

**Trinity  
Lutheran  
Church**

**May 7th  
2023**

**Fifth Sunday  
of Easter**

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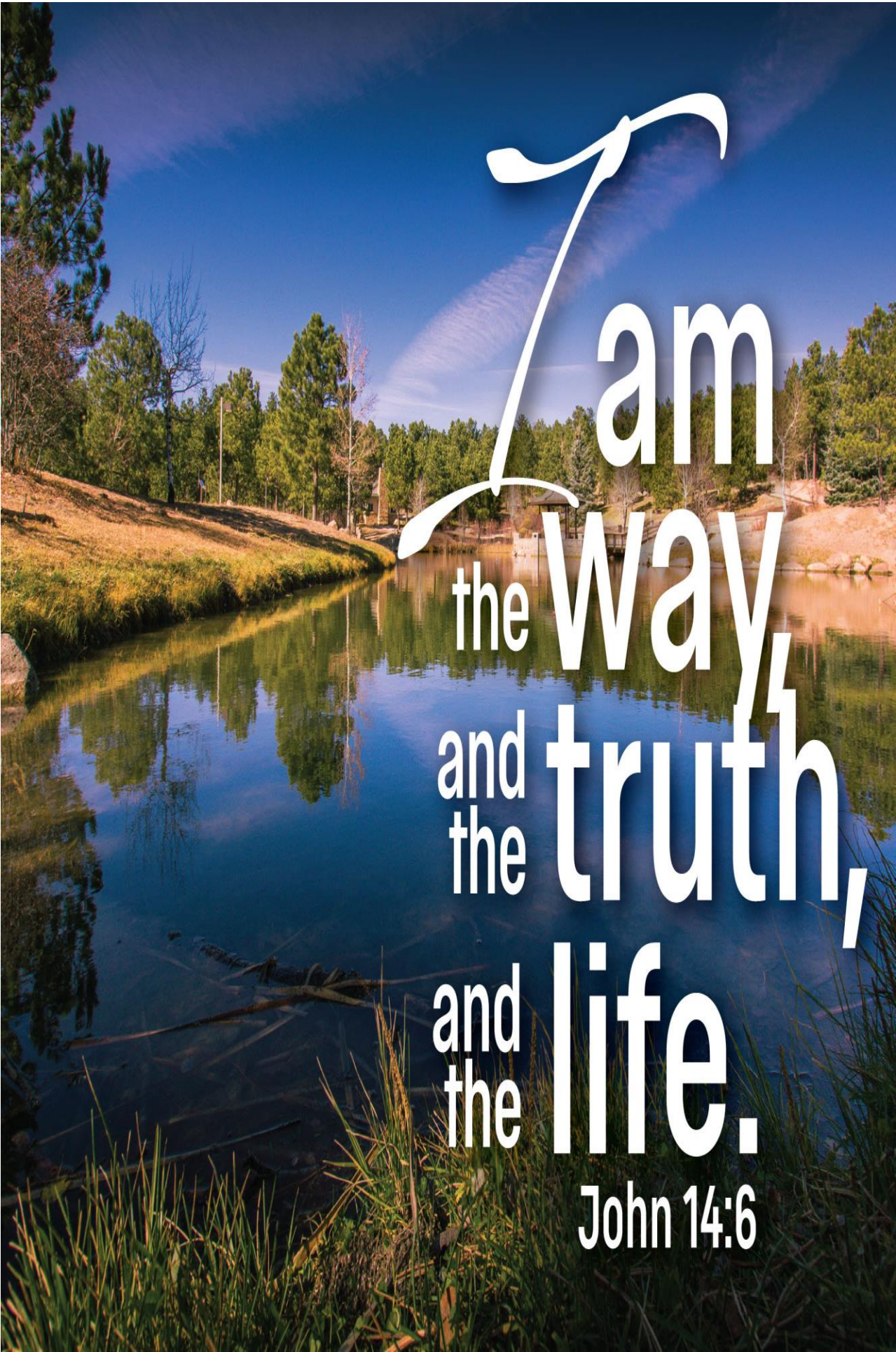
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I am  
the way,  
and the truth,  
and the life.

