



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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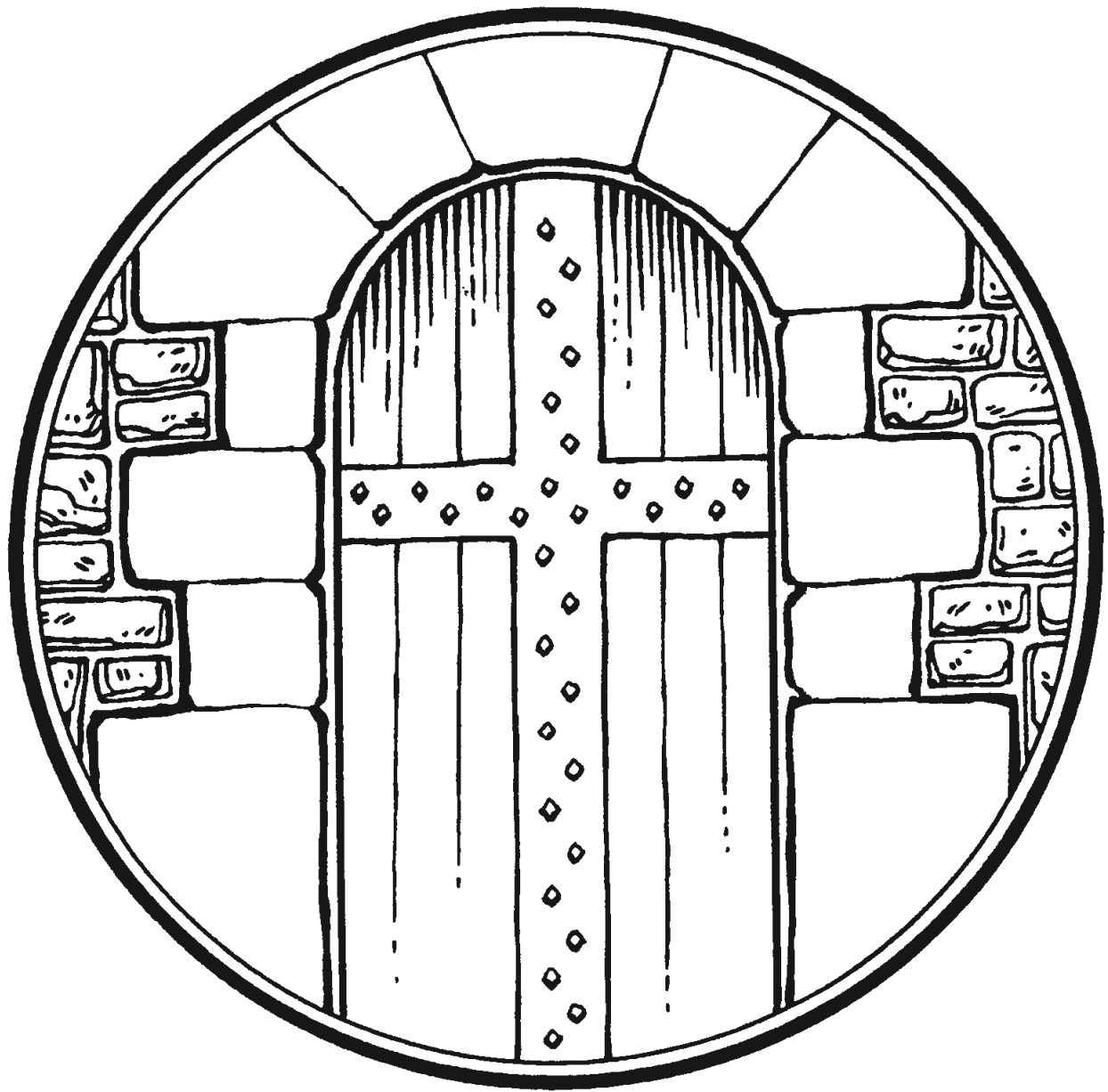
## THE DIVINE SERVICE

