



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Anchored in Faith. Serving Our Neighbor. Singing God's Praise.

*Mission: To be a caring and diverse community of people who know and share
the love of God through Jesus Christ.*

Fourth Sunday after Easter May 11, 2025

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The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH. *You are invited to join with us as we seek to be God's loving community for all who enter here. You are received as a friend . . .*

- *just as you are, created by God.*
- *whatever your color, culture and customs, your age, abilities, sexual orientation or gender identity.*
- *wherever circumstances find you... in the midst of change or challenge or pain, in need of strength and hope, or in search of spiritual fullness and friendship.*
- *whether you are a new visitor or an old friend, have no church home, have doubts or do not believe, or want to follow Christ and pursue peace and justice in Christ's name.*

You are embraced as an expression of the diversity and beauty of the creation God has given us. We invite you to join us in our commitment to being an anti-racist, LGBTQIA+ embracing, community- loving congregation.

You are welcome here!

*The presence of children is a gift to the church and a reminder that our congregation is growing.
Please welcome our youngest brothers and sisters and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.*

✠ THE SERVICE ✠

↓ ANNOUNCEMENTS

↓ PRELUDE *First Song I Sing*

Let the first song I sing today be praise to You.

Let the melody linger all day long.

*Let a smile and a kind deed show my praise to You
and encourage someone else to sing along.*

Singing "Praise the Lord,"

Singing "Praise the Lord,"

Singing "Praise the Lord,"

Singing "Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord."

✠ GATHERING ✠

(Arrows indicate when the congregation may sit ↓ or stand ↑ as able. **Bold print** are responses spoken by the congregation.)

↑ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

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.

Water is poured to refill the baptismal font

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.**

↑ HYMN *Gather Us In* * #532

1 *Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

2 *We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.*

4 *Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

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↑ GREETING

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving
grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the
Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

↑ CANTICLE OF PRAISE Page 169-170

*This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia. (repeat)*

- 1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and
honor, blessing and glory are his. (refrain)**
- 2. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the
hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory**

*and might be to God and the Lamb forever.
Amen. (refrain)*

**3. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his
reign. Alleluia. (refrain)**

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God of peace, **you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

↓ FIRST READING

Acts 9:36-43

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

↓ Psalm 23: **Shepherd Me, O God** **#780**

refrain, all;

v 1 all, v 2 high voices, v 3 low voices,
v 4 choir, v 5 all

Refrain

***Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.***

- 1 *God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace. Refrain***
- 2 *Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and
truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.
Refrain***
- 3 *Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side,
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my
hope. Refrain***
- 4 *You have set me a banquet of love
in the face of hatred,
crowning me with love beyond my pow'r to
hold. Refrain***
- 5 *Surely your kindness and mercy follow me
all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God
forevermore. Refrain***

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↓ SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

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

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the

one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat,

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **Page 171**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

↑ GOSPEL **John 10:22-30**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²² At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon.

²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵ Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

↓ SERMON

↓ CHOIR ** Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

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↑ APOSTLES’ CREED **p. 105**

Let us profess our faith in the words of the Apostles’ 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 the life everlasting. Amen.

↑ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(The congregation is encouraged to take the position which is most prayerful to you.)

You may choose to sit or stand as you are comfortable.

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

You guide your people to the waters of life. Make your church a nourishing place for all who are thirsty for hope and healing. Renew us in the waters of baptism, and send us forth as signs of your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You tend to the earth, sustaining life in all places. Revive fragile ecosystems and restore species in danger of extinction. Teach us new ways of living in balance and harmony with our non-human neighbors. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You lead all peoples along right pathways. Grant wisdom and compassion to judges, lawyers, mediators, and legal advocates. Dismantle systems of mass incarceration, empower processes of restorative justice, and encourage all who strive for healing in our communities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You wipe the tears from every eye. Tend to all who struggle with anxiety or depression, loneliness, or despair. Enfold all who are in any need in your shepherding care, especially *Matt Marcheschi, Mary Kay Wentz, Henry G., Klaus Hofmann, Paul M., Jason*