John 14:6



# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## HOLY COMMUNION ~ ELW 3

Sunday, May 7th, 2023 ~ 9:00 A.M.



Fifth  
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**EVERYONE SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG! HALLELUJAH!**

*All are welcome and called to share and give thanks for Christ's gifts of Promise and Presence. Through faith and trust in Christ's words we receive his promise to be present in and through the bread and cup as we gather in Jesus' name to receive God's gifts of forgiveness, salvation and eternal life.*

*+ Children who are yet to be instructed in Communion are invited to come forward during the Communion and receive a personal blessing.*

*+ Opportunity awaits you to share in both fellowship and refreshments in the library after Services this morning and share in this last day of Sunday School.*

### WORSHIP AIDS

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS** are available from an usher ask the usher.

**ACTIVITY BAGS** for young children are on a stand at the rear of church; please return after services. Thanks.

**PREFERENCE** to receive grape juice is indicated by raising your index finger to the server.

**GLUTEN FREE** wafers are available. Simply tell the server you wish to receive *gluten free*.

## GATHERING

### PARISH NOTICES

Sunday School Choir, Children's Message, Noisy Offering

Thanks  
to Our  
Sunday  
School  
Crew



### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord + Jesus Christ, by whose Spirit we have been reborn to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. **Amen.**

Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death, let us come before God who calls us to repentance.

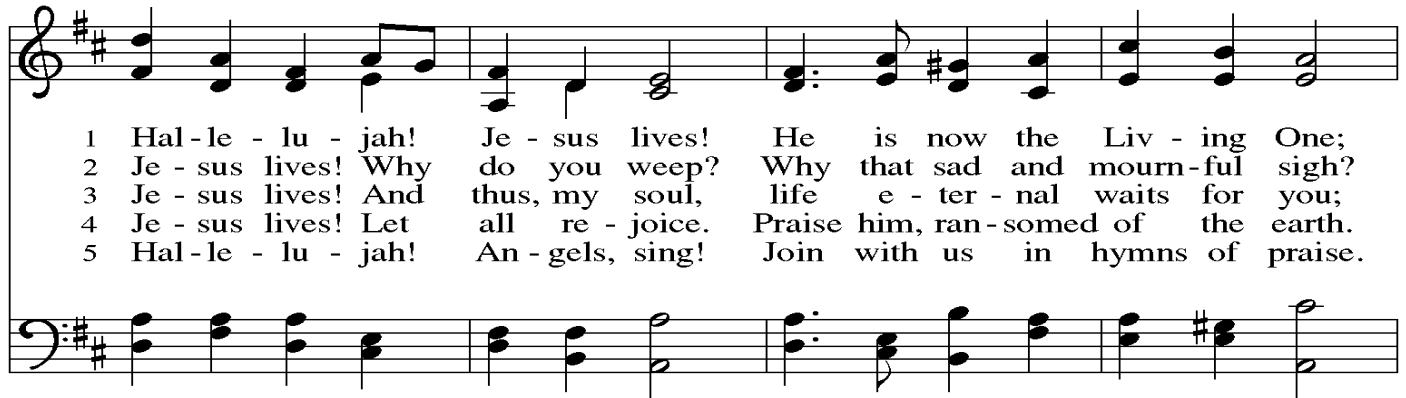
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of life,

