

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord

May 5, 2024 9:30 AM - Sixth Sunday of Easter



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WELCOME

to Holy Trinity

Reconciling in Christ

At Holy Trinity, we welcome and affirm everyone—because God welcomes and affirms everyone—



regardless of age, race, ability, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or other life circumstance.

You are welcome. Your family, children, friends, spouses, and partners are welcome.

You are welcome, whether you are a believer, a doubter, or a seeker.

Your diversity and uniqueness are welcomed and affirmed into the full life of Holy Trinity.

You are wanted here.

May Celebrations!

Happy Birthday!

George Koch, Bonnie Sanders, Auderien Soeun, Barbara Werdelin, Sue Bock, Tommy Monareh, Noah Crawford, Theo Rouleau, Judy Hollister, Michael Burbank, Ida Klasner.

Happy Anniversary!

Jon & Donna Huot, Kurt & Dot Kasik, Paul & Jackie Karl, Eric & Beth Frede, Joe & Susie Reny, George & Joan Parseghian.

A Warm Welcome as you worship with us today!

Whether you are here for the first time or a long time member, know that you are welcomed in Christ's Name, joined to be with us, Christ's Body the Church, as we worship God.

Your presence at worship is a gift!

We love having children worship with us! At this moment, our Nursery is not staffed. You may find Children's bulletins and activities on tables inside the sanctuary. In our Nursery, we have a livestream of our Worship Service, so you don't miss anything!

Prayer Requests: Prayer Request Cards are available indoors on the Usher's Table. Simply fill one out and hand it to the Pastor, or place it in the Offering Basket.

Office Hours & Pastoral Emergencies:

Church Office: *Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm*

Pastor's Office: Tuesday & Wednesday afternoons

If you need a Pastoral Visit, or experiencing a Pastoral Emergency, pastoral care is available for home or hospital visits, emotional support, and church ceremonies. Please contact the Church Office and we will connect you with our Pastor as soon as possible. Email office@htelc.com or call (603)436-1704 and leave a voicemail message.

Donate to Holy Trinity: You can place your offering in the offering plate during the service. We appreciate what you are able to give to help support our church and our ministries. Thank you.



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PRAYER CONCERNS

Health Issues: Franklyn Vosburg, Jerry Schock, Alice Peterson, Don Gindlesperger, Dave Smith, Hazel Larson, Leo Larson, Rani Marcus, Shirley Jackson, Larry Sanders, Julie Moore, Bob Hollister, Judy Evans.

Homebound: Carol Saufley, Barbara Werdelin, Dave & Joyce Rivoire, Anita Lindstrom, Judy Hollister, Jean Klein, June Slipp. *Military*: Jake Brouker, US Navy (Pam Brouker's relative).

Partners in Ministry: ELCA, New England Synod, Ismani Congregation in Tanzania, Imanuel Indonesian Lutheran Church, Ascentria Care Alliance, Camp Calumet, Operation Blessing, Crossroads, Dover Friendly Kitchen, Good News Garage, Seacoast Family Promise, Salvation Army, & Lutheran World Relief.

Friends: David Roth (Bonnie Sanders' brother), Richard Murray (Jessica Feeley's Brother-in-law), Cinda DeWerff & Dane Wilcox (Rich Wilcox's sister & brother), Dan & Paula LeRoux (Pamela Brouker's sister and brother-in-law), Donald Dunican (Bobbie Febbo's son-in-law), Kelly Fater (April Murphy's sister)

NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

LECTIONARY

This Week: Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98;

1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

Next Week: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1

John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician(s): Jon Bock, Jon Koekler, and Dick Topping

