

*The Evangelical Lutheran Church  
of the Holy Trinity  
Greenville, Pennsylvania*

*The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
May 2 and 3, 2026*

**Welcome in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ!** If you come as a visitor today, we hope you will leave as a friend. We count it a privilege and a blessing to have you with us in worship. If you are not presently a member of any congregation, please feel welcome to gather with us around Jesus in this community of his disciples at Holy Trinity. Come and worship with us again!

**We welcome and encourage children of all ages to be in worship. Sitting with children in a front pew and giving them the seat on the center aisle helps them to see and participate in our worship.** For children who are present in worship, there are a variety of games, toys, puzzles, coloring supplies and snacks in the Kids' Prayground cabinet in the narthex near the coat rack. If children need a break, there is a TV set up downstairs in the nursery so parents can watch the worship live-stream. If you are visiting, an usher can help direct you to the nursery.

**Invitation to Communion:** Holy Communion is the body and blood of Jesus Christ by which our Lord is truly present to forgive sin and bring life and salvation. All baptized Christians who believe this promise are welcome to commune. Parents with children are encouraged to come to the altar together. Children who do not yet receive communion will receive the blessing of the Church from the Pastor.

**Procedure for Communing:** We will be using a form of processional communion. An usher will release each pew to come forward at a time to avoid a long line in the aisle. Pick up a communion cup on either side at the first pew. The pastor will place a host in your open palm. Turn to either the left or right side to the deacon or communion assistant to receive wine. After consuming the host and wine, pour any remaining wine into the container, then discard your cup. Children who have not yet received their First Holy Communion should come forward for a blessing.

**Gluten-free wafers are available; let the pastor know when you come forward to receive.**

**Liturgy of Holy Communion, Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m.**

*The assembly's responses are in bold type.*

*We prepare in prayer and holy silence.*

**Significance of the Day:** As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

*Gathering*

*Aria from Concerto Grosso, no. 12* George Frideric Handel

Prelude

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.*

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, especially Pymatuning and Lake Erie.  
Blessed are you.  
**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

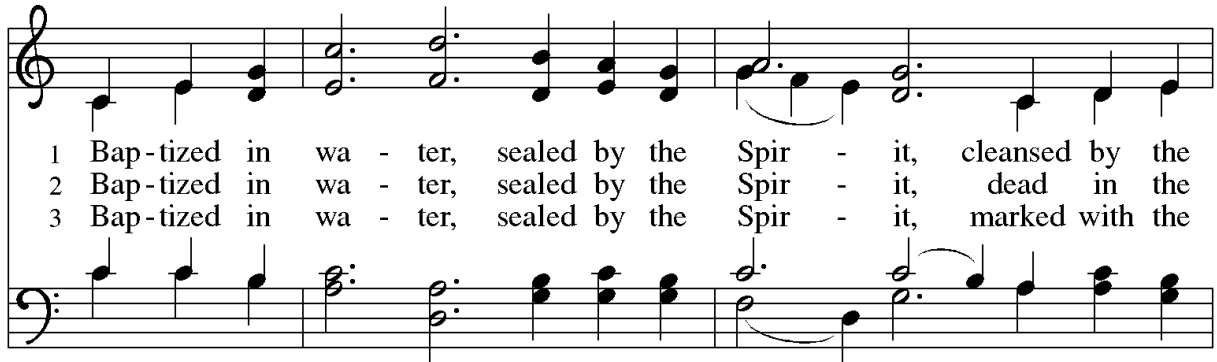
Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness  
who accompanies us on our journeys.  
We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.  
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.  
Blessed are you.  
**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

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.**

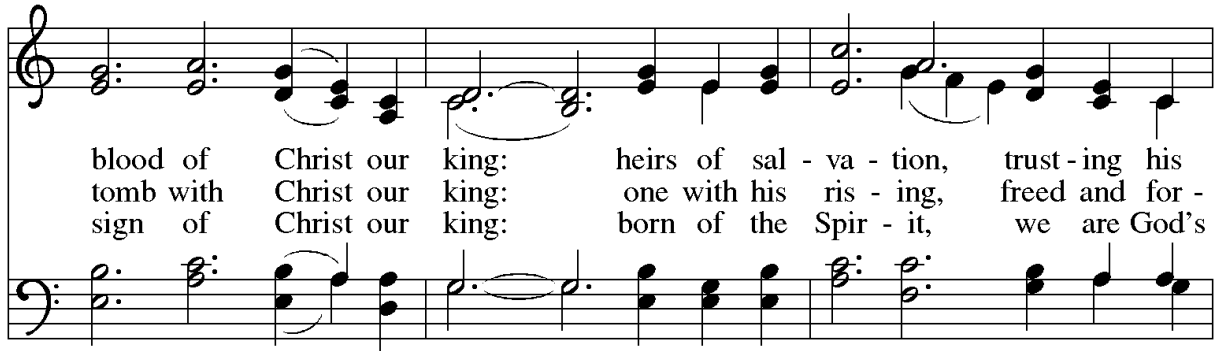
Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,  
and for making us a new creation.  
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