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### **The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

May 3, 2026 8:00 am

May 4, 2026 6:00 pm



## A WORD OF CHRISTIAN WELCOME

*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Psalm 122:1*

GRACE, MERCY, AND PEACE be yours in the Name of our Crucified and Risen Lord Jesus Christ and a word of Christian welcome:

We are delighted the Holy Spirit has brought you to hear and receive the blessings of the Word of God with us in the Divine Service, our Lord's gracious serving of us in grace as we gather in worship. We hope to make you comfortable and know you might have a few questions. Trinity welcomes many guests who may not be familiar with Lutheran worship or our congregation. This service folder contains the order of worship for the Divine Service.

The Lord's Supper, that is, Holy Communion is administered at this altar according to the Lord's institution. Out of love for our Lord's Word and His instruction, we take seriously the spiritual care and welfare of those who commune at our altar. Please take a moment to read about worthy reception of the Lord's true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins on page 19.

### A SPECIAL WELCOME TO PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

WE ARE BLESSED YOU ARE HERE. Children are a heritage from the Lord and full members of Christ's kingdom. Parents and their children are welcome to sit toward the front of the sanctuary so that the children can see and hear the service clearly. Don't worry, they won't bother the pastors. Here your children may watch the pastors, note the colors, and smell the candles. They'll be learning all we do revolves around the altar. Jesus promises to engage them with His Word and Spirit (St. Mark 10:13-16).

Engage your children through the Divine Service by teaching them the liturgy and the importance of hearing. Encourage them to speak the responses with you, "And with thy spirit!" and sing, Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy!" The children will follow your lead and they are very capable of learning challenging words. If you need help, look around: your brothers and sisters in Christ are delighted to assist.

The Family Room in the Narthex may be used if you need to step out, but please hurry back! Jesus desires children hear His Word in the Divine Service. To find this room, turn right after exiting the Nave and it is the first door on your right. A nursery is available with chairs, a single person restroom, a changing station, and busy bags with sensory toys. You'll be able to see and hear everything in the service from here.

Children's bulletins are available in the Narthex. These contain a simple presentation of the Sunday's themes and readings and serve as a teaching resource for the home.

## ✠ A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP ✠

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ, as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His Name. Amen.

*Prayers for worship preparation may be found inside the front cover of the hymnal.*

**Handbell Prelude**

**Bells' Call to Worship**

**Word of Welcome**

**Opening Hymn**

**LSB 909 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**

*The Congregation stands.*

**Easter Acclamation**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

**Confession and Absolution**

*Matthew 28:19*

*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** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

*Psalm 124:8*

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

*Psalm 130:3-4*

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. *Luke 18:13*

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.



Gloria in Excelsis (omitted Monday)

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good - will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*The Congregation is seated for the Readings.*

## First Reading

Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60

<sup>1</sup>Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup>And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup>But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” <sup>5</sup>And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup>These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup>And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

<sup>8</sup>And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup>Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . .

<sup>2</sup>And Stephen said:

“Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . .

<sup>51</sup>You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup>Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup>you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.”

<sup>54</sup>Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup>But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” <sup>57</sup>But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. <sup>58</sup>Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Choral Anthem

“You Are Mine”

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

<sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you yourselves like living stones are being built up as 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:

“Behold, 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>So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone,”

<sup>8</sup>and

“A stone of stumbling,  
and a rock of offense.”

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

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies 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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.


