

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026



PRELUDE

We arrive from many places as music gathers us into one shared moment in the Spirit.

WELCOME STATEMENT

Everyone is invited into God's story and the life of this community.

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL

"Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing"

ELW 389

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We ask the Spirit to prepare our hearts for hearing God's word.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING*Acts 7: 55-60*

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6: 1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

A reading from Acts.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM RESPONSE*Psalms 31: 1-5, 15-16*

We give voice to God's faithfulness, participating in the living story of God's mercy and love by echoing the ancient prayers of God's people.

In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.”

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2: 2-10

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

A reading from First Peter.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

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.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"

ELW 535

GOSPEL READING

John 14: 1-14

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

The gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 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, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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

We hear God's promise proclaimed to us, and the Spirit works in our hearts to make it real.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life"

ELW 816

We respond to the promises of God in song.

PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED

We join the wider church in naming the story that holds us.

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.

BLESSING OF PADS MOVE-OUT KITS

Over the past few weeks...I invite you to extend your hands forward in blessing.

God of welcome, you meet us in every place we dwell. **Be with all who are finding their way to a new home.**

We offer these move-outkits, simple things gathered with care. **Bless these gifts, and those who will receive them.**

Through each item here, part of daily life: **Bring comfort, dignity, and peace.**

For those stepping into something new with uncertainty: **Grant hope, courage, and safety.**

For all of us, learning what it means to love our neighbors: **Keep our hands open and our hearts ready.**

And for every home, everywhere: **May they be places of peace and belonging.**

In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We entrust all into God's care.

After each prayer petition, please respond: **Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We offer signs of Christ's peace, joining God's work of reconciliation.

May the peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Christ is risen! His new life brings hope to all creation. With thankful hearts, let us offer our gifts to God.
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! We offer our lives and gifts in praise.

OFFERING/ OFFERING HYMN

"Way Maker"

Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

We return our gifts to God, offering ourselves for the life of the world.

Verse 1

You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

Chorus

(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

Verse 2

You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You

Verse 3

You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

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OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
DIALOGUE

We lift our hearts and give thanks for God's life-giving work.

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

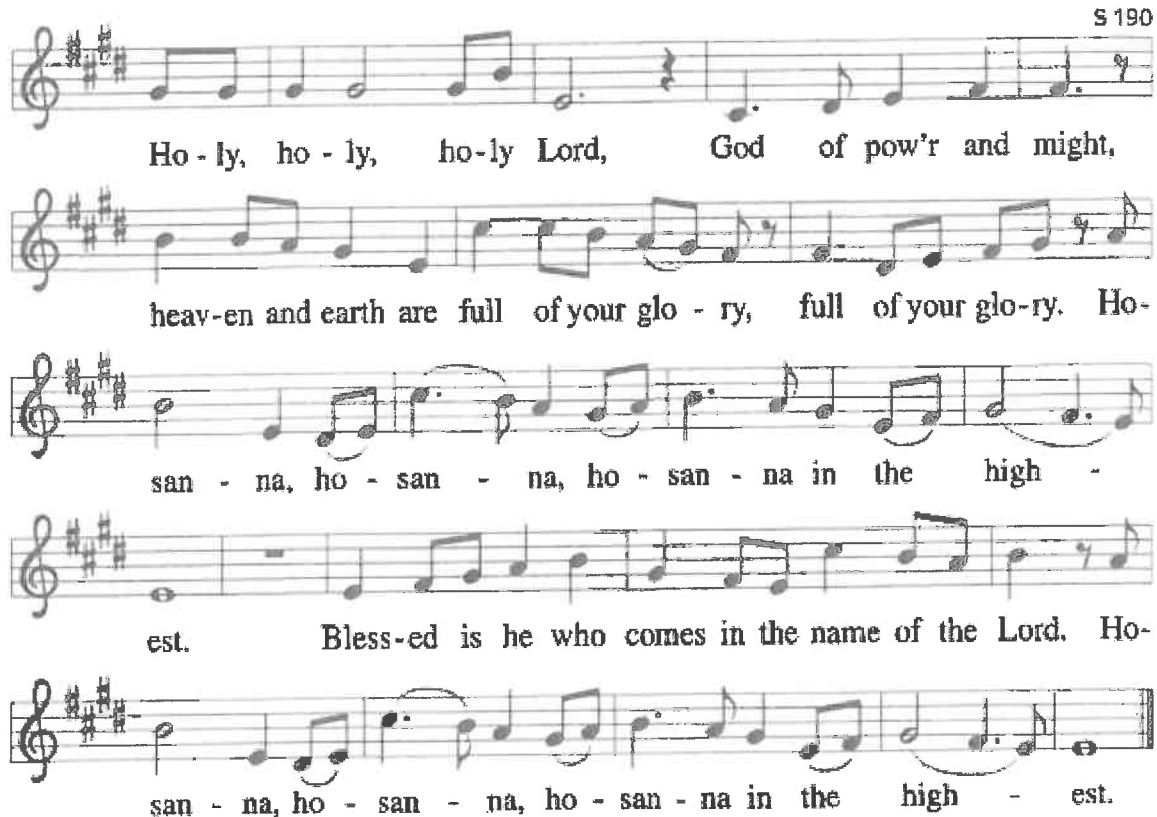
We remember God's faithfulness and join heaven and earth in praise.