Hymn

Baptized in Water



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his  
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.  
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Saward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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Hymn

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
 3 Grant, we pray, to all your faith - ful all the gifts they  
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
 ask to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est  
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

Easter Dialogue

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

We are illumined by the brightness of his rising.  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Death has no more dominion over us.  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Kyrie

The musical score for the Kyrie is written in 6/8 time and consists of four staves. The parts alternate between Choir and Assembly. The lyrics are: Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son!

*Choir* Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son. *Assembly* Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son. *Choir* Chris -

*Assembly* te e - le - i - son. *Choir* Chris - te e - le - i - son. *Choir* Ky - ri -

*Assembly* e e - le - i - son. *Choir* Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son. *Choir* Ky - ri - e e - le - i -

*Assembly* son! *Assembly* Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son!

Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*



This is the feast, 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.



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, wis-dom and strength, hon-ro, and bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast, 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.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a-tion:



Bless-ing and hon - or, glo-ry and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev-er. A-men.

*Refrain*



This is the feast, 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. — Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. —

## Prayer of the Day

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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## *Word*

First Reading

Acts 7:55-60

A reading from Acts:

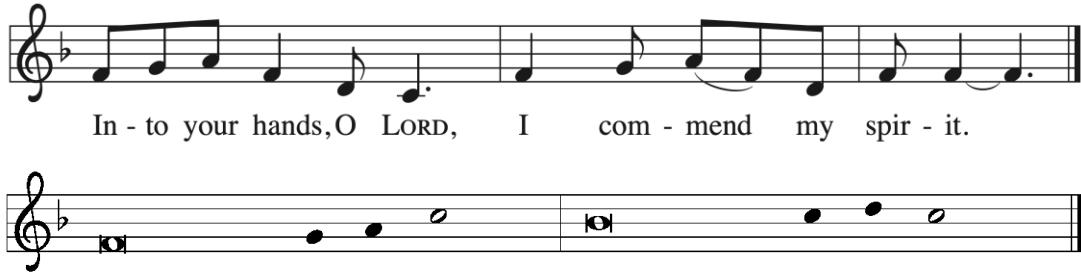
55 But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56 "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" 57 But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. 58 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. 59 While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." 60 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:1-5,15-16

*The Psalm will be spoken responsively on Saturday  
and sung on Sunday.*



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

**2 Incline your | ear to me;  
make haste to de- | liver me.**

3 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.

**4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly | set for me,  
for you are my tow- | er of strength.**

5 Into your hands I com- | mend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, | God of truth.

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

16 Let your face shine up- | on your servant;  
save me in your | steadfast love." (R)

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

A reading from 1 Peter:

2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation – 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

4 Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and 5 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. 6 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.”

7 To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,  
“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner,”

8 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.

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

10 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.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands as able.*

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia in C*  
Howard Hughes

Choir: All: Choir: Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
All: Choir: All: Al - - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**I am the way, the truth,<sup>1</sup> and the life.  
No one comes to the Father ex-<sup>1</sup>cept through me.**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

1 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. 2 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? 3 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. 4 And you know the way to the place where I am going.” 5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” 6 Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

8 Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” 9 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’? 10 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. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. 12 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. 13 I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

The Sermon

Pastor Brenda Martin

*As the organ sounds the assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

## Hymn

## Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*  
 where thy bod - y lay.  
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939  
 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

Nicene Creed

**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**

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

God of glory, you have built your church on Christ the cornerstone. Inspire lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim forgiveness and your steadfast love to all whom they encounter. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of majesty, you bring forth plants and animals, skies and seas, mountains and valleys. Protect all you have made from the ravages of pollution and climate disaster. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of mercy, you intend governments and social service agencies to be instruments of peace and justice. Guide political leaders and organizations to be agents of compassion, and raise up advocates for those who seek refuge and assistance. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of well-being, you soothe those in distress, console all who grieve, provide for any in need, and comfort those who are sick. Instill caregivers with a sense of purpose to be your healing hands in this world. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of community, you call us together as your people for mutual support and to witness to your love in the world. Make your presence known among those unable to attend worship today. We pray for our partners in ministry: Luther Chapel, Coral, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Reynoldsville; and retired pastors Fred Keller, Allie Leitzel and Doug Soley. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of eternal life, you have prepared dwelling places for your people, so that we are never separated from you. We give you thanks for the faithful departed who witnessed to your mighty acts in word and deed, including Pastor Roth, Marilyn, Shirley, Betty K and Helga. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Are there others for whom we should pray?