**C** Thanks be to God.

*The Congregation stands for the Alleluia and Holy Gospel.*

**Alleluia and Verse** (omitted Monday)



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



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



## Holy Gospel

*John 14:1-14*

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house are many rooms. 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, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to 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 had known me, you would have known 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 it is enough for us.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? 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 authority, 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, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup>“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God, *Romans 10:10; Deuteronomy 6:4*  
the Father Almighty, *Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3*  
maker of heaven and earth *Genesis 1:1; John 1:1*  
and of all things visible and invisible. *Colossians 1:16*

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, *Romans 10:9*  
the only-begotten Son of God, *John 3:16; Matthew 16:16*  
begotten of His Father before all worlds, *John 1:2*  
God of God, Light of Light, *John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1*  
very God of very God, *Colossians 2:9*  
begotten, not made, *John 1:2*  
being of one substance with the Father, *John 10:30*  
by Whom all things were made; *Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3*  
Who for us men and for our salvation *1 Timothy 2:4; Romans 3:23*  
came down from heaven *John 6:41; Luke 15:20*  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary *Luke 1:34-35*  
and was made man; *John 1:14*  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. *Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18*  
He suffered and was buried. *John 19:1-3; Luke 23:5*  
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures *1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6*  
and ascended into heaven *Acts 1:9*  
and sits at the right hand of the Father. *Acts 7:55*  
And He will come again with glory *Matthew 26:64*  
to judge both the living and the dead, *Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12*  
Whose kingdom will have no end. *2 Peter 1:11*

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, *John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38*  
the Lord and giver of life, *Genesis 1:2; John 3:6*  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, *John 15:26*  
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, *Mt 3:16-17; Lk 2:14*  
Who spoke by the prophets. *Ezekiel 11:5; 2 Peter 1:20-21*  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, *1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22*  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, *Ephesians 4:5; Acts 2:38*  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead *1 Corinthians 15:35-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. *Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42*  
Amen. *Psalms 106:4*

*The Congregation is seated for the Hymn of the Day.*

Hymn of the Day

LSB 646 Church of God, Elect and Glorious

Sermon

“As You Come to Him”

1 Peter 2:2–10

## Prayer of the Church

*The Congregation stands for The Prayer of the Church.*

*Each petition ends:*

**P** Lord, in your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer.

### In Our Prayers

*For peace.*

*Those who are recovering from surgery, illness, or injury:*

**Matthew Bultemeier**

*Those who are contending with health or other issues:*

**Elke Beltz, Betty Brown, Dennis Elliott, Amanda (Thieme) Livesay, Roberta Mangold, Chuck Morris, Jessica Murphy, Rev. Dave Spotts, Anthony & Christine Warrington, Hope Wetzstein, and Ruthann Wunder**

*Those who are confined due to health issues:*

**Arla Benskin, Al & Jacqueline Hebard, Shirley Smith, and Fannie Wiechert**

*Those involved in managing the effects of cancer, including:*

**Wayne Armbrust, Lauren Brown, Carol Easterhaus, Nathan Eckhoff, Rochelle Gavin, Patty Gerke, Sylvia Glenn, Kevin Hughes, Pam Jones, Ali Korenberg, Mary Medlock, Debi Mirly, Rev. Aaron Sterling, Terry Simmons, Carolyn Trigg, and Lee Tubbesing**

*For the families of:*

**Vernice Jung (former member of Trinity) who died on April 21, 2026**

**Beverly Sommer (sister of Jean Linhardt) who died on April 25, 2026, and**

**Michael Saddler (nephew of Charlene Koop) who died on April 28, 2026**

*If you desire to supply a regular intercession for the Prayer of the Church, please complete a Prayer Request Card located in your pew and place it in the offering box in the narthex. You may also contact the Church Office or visit the [Submit a Prayer Request](#) page on our website.*

