

Third Sunday of Easter / First Communion

May 4, 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.

VOCAL SOLO

“How Great Thou Art”

Stuart K. Hine

Performed by Glenn Kueltzo

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of 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 9:1-6 [7-20]

A reading from Acts.

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now, there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” He answered, “Here I am, Lord.” The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

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

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

**O Lord my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.**

You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

**Sing praise to the Lord, all you faithful;
give thanks in holy remembrance.**

God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

**While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed.**

You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

**I cried to you, O Lord:
I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

**Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me:
O Lord, be my helper."**

You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING*Revelation 5:11-14*

A reading from Revelation.

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing.

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might
forever and ever!"

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

(Assembly stands for the gospel reading.)

GOSPEL READING*John 21:1-19*

The gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON*Rev. Phillip Potaczek***HYMN OF THE DAY***"The Church of Christ, in Every Age"**ELW 729*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM PRESENTATION

(Candidate for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the minister at the font.)

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, holy God.....through our Savior Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen

BAPTISM

Finn William, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Blessed be God, **the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy. You belong to Christ forever, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia!**

Let us pray...

We give you thanks, O God....both now and forever. **Amen.**

Finn William, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

WELCOME

(A lighted candle is given to the sponsors by the minister as a representative of the congregation saysand give glory to God.)

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

(Applause. The baptized, sponsors, and parents are seated.)

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 HYMN

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

ELW 798

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 has 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

"You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

ELW 817

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 **“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”** **ELW 674**

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 **“Mourning Into Dancing”** **Tommy Walker**

You've turned my mourning
Into dancing again You've lifted my sorrows
And I can't stay silent
I must sing for Your joy has come

Where there once was only hurt
You gave Your healing hand
Where there once was only pain
You brought comfort like a friend
And I feel the sweetness of Your love
Piercing my darkness
And I see the bright and morning sun
As it ushers in Your joyful gladness

*****Trinity at a Glance*****

- We invite you to join the **TLC Book Club** in the Lounge starting on Tuesday, **May 6th**, from 6:30 PM to 8 PM. Each Tuesday evening in May, we'll 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. We encourage you to read Part I in preparation for the discussion.
- 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.**
- Volunteers are needed for Trinity's water station at the **Starved Rock Marathon on May 10th** (*please note corrected date*). Our station is located at Lone Point Shelter on Route 71. We need to arrive early because they close the road for runners. Volunteers should be there by 6:30 am. Contact Rosie Walker 815-488-5285 for more information and to volunteer. It is really a lot of fun!! Hope you can join in!
- Trinity will have a booth at the **Ottawa Pride Celebration** on Saturday **June 14th**. Volunteers will be needed. More details to follow.
- Please consider volunteering to participate in our service by signing up for **Communion Assistant, Lector, or Usher roles**. We'd love to see you there! Sign up sheet is by Java Junction.
- **CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:**
 - March income = \$21,369.93 (Income YTD = \$69,547.76)
 - March expense = \$21,274.10 (Expense YTD = \$65,387.53)
 - Income Less Expense = \$95.83 (Income Less Expense YTD = \$4,160.23)
 - Loan Payment = \$2,943.30
 - Left on Loan = \$27,517.00

• **THIS WEEK @ TRINITY:**

- **Monday (5/5):**
 - 10a Staff Meeting (Office)
 - 10a Drum Fit (Community Room)
 - 4:30 Mission Meeting (Community Room)
- **Tuesday (5/6):**
 - 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
 - 6:30p Book Club (Community Room)
- **Wednesday (5/7)**
 - 1p Bible Study (Community Room)
 - 6:30p Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- **Thursday (5/8):**
 - 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
 - 1p Trinity Stitchers (Sewing Room)
- **Friday (5/9):**
 - 7a Sunrise Rotary (Fellowship Hall)
- **Saturday (5/10):** *National Archery Day!*
- **Sunday (5/11)**
 - 9a Sunday Session (Education Building)
 - 9a Affirmation, Last Class (Conference Room)
 - 10a Holy Communion

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE -

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

Sunday, May 4, 2025

Crucifer/Acolyte:

Ushers:

Lector: *Jane Goetz*

Communion Assistants: *Jane Goetz*

Altar Guild: *Jan Beckman & Ann Enke*

Video Tech: *Keith Goetz*

Music Directors: *Matt Makeever & Mary Heider*

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Crucifer/Acolyte:

Ushers:

Lector:

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Altar Guild: *Annette Bruce & Linda Scott*

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