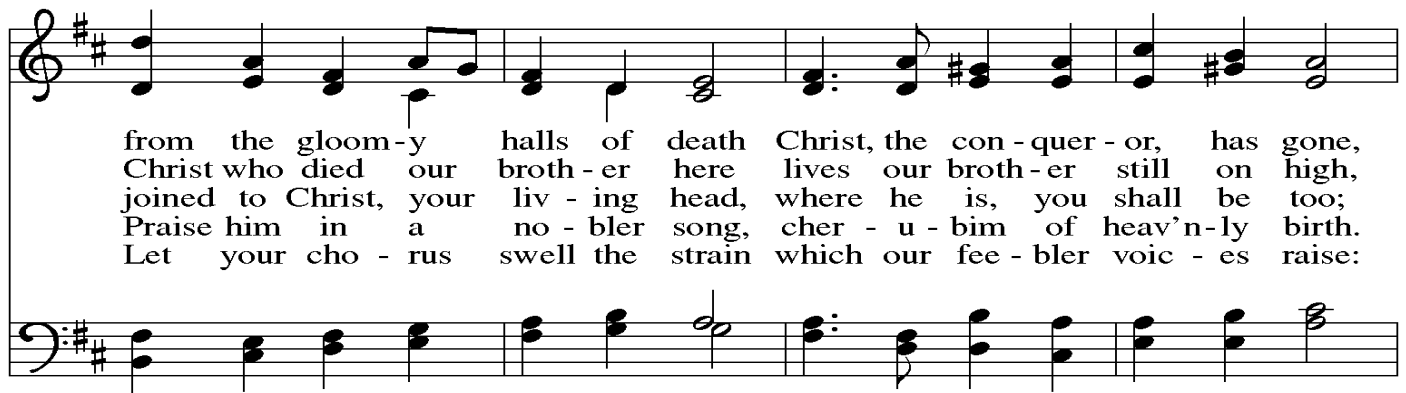
**by the resurrection of your Son you make everything new. Newness scares us, and we confess to shutting our doors in fear. We have not listened to voices that challenge us. We have resisted the Holy Spirit moving us in new directions. Our hearts are slow to believe your promises. Forgive us, O God, and renew us to embrace without fear the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

People of God: Christ is alive, and death has lost its power. Through the waters of baptism you have been born anew by the living word of God. Know that your sins are forgiven in + Jesus' name and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you both now and forever.

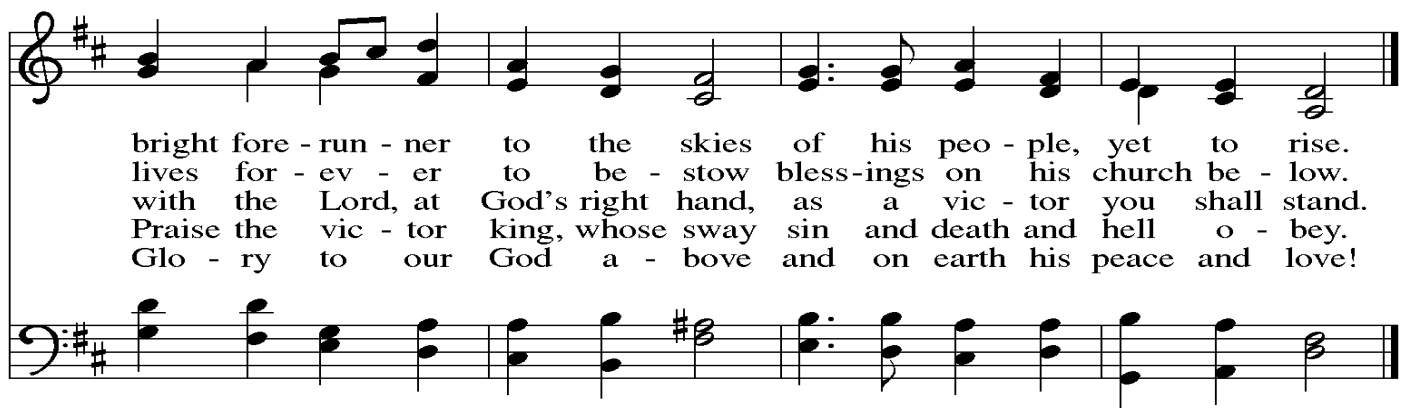
**Amen.**



1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;  
 2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn - ful sigh?  
 3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;  
 4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran - somed of the earth.  
 5 Hal - le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.



from the gloom - y halls of death Christ, the con - quer - or, has gone,  
 Christ who died our broth - er here lives our broth - er still on high,  
 joined to Christ, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too;  
 Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n - ly birth.  
 Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.  
 lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless - ings on his church be - low.  
 with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic - tor you shall stand.  
 Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.  
 Glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!

## GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



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# WORD

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## FIRST READING

Acts 7:55-60

The first reading is in Acts chapter 7, verses 55-60.

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

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

## SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

The second reading is in First Peter chapter 2, verses 2 - 10.

