



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Loving, Witnessing and Growing through God's Grace

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021



*Holy Trinity's Mission:
Loving, Witnessing and Growing through God's Grace*

Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church!

We celebrate and share God's gifts by worshipping together, caring for each other, and doing God's work in the community and beyond. We believe that Christ has made us one body with many members, sharing in God's grace and unconditional love.

We joyfully welcome ALL people, without exception — of every age, sex, race, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, or of anything else that divides us — to join with us in worship, learning, fellowship, prayer and service.

"For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ...there is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:26, 28

If you are a guest, please fill out one of the welcome cards and place it in the offering plate or hand to the ushers, so we know how we can be of service to you. Following worship, please stay for coffee and conversation!

Blessings,
The People of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

- + *Restrooms are located in Beilstein Hall.*
- + *Childcare is available downstairs most Sundays.*
- + *Changing tables are in the nursery downstairs and in Beilstein Hall. If you need directions, please speak to an usher.*
- + *Large print editions of the bulletin are available from the ushers.*

Worship Notes:

Throughout this bulletin, the designation Page refers to the liturgical material at the beginning of the hymnal, and Hymn refers to the hymns printed in the rest of the hymnal. Liturgical directions, known as rubrics, are printed in italics; the ministers' part is printed in normal font; and the congregation's part is printed in bold text. An asterisk (*) indicates to stand as able. God's grace and love are gifts to all. We commune by placing bread (regular or gluten-free) in your hands. You can dip it into the chalice of wine or you may eat the bread and take a sip of non-alcoholic wine from the chalice. If you or your child(ren) have not been baptized, we invite you to schedule a time to speak with the pastor about the meaning of the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion. If you do not partake of Holy Communion, you are invited to come forward and cross your arms to receive a blessing.

Gathering + Word + Table + Sending

Welcome

Prelude- Kai Lin

Invocation

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.
We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.
Breathe your peace in your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.
Make us one, risen Christ.
Cleanse our hearts.
Shower us with life.
To you be given all praise,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God,
now and forever.

Amen.

In Christ There Is No East or West



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com - mu - nion find;
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man-kind.
All chil-dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.

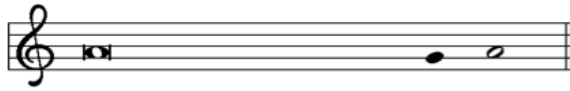
Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



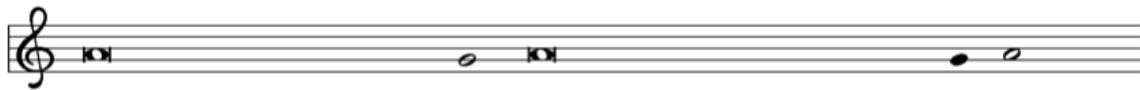
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



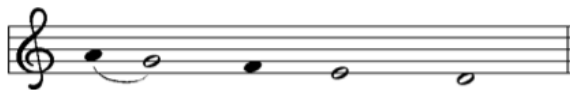
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

This is the Feast

ELW 149

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gathering + **Word** + Table + Sending

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

*The reading concludes: Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.***

PSALM **Psalms 22:25-31**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord. (Ps. 22:27)

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸For dominion belongs to the Lord,
who rules over the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they are dead, shall kneel before
the Lord.

³⁰Their descendants shall serve the Lord,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The Lord has acted!"

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

*The reading concludes: Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God**
(A brief silence for reflection follows the singing bowl.)*

Gospel Acclamation

ELW 151



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

Response after the announcement:

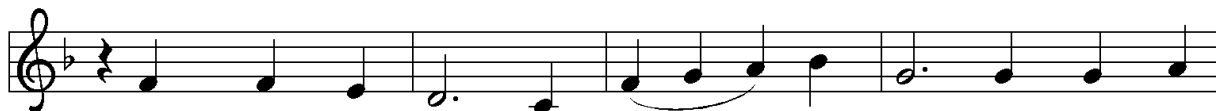
Response after the conclusion:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

O Blessed Spring



1 O bless - ed spring, where word and sign em - brace us
 2 Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain
 3 When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their
 4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our
 5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to
 faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing
 heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will
 last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take
 this blest mys - ter - y: that word and wa - ter thus re -



be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.
 rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.
 move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.
 wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.
 vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

Apostle's Creed

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

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

**Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.*

Prayers of Intercession

L: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
(All may greet each other with the peace of Christ.)

Announcements

+Gathering+Word+Table+Sending+

Offering

*(An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those
in need.)*

Offering Hymn

Offering Prayer

Let us pray,
God of love,
You call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.
Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;
for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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

Words of Institution

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

...Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

...Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love,

Come, Holy Spirit.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion

Communion Hymns

As the Grains of Wheat

Hymn 465

Let Us Break Bread Together

Hymn 471

Blessing after Communion

Response: **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray...**Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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Benediction

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, †Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
 rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
 can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

We Remember in Prayer

If you would like to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please call the office or email office@sancarloshtlc.org.

Anthony I. (in jail)

Antone W. (in jail)

Bob Young

Bradn Buerkle, our missionary in Russia

Carol Collier, (Pamela's Sister)

Coke Stimmler

Debbie Knorpp(Debbie Knorpp, friend of the Southards)

Denyl Morgan

Gigi Schmuckal

Gordon Svendsen

Julianne Fredericks

Kim Veerbeek

Lillian Pogreba

Linda Svendsen

Lindsay (Lynn's granddaughter, Cathy's niece).

Logan & family (great grandson of Lynn)

Mary

Michael C. (homeless)

Naomi Yokoi (Friend of Family Schmuckal)

Pam Davis

Patricia Austin, (Amanda Schrof's Mom)

Parish Announcements

Worship

Online worship will occur weekly, with the addition of a live, in-person worship on one Sunday in April and two in May.

Here are the details...

May 2: in-person (outside & online)

May 9: online

May 16: in-person (outside & online)

We would like to get an estimate of who is coming and also if you need to park in the parking lot. Email pastor Josh by replying to this email.

We will still be live streaming!

Help Needed

We would like help with: Lectors, Assisting Ministers, Ushers, and a couple folks to help set up and tear down our outside worship!

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