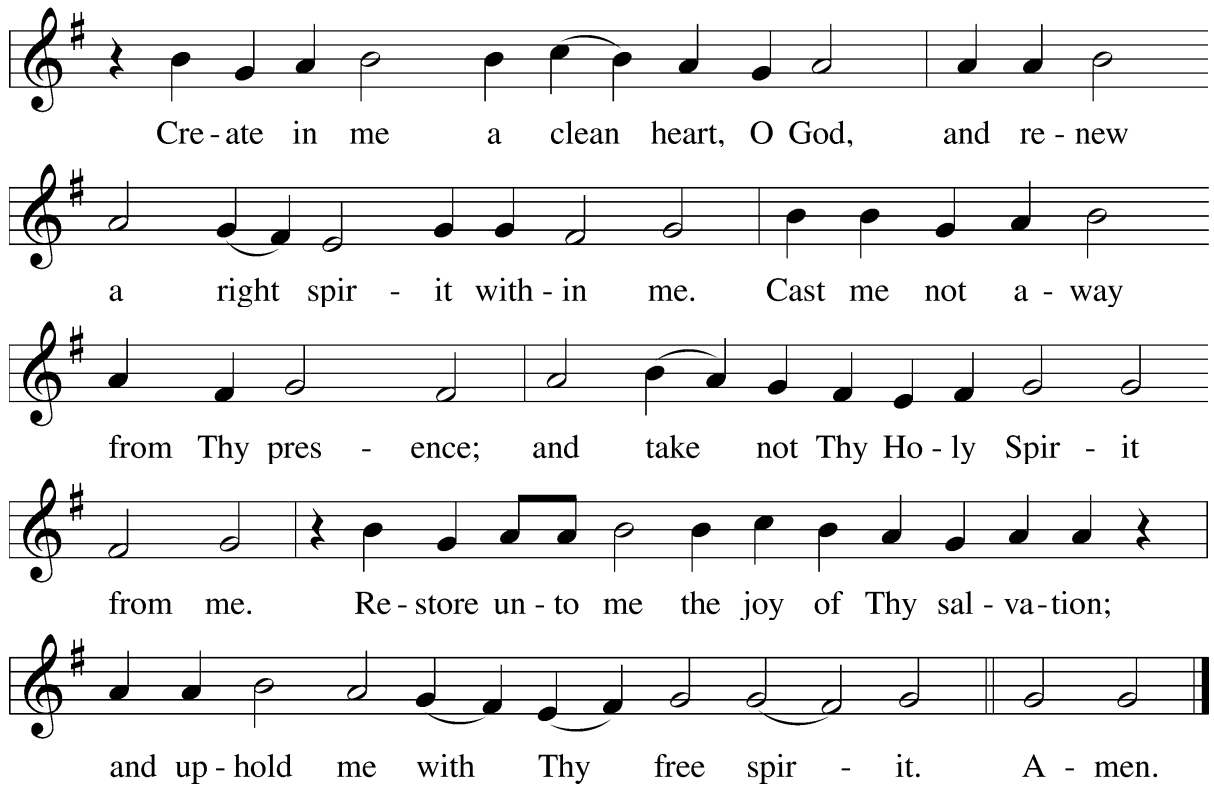
### Record of Attendance and Offerings

*Your presence is meaningful for us. Please take a moment to record your attendance in the red book at the end of your pew. Offerings may be placed in the collection box in the Narthex or online.*

*The Monday evening service continues with the Communion Hymn, #584.*

Offering & Offertory *(omitted Monday)*

Psalm 51:10-23



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new  
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way  
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;  
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

# THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also 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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus *(spoken Monday)*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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 Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

**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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

*John 20:19*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

Agnus Dei (omitted Monday)

John 1:29

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*The Congregation is seated.*

## Distribution

**Holy Communion** *The Lord Jesus is concerned about the spiritual care of all who commune at His Altar (1 Corinthians 11:27, 28). Our pastors desire to care for all our guests according to the Lord's instruction and would desire a conversation with you (1 Corinthians 4:1; Hebrews 13:1) prior to communing. The altar is open to those who are members of our congregation or sister congregations of the LCMS and are not under church discipline (1 Corinthians 1:10; 5:4, 5; 10:17). If you are a guest today, please read Our Teaching and Belief Concerning the Lord's Supper on page 19.*

### Prayer for the Right Reception of the Lord's Supper

*Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of Your name. Amen.*

**Distribution Hymn** (*Monday hymn*)                      **LSB 584 Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing**

**Distribution Hymn**    **LSB 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing**

**Distribution Hymn**    **LSB 645 Built on the Rock**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving after Receiving the Lord's Supper

*Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.*

*The Congregation stands for the Dismissal.*

### Dismissal

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.