**P:** 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.**

Peace

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

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace saying,  
"Peace be with you. And also with you."*

*The assembly is seated.*

*Meal*

Offertory Anthem

Thanks be to Thee  
G. F. Handel;  
arr. by Howard D. McKinney

Thanks be to Thee, O Lord,  
Thy people hast Thou led,  
Israel safe through the sea!

Like a shepherd hast Thou led us, Lord  
Thine the hand that leadeth us,  
From everlasting  
Thou hast been our God.

-- Paraphrase of Exodus 15:19

*The assembly stands as able.*

## Offertory Verse

*Organ intro.*



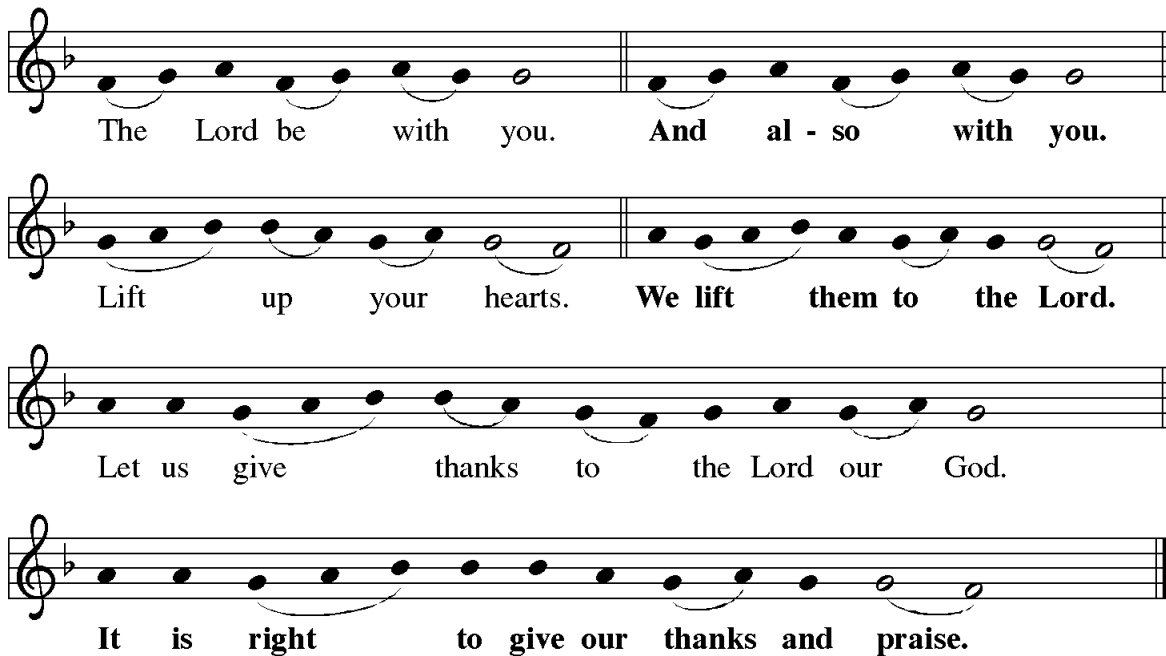
Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful Lord, — and fill to the  
brim our cup of bless - ing. Ga-ther a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Ga-ther the hopes and dreams of  
all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.  
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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en 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.

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,'. The second staff continues with 'heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na - in the high - est.' and includes a triplet of eighth notes. The third staff concludes with 'Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' and ends with a double bar line.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

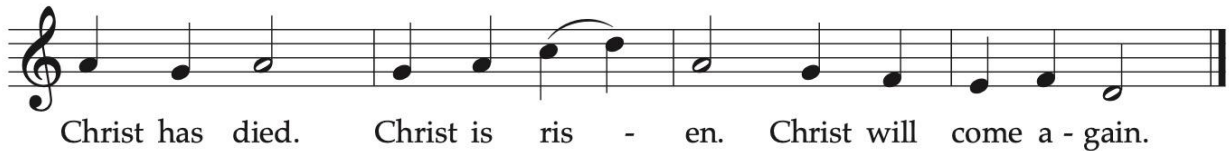
Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



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.