Choir Director: Jon Koekler

Sound System & Live Stream: Franklyn Vosburg

Lector: Alice Vosburg

Counters: Barry & Phyllis Philbrick **Liturgical Deacon**: Yvonne Topping

Altar Guild: Joan Bauer & Yvonne Topping

Fellowship Set-Up & Bakers: Steve Bauer, Pat Zeigler,

& Nina Opderbecke

Ushers & Greeters: Kem Taylor & Ed Mallon

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

WEDNESDAY, May 8

NO Bible Study

11:00 AM: Celebration of Life for Linnea

Richardson

THURSDAY, May 9

8:30 AM: Property Team

SUNDAY, May 12

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

 Sunday, April 14:
 89 (In-Person) + 32 (Online) = 121
 Offering: \$5,310.95

 Sunday, April 21:
 87 (In-Person) + 25 (Online) = 112
 Offering: \$11,298.95

 Sunday, April 28:
 98 (In-Person) + 31 (Online) = 129
 Offering: \$3,060.45

Announcements

Council Updates: Adult Forum. After worship today, there will be an Adult Forum, hosted by the Church Council, to discuss various updates to the congregation regarding the Semi-Annual Meeting in June.

NO Bible Study on Wednesday, May 8.

A Celebration of Life for Linnea Richardson will held at Holy Trinity on Wednesday, May 8 at 11:00, AM followed by a reception in our Gathering Area. We invite your presence and prayers. (We could use a few more volunteers to help with the reception; if you are available, please contact Erlinde Beliveau.)

Mark will be out of the office on Thursday, May 9.

Birthday Cards for Alice at Camp Calumet: Those of you who visit Camp Calumet know Alice, who works at registration there, and she will be celebrating a BIG birthday on May 9. Knute thought it would be a wonderful idea if everyone who knows Alice could send her a birthday card in the mail. You can send your birthday wishes to the following address: "Calumet c/o Alice, PO Box 236, West Ossipee, NH 03890".

Holy Trinity will offer scholarships for children and youth who attend this year's Camp Calumet summer programs. Please give your child's name and your contact information to the church office by May 31st.

Graduation Sunday will be celebrated in June. If you know someone from Holy Trinity who will graduate from High School, College, Grad School, or another school this year and would like to be recognized, please speak with the Church Office or Helen Goransson.

The Stewardship Committee is looking for new helpers for the Committee. At present the Committee consists of two people. It is time for new blood on the Committee. Please see David Arrington if you are willing to help.

Purses and Packs: The Social Ministry Team will collect 20 purses and 20 small packs/bags which will go to Operation Blessing. In addition, we are also requesting the following full-sized donations for these: socks, body wash, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, combs and cleansing wipes. The tree in the Narthex has tags with a list of items hanging from its branches. Please try to keep the value of each tag at \$10.00. And, while everyone is doing their spring cleaning/purging, please feel free to donate any purses, packs or sacks that you are no longer using. We will assemble the bags after service on Sunday, May 19. Contact Jessica Feeley for questions: j.g.feeley@gmail.com.

Announcements 1

Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Sixth Sunday of Easter - Sunday, May 5, 2024—9:30 a.m.

Welcome

Easter Acclamation

- P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Thanksgiving for Baptism

—Please stand as able—

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.
- C: Amen.
- P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
- P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song

ELW 379

— Please stand as able—

Now the Green Blade Rises



Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

Text from Oxford Book of Carols, © Oxford University Press 1928. All rights reserved.

Greeting

- P: May the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
- C: And also with you.





Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

WORD

First Reading

L: A reading from Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

L: Word of God, word of life

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

- L: ¹Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.
- C: ²O Lord, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- L: ³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;

all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

- C: ⁴Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- L: ⁵Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.
- C: ⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the Lord.
- L: ⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.
- C: 8Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth.
- L: ⁹The Lord will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading

L: A reading from 1 John 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

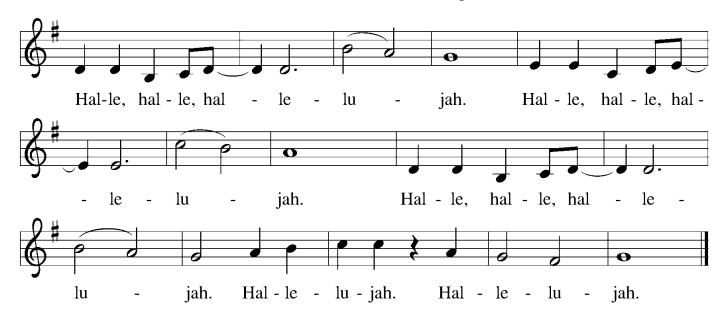
- L: Word of God, word of life
- C: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

-Please be seated-

The children are invited to come forward to join the Pastor at the Chancel for a message.