**C** 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus

Psalm 103:1

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

**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** Amen.

## Closing Hymn

LSB 722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

## Postlude

### ✠ A PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP ✠

*Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness of my sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

### SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

**Preacher:** Rev. Brian Thieme

**Elders:** (8:00) David Attebery & John Frerking

(10:30) Benjamin Asbeck & Jim Cherrington

(Monday) John Frerking

**Ushers:** (8:00) Hunter Kevil & Kyle Dickes | (10:30)

**Altar Guild:** Betty Buchheit & Hillari Roberts

**Organist:** Carolyn Holste

**Handbell Director:** Kimberly Walker

**Choir Director:** Chris Kespohl

**Flutist:** Kate Farris

**Pianist:** Janelle Lutz

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## OUR TEACHING AND BELIEF CONCERNING THE LORD'S SUPPER

### **What is Holy Communion?**

Holy Communion, the Lord's Supper, or the Sacrament of the Altar is administered at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that along with the bread and the wine we receive the true Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus (Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 22:22-24; Luke 22:14-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26). Our Lord has shed His true blood and instituted His Supper for our benefit, that we might be joined to Him. We therefore take Him at His Word, believing and trusting in His gift and promise, without adding to or taking away from what He has said. This eating and drinking is a true participation, a communion, in the very same body and blood of Christ present on the cross of Calvary, not symbolic or representative (1 Corinthians 10:16). Through the gift of Communion, the Lord bestows on us the forgiveness of sins and strengthens our union with Him and with one another.

### **Who should receive the Lord's Supper?**

Our Lord desires that those who commune should know and believe what they are receiving in Holy Communion unto their benefit and not unto harm (1 Corinthians 11:29). Communicants should be instructed in God's Word so that they can properly examine themselves prior to communing (1 Corinthians 11:28), and should be united as one body in the faith (Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 1:10; 10:17). Our pastors and those gathered here desire and pray for your presence at this altar to receive the Lord's gifts. To achieve this unity in confession, our pastors desire a conversation with those who are not yet instructed or believe differently (belong to another church body or denomination) because Holy Communion is a public confession of agreement with all doctrine believed, taught, and confessed here. We also ask guests from other LCMS congregations to speak with the pastors before communing.

All who are communicant members in a congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, those Lutheran churches that are in altar and pulpit fellowship with the LCMS and not under church discipline may commune here. All other guests are invited to come to the communion rail for a blessing from the Pastor. Please cross your arms at the rail to receive the blessing.

### **How do I eat and drink Christ's body and blood?**

Communicants may receive the host by having it placed directly into the mouth or by having it placed in the palm of the hand. If the communicant wishes to take the individual cup, please receive one from the tray as the elder comes to your place at the communion rail. Drink from the individual cup when the pastor comes to your place at the communion rail with the chalice and speaks the words of distribution. If the communicant wishes to receive the chalice wait for the individual cup to pass and the pastor will commune you from the chalice.

If an individual has a sensitivity to gluten, a special host is available. Please request this host from the pastor when he comes to your place. Alcohol-removed wine is also available in the pink glasses of the individual cup should an individual desire.