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

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

We recall the story of Jesus and ask the Spirit to make us one.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age... 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

We pray as Jesus taught, trusting God for what we need.

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

All are welcome to God's table of grace, receiving Christ's presence as nourishment for the journey.

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.

Singing in response to God's gift, we enter more deeply into the presence of Christ.

Chorus

We are a chosen people of God
called into light and gathered in love,
redeemed and held by the holy one.
We are chosen people of God.

Verse 1

Look around you and see people in your
neighbourhood,
endless variety; God has created good.
We're a part of it all, chosen and called.
(Chorus)

Verse 2

Look around you and see the blessings given us.
Earth, sky and sea, they're all placed in our trust.
We're a part of it all, chosen and called.
(Chorus)

Verse 3

Look around you and see not all is going right.
In this mystery we're called to be a light.
We're part of it all, chosen and called.
(Chorus)

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We ask for strength to live what we have received.

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, we pray.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We share news and opportunities to live God's love together as a community.

BLESSING

God's promise goes with us into whatever comes next.

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL

“Go In Peace”

Jay Beech

With hearts lifted, we turn toward the world as Christ's people.

Chorus

Go in peace and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.
Go in peace and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Verse 1

Buried in baptism, risen with Christ,
you're ready to serve now, refreshed and alive.
Go in peace, go in peace and serve the Lord.
(Chorus)

Verse 2

The supper is ended, we're full and we're free;
it's only a foretaste of how it will be.
Go in peace, go in peace and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
(Chorus)

Verse 3

We've been to the mountain, it's time to come down
We gather the gifts now and spread them around.
Go in peace, go in peace and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
(Chorus 2x)

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SENDING

We are sent to love, serve, and live the story we have shared.

Siblings in Christ, our Eucharist has ended. **Now it must be lived.**
Go in peace. Praise the Risen Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

“Knock on the Door”

Sara Thomsen

As worship concludes, music strengthens and inspires us for the journey ahead.

