

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025



PRELUDE

EASTER PROCLAMATION

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

WELCOME STATEMENT

PROCESSIONAL “Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing” ELW 389

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.

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Follow Me to Jordan”

Jay Althouse

Every day He will show me the way until I reach the Promised Land.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, 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 11:1-18

In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

A reading from Acts.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where they were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

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

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise God in the heights.

**Praise the Lord, all you angels;
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**

Praise the Lord, sun and moon;
sing praise, all you shining stars.

**Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
who commanded, and they were created.
**who made them stand fast forever and ever,
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**

Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;
**fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**

Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
**wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds;**
sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;

**young men and maidens,
old and young together.**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
whose name is only exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

**The Lord has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel,
a people who are near the Lord. Hallelujah!**

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

A reading from Revelation.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

For the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these worlds are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

(Assembly stands for the gospel reading.)

GOSPEL READING

John 13:31-35

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer; Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

The gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

Special Music -- Dan Nelson, Vocalist

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.

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.

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 "Soon and Very Soon" ELW 439

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 "Canticle of the Turning" ELW 723

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 today, **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.
- 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.**
- **Come join us** in an uplifting (and fun!) experience known far and wide as the super-fantastic **Ottawa Pride Choir!** If you say you "can't sing" - no worries! This is something you can do in support of our brothers & sisters in the LGBTQ+ community -- let's show them some love. Even if you just stand among the group and mouth the words - you will be moved and uplifted - and have a wonderful time in community with others. Any questions and to receive a rehearsal schedule contact Mary Heider or the church office.
- Corrections:
 - . Flowers Donated Sunday May 4th were from Jan Beckman in Honor of Judy Whitney.
 - . Flowers Donated Sunday May 11th were from The Heider and McGrath Families in Memory of Art Cunningham.
- **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 (5/19):** 10a Staff Meeting (Office)
 10a Drum Fit (Community Room)

- **Tuesday (5/20):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
 4:30p Property Committee Meeting (Conference Room)
 6:30p Book Club - Savvy Ally (Community Room)
 6:30p TRMS Board Meeting (Conference Room)

- **Wednesday (5/21)** 10a Bible Study (Community Room)

- **Thursday (5/22):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
 1p Trinity Stitchers (Sewing Room)

- **Friday (5/23):** *National Road Trip Day!* 

- **Saturday (5/24):** *Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day!* 

National Brother's Day! 

- **Sunday (5/25)** 10a Holy Communion
 5p PADS Meal

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE -

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

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Crucifer/Acolyte:
Ushers:
Lector: *Shannon Matteson*
Communion Assistants: *Shannon Matteson, Mike Matteson, Anne Lauterjung*
Altar Guild: *Mary Lindig & Kari Castelli*
Video Tech: *Anne Lauterjung*
Music Directors: *Matt Makeever & Mary Heider*
Flower Donation: *From Carol Link in Honor of Loved Ones*

Sunday, May 25, 2025

Crucifer/Acolyte:
Ushers:
Lector: *LouAnn Gayan*
Communion Assistants: *Ann Enke & Anne Lauterjung*
Altar Guild: *Anne Lauterjung & Debbie Guenther*
Video Tech: *Anne Lauterjung*
Music Directors: *Matt Makeever & Mary Heider*
Flower Donation: *From Jan Beckman in Honor of Matthew Constantine*