Through him, with him, in— him, in the u - ni - ty  
of the Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is  
yours, al - might - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

Breaking of Bread

Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us,

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all is now ready.

*Assembly is seated*

## 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, grant us peace.

## The Communion of the Faithful

***Procedure for Communing:*** Approach the altar rail through the door to the front left, take a small glass from the tray and move to the furthest place open, kneeling if you are able, or standing. Receive the host either in your open palm or in your mouth; receive the wine poured into the small glass, saying "Amen" after receiving each. If you are unable to consume either the bread or wine, be assured that Christ is fully present for us in either element; reverence the body or blood of Christ by saying "Amen" when the host or the cup is presented. Leave by the right, placing your empty glass in the tray provided, and return to your pew.

Hymn

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life



1 Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a  
2 Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a  
3 Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all  
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in  
joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.  
length; such a strength as makes his guest.  
part; such a heart as joys in love.

Text: George Herbert, 1593–1632

Music: THE CALL, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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Hymn

Hope of the World

1 Hope of the world, O Christ of great com - pas - sion,  
 2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,  
 3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,  
 4 Hope of the world, who by your cross did save us  
 5 Hope of the world, Christ ris'n from death vic - to - rious,

speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent.  
 bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life:  
 show - ing to wan - d'ring souls the path of light:  
 from death and deep de - spair, from guilt and sin:  
 who by this tri - umph con - quered grief and pain:

Save us, your peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,  
 still let your Spir - it un - to us be giv - en  
 walk close be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways  
 we ren - der back the love your mer - cy gave us;  
 we would be faith - ful to your gos - pel glo - rious;

who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.  
 to heal earth's wounds and end all bit - ter strife.  
 lure us a - way from you to end - less night.  
 work through our lives to bring your pur - pose in.  
 you are our Lord and will for - ev - er reign!

Text: Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, alt.

Music: DONNE SECOURS, *Trente quatre psaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

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*The assembly stands as able.*

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life.

**Amen.**

Post Communion Canticle

Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise, — tell ev - 'ry - one what  
God has done. — Let all who seek the Lord re - joice, and  
proud - ly bear Christ's ho - ly name. Lord, re - call your prom - is - es and  
lead your peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of loud thanks - giv - ing. —  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

God for whom we wait,

you come to us

in the broken bread and the cup we share.

Make us ready always

to welcome Christ into our hearts,

and send us forth to be your people in the world,

announcing your coming among us

in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray together, Our Prayer for These Times

**O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Sending*

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen. Sung**

Hymn

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt.  
 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623  
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Dismissal



V. Let us bless the Lord, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
 R. All: Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Postlude:

Duchy Fanfare and March

Malcolm Archer

**Serving Saturday**

**Presiding Minister** . . . . . Pastor Brenda Martin  
**Organist** . . . . . Andy Joos  
**Liturgical Deacon** . . . . . Catherine Richardson

**Serving Today**

**Presiding Minister** . . . . . Pastor Brenda Martin  
**Director of Music** . . . . . Steve Repasky  
**Liturgical Deacon** . . . . . Chuck Lanning  
**Lector** . . . . . Tammy Daniello  
**Head Usher** . . . . . Mike Bradley  
**Live Stream Technician** . . . . . Tyler Martin-Call  
**Altar Guild** . . . . . Melissa Archambeau

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**This Week at Holy Trinity**

**Sunday May 3, 2026** *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion  
7:00 p.m. AA Big Book Meeting

**Wednesday May 6, 2026**

6:00 p.m. Dance Lessons  
6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday May 7, 2026**

6:00 p.m. Dance Lessons  
7:00 p.m. Happy Hour (zoom)

**Saturday May 9, 2026**

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion (spoken)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sunday May 10, 2026** *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

7:00 p.m. AA Big Book Meeting

**Tuesday May 12, 2026**

9:00 a.m. Flying Quilts

**Wednesday May 13, 2026**

6:00 p.m. Dance Lessons

6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday May 14, 2026**

6:00 p.m. Dance Lessons

7:00 p.m. Happy Hour (zoom)

**Saturday May 16, 2026**

5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion (spoken)

**Altar and Columbarium Flowers**

The flowers on the altar have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Linda's mother, Thelma Shaffer on her birthday (May 1<sup>st</sup>), by Rusty and Linda Saverino.

**Good Shepherd May Request**

The Good Shepherd Center's request for Holy Trinity for **May is peanut butter and jelly**. Donations may be taken direct to the Food Pantry or placed in the marked box in the cloister. We also have a table in the administrative hallway for donations to be dropped off.