**The Lord's Supper may be received in the pew if needed. Please notify a Pastor, Elder, or Usher.**

# TRINITY WEEKLY NEWS

The Fifth Sunday of Easter • Confirmation Sunday • May 3, 2026

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, May 3

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service + Confirmation

### Monday, May 4

- 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. Divine Service

### Tuesday, May 5

- 5:00 p.m. Board of Early Childhood Ed.
- 5:45 p.m. Pickleball
- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry

### Wednesday, May 6

- 9:00 a.m. TLCLC Chapel
  - 6:30 p.m. Lutheranism 101
- Heather out of office*

### Thursday, May 7

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. TLCLC Chapel
- 11:00 a.m. Communion @ Lenoir
- 5:45 p.m. Pickleball

### Friday, May 8

*Pastor's day off & Heather out of office*

### Sunday, May 10 – Mother's Day

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Study
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 6 BOD reports due
- May 14 Ascension
- May 15 AOV agenda items due
- May 15 Youth Finals Dinner
- May 23 Women's Brunch
- May 24 Pentecost
- May 27 AOV reports due
- May 28 Lutheran Ladies Having Fun

## FLOWER ANNOUNCEMENT

The Altar flowers are given by Karen Easton in memory of Bruce Easton in heaven

## LEARNING THE FAITH

### Lutheranism 101: Adult Catechism Classes

- Wednesdays at 6:30 pm, beginning April 15
- Downstairs classroom (room 106)

Please contact the church office or Pastor Thieme to sign up. Members are welcome to join the class.

### Sunday School

- Time: Sundays from 9:30-10:15 am
- Locations:
  - Opening: Classroom 123 in the church basement
  - PreK-Kindergarten: Classroom 124
  - 1<sup>st</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> Grades: Classroom 123
  - 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades: Classroom 106

Please join us in Classroom 123 to open with joyful songs with an age-based Bible lesson to follow. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Sunday Bible Study with Pastor Thieme

- Sundays at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall
- Studying: Parables

### Monday Bible Study with Pastor Thieme

- Mondays at 9:00 am in Room 106
- Studying: 1 Corinthians

### Men's Bible Study

- Thursdays at 7:00 am in the Fellowship Hall
- Studying: 1 & 2 Samuel

## DONATION REMINDER

When making a donation or fulfilling your promise to the **NARTHEX EXPANSION PROJECT** please indicate on your check or envelope **ACCOUNT 269**. We thank you for your ongoing support.

# SERVE AND ENCOURAGE

## Calling all 2026 Graduates!

- **Deadline: May 10**
- **Contact: Jacque Eckhoff 573-289-0273 or jacque711@hotmail.com**

The Board of Youth would like to highlight high school and college graduates for 2026. We are wanting a photo and future plans of those graduating. Parent or Graduate please contact Jacque Eckhoff.

## Youth Group Upcoming Events

- **May 15: Finals Dinner, 5:30 pm @ Las Marges South**

By May 13, let Jacque or Jenny know if attending or reply to the Youth Group Chat

- **Blueberry Picking @ Blue Shepherd Farm, June date TBD**
- **Central MO Fister Care & Adoption Backpack Project, July date TBD**
- **Sight & Sound Show in Branson, date TBD**

By June 1, let Jacque or Jenny know if interested in going

- If you are new to Trinity or haven't been able to participate in a while but now you can, contact Jacque Eckhoff at jacque711@hotmail.com or 573-289-0273. I'll make sure you're on the group chat and can answer any questions.

## Missouri's Largest Diaper Shower!

- **May 10-June 21, 2026**

Please help young mothers care for the babies the Lord has given them by donating diapers which will be given to Life Network, the local pregnancy resource center and Lutheran Family and Children's Services. Your Life Team and Missouri Lutherans For Life Board of Directors is hosting their annual diaper shower between Mother's Day (May 10) and Father's Day (June 21) again this year. Look for the display in the Narthex. Thank you in advance.

## Women's Fellowship Time – Spring Brunch

- **Saturday, May 23 at 10:00 am**
- **Fellowship Hall**
- **RSVP to Amanda Hakes 573-864-6757**

The body of Christ is designed to serve and encourage one another as we toil here on earth

awaiting the second coming of Christ. We want to connect the young and the experienced women of Trinity for a time of fellowship. We are seeking to share and receive encouragement and wisdom from fellow Lutheran women. We so hope you will attend.