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

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

*For it stands in scripture:*

*"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."*

*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,"*

*and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall."*

*They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.*

*But you are a chosen 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.*

*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.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

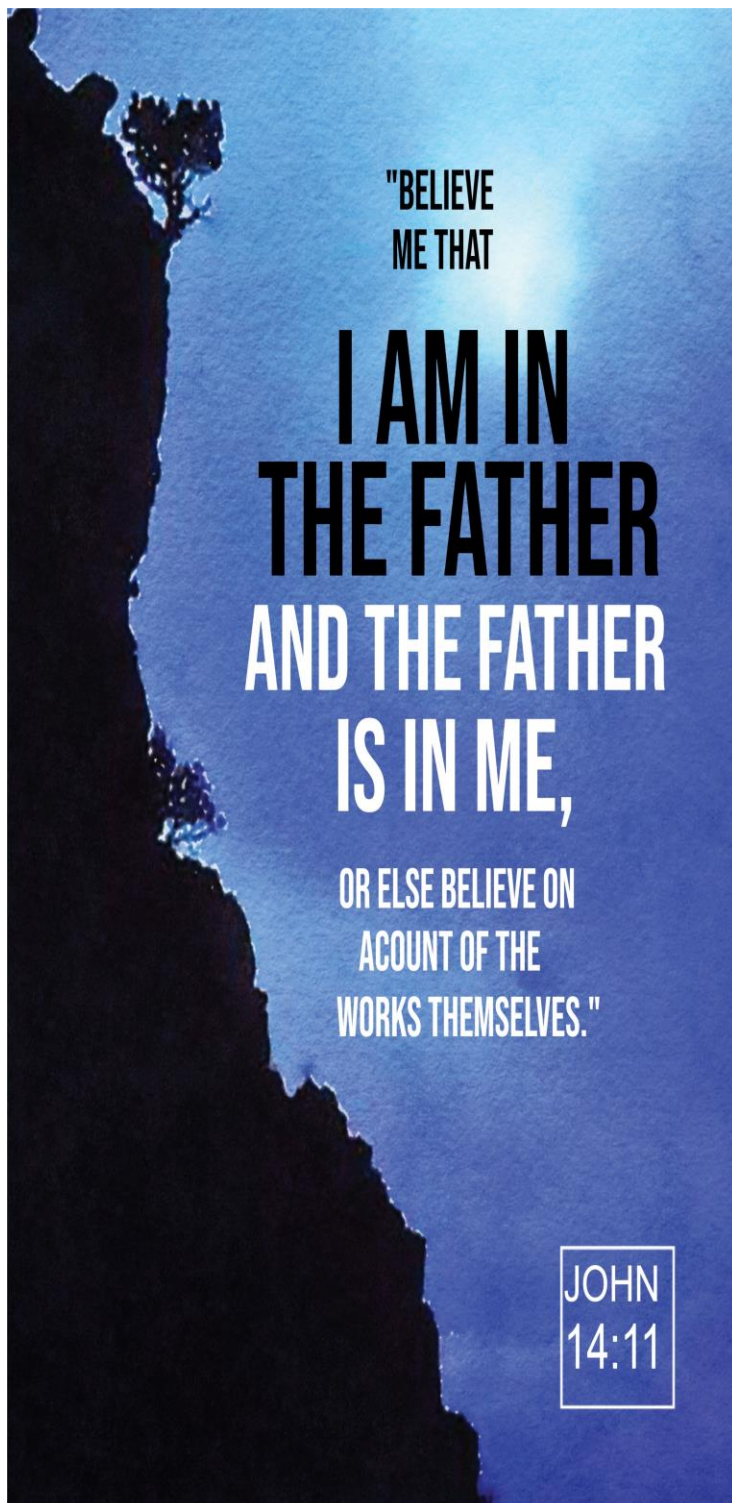


words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

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



The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Tim Mason

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

## 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 THE CHURCH God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

SHARING THE PEACE

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



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# MEAL

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## THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