Halle, Hallelujah



Music: Caribbean traditional

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Gospel

P: The holy gospel according to St. John, Chapter 15:9-17

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ⁹"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

— Please be seated—

We Are Called



Text: David Haas, b. 1957

Music: WE ARE CALLED, David Haas

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Nicene Creed

LD: Let us confess our faith using the Nicene Creed.

C: 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 the People

LD: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

— A brief silence—

LD: Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

LD: You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

LD: Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all.

Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

LD: Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. We pray especially for the repose of the soul of Linnea Richardson, who died on Monday, and for all those who mourn her passing, as well as for those persons whose names we say out loud or silently. — A brief silence— God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

LD: We pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the New England Synod, and their leaders. We also pray for all of our partners in mission and ministry, locally and abroad. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

LD: Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation, that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

LD: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C: Amen.

The Sharing of God's Peace

P: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

The congregation is invited to exchange expressions of peace with those near them.

MEAL

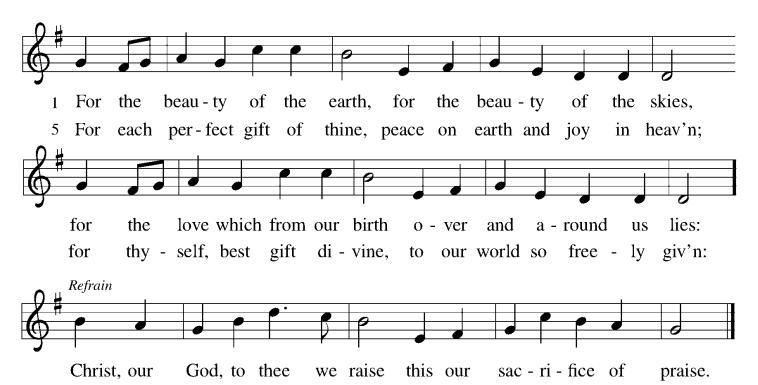
Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward.

Choir Anthem

Offertory Song ELW 879 (verses 1&5) —Please stand as able—

For the Beauty of the Earth



Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt. Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.

C: Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Celebration of Holy Communion

As you come to the Lord's Table, know that it is Christ who invites you to receive the bread and wine, the body and blood. There will be a single communion station around the altar. You will receive a wafer (gluten free wafers are available). Next you may take a pre-filled glass of wine. Please put the glass in the basket by the baptismal font or the lectern. Pre-filled Communion Cups are still available for anyone uncomfortable coming forward to the altar. If you would like to receive communion from the Pastor, but you are unable to come forward, please ask someone to talk to the ushers and we will bring communion to you.

Dialogue

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: 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

—To the tune hymn Holy, Holy, Holy—

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory and Your grace.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who

Comes in the name of the Lord God most high.

Thanksgiving at the Table

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

- C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your

servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Now, as our Lord taught us, we are bold to pray:

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 Communion

P: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.

Communion Hymns

While others are communing, you are invited to sing a communion hymn or to meditate on the readings and prayers for the day.

ELW 483 - Here is Bread.

ELW 793 - Be Thou My Vision.

ELW 472 - Eat This Bread.

Prayer after Communion

LD: Let us pray.

C: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

Rites of Passage and Announcements

—Please be seated—

The congregation is invited to share birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant events in the life of its members. Subsequently, brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the congregation's participation in God's mission in the world.

Blessing

—Please stand as able—

- P: The God of all, who raised + Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.
- C: Amen.

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! greets thee, scat-ters fear and gloom; out thee; aid us in our strife; An - gels in bright rai - ment let his church with glad - ness make us more than con - qu'rors,



hymns of tri - umph sing, for through thy death - less love; bring

kept the fold - ed grave - clothes for the Lord now liv - eth; bring us safe through Jor - dan



where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the
to thy home a - bove.

Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring



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

Dismissal

—Please remain standing—

LD: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C: Thanks be to God.