shine upon you forever.

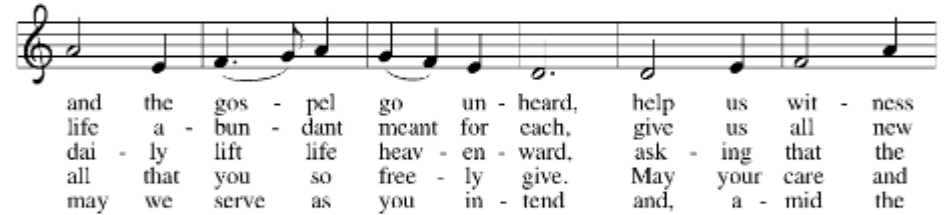
SENDING HYMN:

Lord, You Give the Great Commission (ELW 579)



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis-sion: "Heal the sick and
2 Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap -
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
4 Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa - ther, what they
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur-ing: "I am with you

preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty;
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty;
world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty;
mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty;
cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty;



Refrain
With the Spir-it's gifts em-pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: *Send Us Out* (Dakota Road)

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Contact Cards available in your pew!

Serving in Worship

THIS SUNDAY — May 17, 2026

Altar: Al Schimek
Livestream: Paul Kunkel
Welcome: **OPEN**
Reader: Damion Liles
Assistant: Nicole Sorenson
Fellowship: Weatherston/Rabie Family

NEXT SUNDAY — May 24, 2026

Altar: **OPEN**
Livestream: Sally Rafert
Welcome: **OPEN**
Reader: Hannah Young
Assistant: **OPEN**
Fellowship: Hannah Young

Trinity Happenings:

Sun, May 17:	9:00am 10:15am 10:30am	Worship Service w/ the Band Fellowship in Gruver Rm Does the Bible say... ...Jesus is God?
Mon, May 18:	9:00am	NO Becoming
Tue, May 19:	5:30pm	NO TheologyPub
Wed, May 20:	10:00am 11:30am	NO Women's Study Campus Cabinet Hours til 1:30pm
Sun, May 24:	9:00am 10:15am	Pentecost Sunday Worship Fellowship in Gruver Rm



Mon, May 25:	9:00am	NO Becoming
Wed, May 27:	10:00am 11:30am	Women's Study in Gruver Rm Campus Cabinet Hours til 1:30pm
Sun, May 31:	9:00am 10:15am	Holy Trinity Sunday Worship Fellowship in Gruver Rm



Share what you can
the last Sunday
of the month!



*Campus
Cabinet*
Food Pantry

Now with...

TRINITY THREADS!

You Belong

CrossTalk



Welcome to
TRINITY LUTHERAN

CrossTalk UPDATE

Three month's after Trinity began this work, how are we doing? Well, the office has gone from printing 64 bulletins a week to printing 86, and occasionally we still run out! If you haven't checked us out on your favorite feed please do, then re-post 😊

How can you help? Please take the opportunities on the next page seriously and SIGN UP in the Gruver Room!

- These folks are watching us online, we need Livestreamers.
- If they decide to join us in-person, we want them Welcomed.
- We want them to see the Communion ready for all.
- We want them to see more than one face Reading/Assisting.
- And we want to get to know them in Fellowship.

MONITOR THE LIVESTREAM



WELCOME

CHAT WITH NEWCOMERS

FILL CUPS
SET OUT BREAD



READ AT THE LECTERN



OFFER THE WINE
AT COMMUNION



MAKE EXTRA COFFEE
BRING TREATS



MEMBER STORY: LELANI HESSON, *HERE SINCE...*



Have you seen Leilani in her Family Williams' Pew? Above she is third from left in 1953. She was born in her grandmother's home on the West Side, and baptized there one month later by Pastor Harvey Lawrence. What sticks in her Trinity memory? - one Sunday when women were still required to wear nylons and a hat, Pastor Hugh Dowler was absent and his *wife did the service!*