We will also be collecting baby hygiene items to donate to My Life Clinic. Items needed at this time include baby soaps, baby lotions, and diaper creams.

## Lutheran Ladies Having Fun Night

- **Thursday, May 28 at 6:30 pm**
- **Thieme House**
- ***Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply Bible Study by Deb Burma***
- **RSVP to Sarah Thieme at 573-999-7746**

The idea of a coffee break is enticing, isn't it? Even if coffee isn't your beverage of choice you look forward to downtime, especially if it is with the company of a friend. Jesus wants our company. He invites us to meet Him in His Word. Time spent in Bible study will fill you to the brim and beyond with God's Good News. Sip, savor, and drink deeply from His Word. Receive the outpouring of His grace, His joy and His peace! We will have a fun night of a Bible study and coffee served with options of homemade coffee syrups by Amanda (Thieme) Livesay. We will also have a game that will give us an evening of laughter.

## May Assembly of Voters Meeting

- **Sunday, May 31 after second service**
- **Fellowship Hall**

A Regular Assembly of Voters (AOV) meeting will be held on Sunday, May 31, 2026. There will be a catered lunch beginning at 11:45 a.m., featuring barbecue sandwiches, assorted sides and desserts, and beverages. As a result, there will be no potluck for this meeting. The AOV meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m.

All items of business for the AOV agenda (motions, plans of action, etc.) are due by 9:00 a.m. May 15. Bylaw 3.1.3 requires publication of Old and New Business items at least two weeks in advance of an AOV meeting. The Old and New Business listing will be available in the narthex on Sunday, May 17, and via email upon request made to the church office. No additions will be permitted to the published list so be sure to meet the 9:00 a.m. May 15 deadline.

All officer, board, and other reports for the AOV

agenda packet are due before 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 27.

Agenda items and reports should be e-mailed to Debbie Antel, congregation secretary, (debbieantel@gmail.com) and Heather Asbeck, church administrator, (church@trinity-lcms.org ) before the deadlines detailed above. The completed AOV agenda packet will be available in the church office beginning late Thursday afternoon, May 28, and may also be picked up on Friday or Saturday. Packets will be available at the meeting on May 31. Handouts brought to the meeting will not be accepted or distributed.

Should you have any questions or wish to propose an agenda item, please reach out to Larry McCoig, President of the Congregation, as soon as possible. His phone number is 660-247-3026.

- Cape Girardeau, Missouri
- June 12-14, 2026

It is almost convention time! Time to spend with other Lutheran women, celebrating our pledge of willing service wherever and whenever our Savior has need of us. Be Rooted in the Word with Bible Study opportunities and become more informed with Breakout Session Speakers. Learn more about our mites by selecting one of the Mites in Action speakers.

This convention opportunity is coming up soon--June 12-14, 2026, at the Drury Plaza Hotel and Conference Center in Cape Girardeau and you can still register online for \$210, which includes Saturday boxed lunch and Saturday banquet buffet.

Visit [missourilwml.org](http://missourilwml.org) website to register and learn more about details.



# LWML

## 2026 Missouri District LWML Convention



### Audio and Print Assistance

Hearing-assist and live-captioning devices are available for the hearing-impaired. If either device may assist in your hearing and meditation on the Word of God, the ushers will be able to offer assistance. The large print edition of the hymnal is also available. Please speak with an usher, elder, or pastor.



### Accessibility

For those who may not be able to or comfortable navigating the stairs to the lower level, a lift is located just outside the sanctuary overflow area. Ushers or church members are able to assist with operation of the lift.



### Recording

Trinity publishes a recording of worship services both on our website and on YouTube (TrinityCoMo). Sermons are also available on our website.



### Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the hallway off the sanctuary overflow area (facing forward toward the altar, the open area to the left). Proceed through the door in the overflow area and you will find the restrooms to your right. From the Narthex, proceed past the stairs and turn right once you pass through the wooden double doors.



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