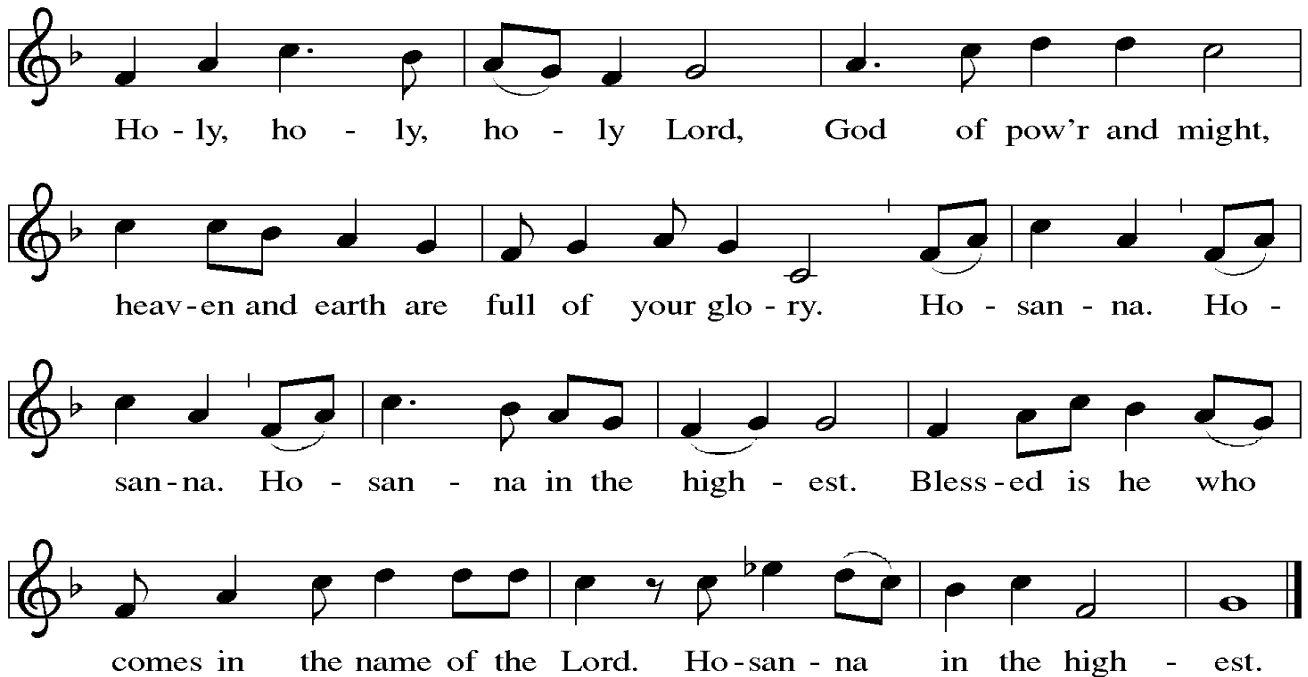
And also with you.

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, 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 the earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## WORDS OF JESUS

### 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.**

### DISTRIBUTION

*(Please sign the Welcome Pads and pass to your neighbor.)*



## COMMUNION BLESSING

## PRAYER

Let us pray. Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*(The offering is brought forward by the ushers to the acolyte)*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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# SENDING

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## DEPARTING BLESSING

The blessing of the living God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage. **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

*Sent Forth By God's Blessing*

**ELW #547**

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,  
the peo - ple of our God from this dwell - ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—  
The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,  
the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.  
Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing  
to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.  
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

**DISMISSAL** You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace.

Share the good news. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Bell





**Our thanks to all who serve the Body of Christ**

<b>SUNDAY</b>		<b>9:00 Worship</b>
<b>Accompanist</b>	Mary Mulry	
<b>Acolytes</b>	Blain Arneson	
<b>Readers</b>	Susie Pedersen	
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Mark Miller	
<b>Sound Techs</b>	Russ Sorensen	
<b>Greeters</b>	Larry & Diane Evers	
<b>Ushers</b>	Brian Polesky, Dave Vosbeck	
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Nicole Stevermer & Nikki Nachreiner	

On behalf of the Christian Education Board we express our greatest appreciation to all who helped with Sunday School this past year by teaching, praying for our children, bringing them to Sunday School and singing for worship along with any other time or talent you have shared. It takes all of us to have a profound and impacting education program. We are thankful we could have Sunday School in person and share the wonderful news of Jesus! We look forward to seeing you around this summer and we'll be back in September!