**Second Mile Giving for May – Lutherlyn**

All Second Mile contributions received during the month of May will be given to the designated cause. Please use the envelopes marked for second mile that are in the narthex and the administrative hallway.

## **Please Pray For**

Permission is necessary to add a person to the prayer list. Please ask before you call the office. Thanks.

### **Health and Healing:**

Carol Cash-Berry (friend of Georgia Perkins)	John Myers (husband of Pastor Brenda)
Rita Clemente (friend of Marie Riley)	Ken Buikema (cousin of Denise and Rich Hall)
Carolyn Fritz (friend of Fran Black)	Charlene Miller (friend of Denise and Rich Hall)
Bonnie Long	Mary Rose Jones (friend of Jill Murrin)
Georgia Perkins	Sheila Kretser (friend of Jill Murrin)
Todd Holsinger (nephew of Billie and Dave Hollenbaugh)	Lori Scotta (friend of Jill Murrin)
Joyce Harris (sister of Judi Moinet)	Russell Morgan (father of Matt Morgan)
Peggy Wise (sister in law of Judi Moinet)	Stephen Call (brother of Tyler Martin-Call)
Maria (friend of Linda Armstrong)	Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong)
Diana and Donnie (friends of Rich and Denise Hall)	Dillon (friend of Ed Pitcher & Beth Harpst)
Kate Washill Martin (friend of Pastor Brenda)	Belle (granddaughter of Linda Bateman)
Sherry (friend of Rich and Denise Hall)	

### **Christ's comfort for those who grieve the death of:**

Pastor Martin Roth  
Helga Marguglio  
Janet Gosnell  
Betty K. Junk  
Marilyn Johnson

## *Pentecost Flowers*

Help decorate the chancel for the Day of Pentecost by ordering a geranium.

An additional option is that donations may be made to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's "Disaster Response." All donations may be designated in memory or in honor of a loved one or in celebration of an event as indicated below.



**All plants are \$6.50 each**

You may take them home following the Service or leave them for outdoor planting around the church.

**All orders must be turned into the Church Office by *Thursday, May 1, 2026.***

**Envelope #:** \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ geranium (s) at \$6.50 each.

I would like to donate \$\_\_\_\_\_ to ELCA "Disaster Response."

Total Amount enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_ ( \_\_\_ cash) ( \_\_\_ check)

Information for the Pentecost bulletin:

In honor of (living): \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of (deceased) \_\_\_\_\_

In celebration of (event) \_\_\_\_\_

Order placed by : \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope #: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I wish to take the plant (s) following the Sunday Service.

\_\_\_ I wish to leave the plant (s) for the planting around the church.

## Music Notes

Pastor Brenda, Catherine, and I have been quite busy lately working on our new film, *Three Funerals and a Wedding*.

For the Fifth Sunday of Easter we hear and sing several pieces by England's greatest composers, namely Henry Purcell, George Frideric Handel, and Ralph Vaughan Williams.

Both the organ prelude and postlude are arrangements for organ solo of Handel's larger works for two small orchestras. With words translated from the 6th century Latin hymn by Rev. John M. Neale, an Anglican priest, we sing *Christ is made the sure foundation*. This hymn is sung to Henry Purcell's music, *Westminster Abbey*. The melody is adapted from Purcell's anthem, *O God, thou art my God*.

Often sung at funeral services, our hymn of the day is *Thine is the glory*. The hymn text proclaims that all glory belongs to the risen Son, who defeated death, removed fear, and reigns forever. The music is from Handel's oratorio, *Joshua*, and later used in another of Handel's oratorios, *Judas Maccabaeus*. I've heard it cleverly said that Handel was the only German who wrote Italian music for the English.

Our choir sings Howard D. McKinney's arrangement of Handel's aria, *Thanks be to Thee*. The text recounts the Israelites being led from captivity to freedom not over but through the Red Sea. Similar to the text of our hymn of the day, this jubilant hymn of praise is sung in the canticle, *The Song of Moses and Mariam*, which is sung during the Easter Vigil. I enjoy this text from Exodus 15:20-21: Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women followed her, with timbrels and dancing. Miriam sang to them, "Sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. He has driven the horse and charioteer into the sea."

Wait, there's one more. With words by the early-17th century English Priest and metaphysical poet, George Herbert, our first Communion hymn is based on Ralph Vaughan Williams *The Call* from his *Five Mystical Songs*.



portraits of Purcell, Handel, and Vaughan Williams, National Portrait Gallery, London