Hayes, Shari, Sonya, Michelle Koka, Janine Carr, Fern Stern, Anna Streissguth, Starr Brown, Mary Waller, Nevi Zabitski, Ann Kenyon, Matt Fleischman, Ginny Parsons, Lou and Stevie O'Connell, Ryan Simpson, Elizabeth Madaras, Peter Dow, Jane McDermott, Mary Goglio, Marla Anderson, Constance Farber, Alan Petersen, Annalise Simmons, Helen Pedersen, Tricia, Pam Clisham, Deanna Madarasz, Jackson Bohm, Nancy Stich, Patricia Runo, Michael Rasmussen, Gail Cromack, Kate Ganschow, Michael Lamb, Maddy Pearce, Christine Winberg and Dorothy Wingire. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the ministries of your Word, for Trinity Church Council, the Strategic Exploration Team, the priesthood of all believers, Hope Lutheran Church in El Sobrante, the Lutheran Church of Kagitumba in Rwanda and our Sunday School. We give thanks for the fullness of the lives of Carol Blomberg and Brendan Mills as they celebrate their birthdays this week. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

This Mother's Day, bless mothers, grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mother figures or the loss of children. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

At this time, you are invited to pray the prayers of your heart, either silently or aloud.

A moment is offered for prayers from the congregation

You are the source of everlasting life. In deep gratitude for all your saints, we rejoice in the joy and hope of the resurrection made known to us in Jesus, your beloved child. 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.**

✠ MEAL ✠

↑ SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

↓ OFFERING

↑ GREAT THANKSGIVING

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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 FOR THE DAY

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

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest,

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

↑ JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

↑ LORD'S PRAYER

You are invited to pray in the version or language of your choice.

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

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life. **Thanks be to God!**

↓DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
The cup we serve is non-alcoholic. **Gluten-free wafers are offered for those who have need. Please indicate your need to the pastor as you approach to receive the host.** If you do not wish to take communion you may come forward for a blessing or remain seated.

↓LAMB OF GOD

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

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

↑POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and give you peace.
Amen.

↑PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Living One,
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

↑BLESSING

↑HYMN *The Day of Resurrection!*

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- 1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.**
- 2 Let hearts be purged of evil
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal**

**of resurrection light,
and list'ning to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and hearing,
may raise the glad refrain.**

- 3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph
and all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen,
their notes of gladness blend;
for Christ the Lord has risen,
our joy that has no end!**

- 4 All praise to God the Father,
all praise to Christ the Son,
all praise to God the Spirit,
eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number
fall down before the throne,
and honor, pow'r, and glory
ascribe to God alone!**

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

↑DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!
Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

↓ POSTLUDE *Risen Today*

Tune: *Easter Hymn*, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

Arr. Leila Viss

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* Denotes a selection from the 2024 favorite hymns list.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AT TRINITY

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 43

IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK:

Mon 5/12 *Dine & Connect hosted at Trinity*
9:30am Craft Group
Tues 5/13 7:30am Tuesday Morning Bible Study (meets on Zoom)
Wed 5/14 10:00am Women's Bible Study (meets on Zoom)
7:00pm SET Meeting
Sat 5/17 9:00-3:30 Synod Assembly Regional Gathering- St. Matthew's Walnut Creek
Sun 5/18 8:45am Pop-up Choir Rehearsal
9:30am Worship

SPECIAL REQUEST FOR SYNOD ASSEMBLY GATHERING The in-person gathering on May 17th is in need of treats for the morning coffee gathering time. If you could provide cookies, muffins or other simple morning treats, please let Jessica know. **Items need to be at Trinity on Friday, 5/16.** The gathering is hosting 239 people, and is thankful for all assistance with this endeavor.

UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE AVAILABLE Please take one from the church entryway. If you would like a digital copy as well, please let Jessica know and she will send you one via email.

BOOK STUDY on "Call to Allyship" will meet in the sanctuary- please grab your coffee and a snack and come join us.

COFFEE HOUR NEEDS HOSTS. Please look at the sign-up sheet and see where you might be able to fill-in. *There is currently no host for Coffee Hour next Sunday, if no one is signed up, there will not be Coffee Hour after worship next Sunday.*

OUR SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE after worship next Sunday, 5/18. We have two Council members terming out. We have secured one new Council member, but need to fill one more slot. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please fill in their names in the bulletin insert and place it in the offering plate. ***Nominations will be accepted until May 11th.***

Assisting in Worship:

This morning:

Assisting Minister: Candace Gutleben
Reader: Kristin Moeller
Greeters: Marvera Kline
Children's Attendant: Karol Luque
Coffee Hour: Ken & Candace Gutleben
Altar Guild: Joanne Robinson

Next Sunday, 5/18

Assisting Minister: Sherri Bangert
Reader: Kaye Fitzsimons
Greeters: Ken & Candace Gutleben
Children's Attendant: Jessica Fleischman
Coffee Hour: Council
Altar Guild: Joanne Robinson

Next Week's Scripture Readings:

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35