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

- As a courtesy to Trinity Rose students and staff, if you would like to schedule a time to visit the school or need access to the second floor of the Education Building, please reach out to Suzannah and/or Casey in advance to coordinate. To ensure an uninterrupted and safe learning environment for students, all **guests of Trinity Rose Montessori School (or visitors to the second floor of the Education Building) MUST sign-in with Diane or Tonya at the main office on the first floor upon arrival**, after connecting with Suzannah and/or Casey. Please also remember to sign-out when you depart. Thank you for your cooperation.
- **Please support Mission's 2026 Growing Project.** The funds raised will help people (mostly women) increase their food production in Guatemala's Western Highlands. **Our goal is to raise \$25,000** to help. We're planning a number of activities to inform about the project and raise funds. All help is welcome! Last year's project raised almost \$29,000! Thank you for all of your support!
- Please volunteer to help at the **TLC water station at the Starved Rock Marathon, Saturday May 9th**, (at the entrance to Lone Point Shelter on Route 71). The station runs from **7am to Noon**. We need all hands on deck from 8:30-10:00am to hand out water and gatorade. Please let Anne or Rosie (815-488-5285) know if you are able to volunteer, for directions to the site, or if you have questions. Thank you!
- **Join us** in the Education Building Community Room from **6-7:30 pm on Tuesday, May 12, May 19 and May 26th** for our upcoming **Book Club**. We will be reading **Who Do You Want to Be When You Grow Old: The Path of Purposeful Aging** by Richard J. Leider and David A. Shapiro. All are welcome! You do not need to have read the book to take part in the discussion, though reading ahead will enrich the conversation. For the first session, please read the introduction and Chapters 1-3.
- **The Pastor will be unavailable May 4th through May 9th** for his spring break. Pastor Jennifer Amy-Dressler of Open Table has agreed to provide Trinity with emergency pastoral care, as needed. Please call the Trinity office if you need to speak with Pastor Jennifer during this period.
- Please use the North Parking Lot, Cloister Walk entrance if you feel comfortable. **Please keep in mind that if approached by a protester and you are feeling uncomfortable let staff or volunteers know.** Police will be contacted to ensure congregation safety.
- **The theme for this year's Vacation Bible School is "River of Life."** In VBS, participants will learn about the importance of water and visit important "ports" during the week to hear Bible stories about water. They will also hear about communities working to restore watersheds, to protect rights to water and to ensure safe water for everyone. There will also be fun, with games and other activities to celebrate God's gift of water and remind us of our important calling as God's children to be good stewards of creation. **VBS will run July 13th through July 17, 2026** at 717 Chambers St., Ottawa. Please contact the office during business hours (9-2, Mon - Thurs) to sign up!
- Speaking of water..... **Thrivant Members can obtain free clean water kits** that Vacation Bible School can use to help promote a stewardship of our environment. **Please order your kits at <https://servicing.apps.thrivent.com/cause-kits>** . Kits can be dropped off at the office during business hours or brought to service on Sundays.
- **Trinity's plant sale is Sunday, May 17th.** Annual flowers, perennials, and garden vegetables will be available in the Java Junction area. The **funds raised will go to our Growing Hope Globally growing project to help farmers in western Guatemala.**

● **CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- March Income = \$21,146.79 (Income YTD = \$67,408.67)
- March Expense = \$20,068.35 (Expense YTD = \$62,744.95)
- Income Less Expense = \$1,078.44 (Income Less Expense YTD = \$4,663.72)

● **THIS WEEK @ TRINITY:**

- **Monday (5/4):** *Pastor on Spring Break*
 9a Tai Chi (Fellowship Hall)
 4:30p Mission Meeting (Community Room)
- **Tuesday (5/5):** *Pastor on Spring Break*
 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
- **Wednesday (5/6)** *Pastor on Spring Break*
- **Thursday (5/7):** *Pastor on Spring Break*
 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)
- **Friday (5/8):** *Pastor on Spring Break*
 7a Sunrise Rotary (Fellowship Hall)
- **Saturday (5/9):** 7a Starved Rock Marathon 
- **Sunday (5/10)** *Mother's Day*
 9a Sunday Session
 10a Holy Communion

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE -

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

<p><u>Sunday, May 3, 2026</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Beth Schuett</i> Communion Assistants: <i>Beth Schuett</i> Altar Guild: <i>Debbie Guenther,</i> Video Tech: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers: <i>In Loving Memory of Judy Whitney</i> <i>from Jan Beckman</i></p>	<p><u>Sunday, May 10, 2026</u> Crucifer/Acolyte: Ushers: Lector: <i>Jane Goetz</i> Communion Assistants: Altar Guild: <i>Anne Lauterjung,</i> Video Tech: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i> Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever & Mary Heider</i> Altar Flowers:</p>