

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

PRELUDE

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

WELCOME STATEMENT

PROCESSIONAL "Have No Fear, Little Flock" ELW 764



THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of † the One
who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.
Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING*Acts 9:36-43*

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

A reading from Acts.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 23

(Assembly reads the bold font in the Congregational Response.)

The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

You restore my soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**Through I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.

A reading from Revelation.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And, all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

(Assembly stands for the gospel reading.)

GOSPEL READING

John 10:22-30

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

The gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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

SERMON

Rev. Phillip Potaczek

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

ELW 789

PROFESSION OF FAITH

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each prayer petition, please respond: ...Hear us O God, your mercy is great.

... We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us: in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING/OFFERING HYMN

“You Never Let Go”

Matt Redman

Even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear
And even when I'm caught in the middle
Of the storms of this life
I won't turn back I know You are near

Pre-Chorus

And I will fear no evil
For my God is with me
And if my God is with me
Whom then shall I fear
Whom then shall I fear

Chorus

Oh no You never let go
Through the calm and through the storm
Oh no You never let go
In ev'ry high and ev'ry low
Oh no You never let go
Lord You never let go of me

And I can see a light that is coming
For the heart that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
We'll live to know You here on the earth
(Pre-Chorus/Chorus)

Bridge

Yes I can see a light
That is coming for the heart that holds on
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
Still I will praise You
Still I will praise You
(REPEAT)

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OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: DIALOGUE

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.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW 762

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God of the universe ... With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on † us and on these † gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,

with the earth and all its creatures,

with sun and moon and stars,

we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Modern Version

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as our Savior taught us:

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All who wish to know the love of God in Jesus Christ are invited to Holy Communion. Inform a communion assistant if you need a gluten-free host. Grape juice is located in the center ring of the tray. If you are not receiving the sacrament today, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest for a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Shepherd Me, O God”

ELW 780

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL

SENDING HYMN/RECESSIONAL

“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

ELW 860

SENDING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Siblings in Christ, our Eucharist has ended.
Now, it must be lived.

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“He Is Exalted”

Twila Paris

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise Him.
He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise His name.
Jesus is Lord, forever His truth shall reign;
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

Trinity at a Glance

- We invite you to join the **TLC Book Club** in the Lounge on Tuesdays in May, from 6:30 PM to 8 PM. We will be reading and discussing 'The Savvy Ally: A Guide for Becoming a Skilled LGBTQ+ Advocate' by Jeannie Gainsburg. This insightful and practical guide provides essential tools for understanding and supporting LGBTQ+ individuals with compassion, respect, and confidence. Whether you're new to allyship or looking to deepen your advocacy, this book offers valuable insights on how to be a strong and effective ally to our LGBTQ+ neighbors, friends, and loved ones. We encourage you to join us for meaningful discussion and reflection on how we can all stand together as the Body of Christ in support of equality and inclusion.
- **Announcing the recipients of our Giving Tree:** Residents of the Pavilion of Ottawa. Thank you for your continued Spirit of Giving to help enrich the lives of others. "It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving." - Mother Teresa.
- Please support our partnership in the **Ottawa-Barrington Growing Project**. Our fundraising will help women in the western highlands of Guatemala increase and improve their food production. Children in this area have the highest rate of malnutrition and stunting in the world. **Contributions given by May 31st will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$5,000.**
- The **Growing Hope Globally Garden & Flower Plant "Sale"** is Sunday **May 18th** in Trinity's Java Junction Area. There will be tomatoes, banana peppers, broccoli, zucchini, pumpkins, herbs and zinnias to name a few. There is no charge for the plants – free will offering can be given to benefit our Growing Hope Globally project in partnership with the Ottawa-Barrington Growing Project. This project helps women in Guatemala increase their food production and leave hunger behind.
- Trinity will have a booth at the **Ottawa Pride Celebration** on Saturday **June 14th**. Volunteers will be needed. More details to follow.
- Thank you to everyone who helped with the **Annual Rummage Sale!** Trinity netted \$1,538.55. This money will go to the Parish Nurse Program.
- **A Celebration of Graduates**, with a blessing from the congregation, will take place on **Sunday, June 1st**. A bulletin board will display photos of our recent graduates. We are asking parents to please send in photos for us to use for this project. **Photos need to be submitted by Tuesday, May 27th.**
- **Open Table Church** will be serving a **free community meal** at **Noon today, Sunday, May 11th**. They will be serving ham, potatoes, roasted carrots, broccoli salad, and dessert.
- **CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:**
 - April income = \$16,489.27 (Income YTD = \$86,037.03)
 - April expense = \$20,446.95 (Expense YTD = \$85,834.48)
 - Income Less Expense = \$-3,957.68 (Income Less Expense YTD = \$202.55)
 - Loan Payment = \$2,943.30
 - Left on Loan = \$24,630.84

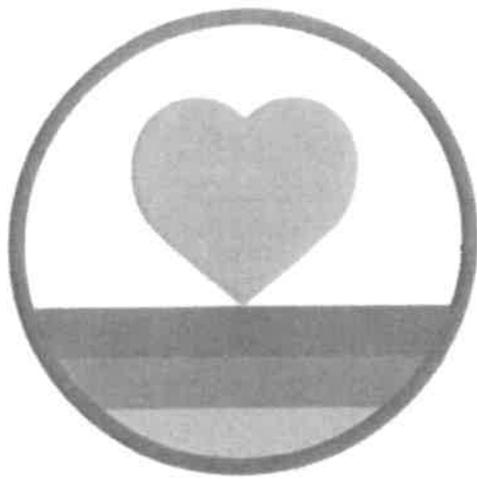
● **THIS WEEK @ TRINITY:**

- **Monday (5/12):** 10a Staff Meeting (Office)
10a Drum Fit (Community Room)
- **Tuesday (5/13):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
1p Trinity Stitchers (Sewing Room)
6:30p Book Club - Savvy Ally (Community Room)
- **Wednesday (5/14)** *No Bible Study Today*
- **Thursday (5/15):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
7p Church Council Meeting (Java Junction)
- **Friday (5/16):** *National Bike to Work Day* 
- **Saturday (5/17):** *National Cherry Cobbler Day* 
International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, & Biphobia
- **Sunday (5/18)** *No Affirmation Class & No Sunday Session Today*
(No More Classes for the Season)
10a Holy Communion

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE -

Please sign up using the binder at the back of the aisle.

<p><u>Sunday, May 11, 2025</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Griffin Youngstrom</i> Communion Assistants: Altar Guild: <i>Annette Bruce & Linda Scott</i> Video Tech: <i>Keith Goetz</i> Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i></p>	<p><u>Sunday, May 18, 2025</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Shannon Matteson</i> Communion Assistants: <i>Shannon Matteson, Mike Matteson, Anne Lauterjung</i> Altar Guild: <i>Mary Lindig & Kari Castelli</i> Video Tech: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i></p>
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GROWING
HOPE
G L O B A L L Y

What: Garden and Flower Plant “Sale”

When: Sunday, May 18

Where: Trinity’s Java Junction Area

Why: To support the
Ottawa-Barrington Growing Project

Free will offering will be accepted