*Thanks  
to Our  
Sunday  
School  
Crew*



**MEALS THAT MATTER** The delicious meals are available in the freezer located in room 109 just off the dining room, we now need your help. The meals are to be given to people who are experiencing some sort of life changing event, be it a new baby, illness, a death in the family, or anyone you think would benefit from a tasty, readymade dinner. Remember, you are the hands of Jesus in our world.

*Thank you for being the hands of Jesus!*

The Christian Education is seeking people willing to organize and help during this summer's Vacation Bible School. Please email [education@trinitysleepyeye.com](mailto:education@trinitysleepyeye.com) or swing by the office and let Brittney or Darlene know you are willing. We need help to make this a successful VBS.



**We need 2 ladies to help with the May Birthday Party at St. John's on Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Judy Weedman or Darlene Brummund.**

**Thank You**



This summer the Board of Social Ministry would like to challenge our congregation to support Ivy House in New Ulm through donations both monetary and actual. Ivy House (formerly known as the Southern Minnesota Crisis Nursery) is a 24/7 crisis nursery which provides direct care to children aged 0-12 whose families are in crisis or a stressful situation. In addition to providing up to 72 hours of direct care they also connect families with community resources. You can learn more about Ivy House from their website: [ivyhousemn.org](http://ivyhousemn.org). Items needed by Ivy House include: Children's Activities: Play-Doh; Kinetic sand; Finger paints; Fidget toys. Personal Care: Pull-ups; Girls and boys (5T); Girls underwear sizes 10-12 or 14/16. House needs: Unscented laundry detergent; Clorox wipes, Dishwasher soap; Hand soap; Dish soap; Kleenex; Garbage bags. Office supplies: Postage stamps; Business size envelopes; Printer paper; HP 952XL toner - black and color. Other: Five point harness NEW car seats; New computer monitors. We will be collecting both monetary donations for Ivy House or individual items from this list. A basket will be placed in the narthex for your donations. We will be collecting donations through the end of August. Thank you in advance for your support.

***Remember...Our Food Shelf Box is in the back of the Sanctuary.  
The Good Work of this Church continues!***



## *"Living in God's Garden"*

**Saturday, May 20th**

**10:00 am – 12:30 pm**

*Come spend the morning  
celebrating  
the joys of spring!*

*\*Learn about gardening with*

*Master Gardener Lynn Hacker*

*\*Plant a lovely container garden*

*\* Enjoy a special luncheon*

**Adults - \$15.00    Children 10 and under - \$10.00**



### **Hanging Baskets ~ 10 inch**

Mixed Petunia Basket	\$30.00
Trailing Wave Petunia	\$30.00
Impatiens Basket	\$30.00
Ivy Geranium Basket	\$30.00
Zonal Geranium Basket	\$30.00
Mixed Basket of Annuals	\$30.00
12 inch Mixed Basket of Annuals	\$35.00

### **Colorful Containers**

Combo Patio Planter 10"	\$30.00
Combo Patio Planter 12"	\$35.00
Oval Planter 16"	\$35.00
Geranium Tub 12"	\$35.00
Sun coleus Planter 12"	\$35.00
Succulent Planter 12"	\$35.00
Color Bowl of Mixed Annuals 12"	\$35.00
Color Bowl of Mixed Annuals 14"	\$40.00

***Everyone can help fund our WELCA women by buying your flowers through us! This will help fund all the projects our quilters accomplish during the year. Thank you for your support!***

***Darlene Brummund, WELCA President***

***Order until May 8th! Pick up your planters May 19th or at the Gardening Event on the 20th!***

May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

*Joy comes in the morning.*

## **DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday. We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	John 21:1-19	Jesus appears to the disciples
Monday	Luke 5:1-11	Simon's catch of fish
Tuesday	1 John 4:7-19	Love for God
Wednesday	1 Peter 4:12-5:4	Shepherds of God's flock
Thursday	Revelation 5:1-10	The throne and the elders
Friday	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Jesus appeared to his followers
Saturday	Revelation 7:9-17	The Lamb who shepherds
Sunday	John 10:22-30	Jesus promises life to his sheep



## *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

### **SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK**

**Sing praises to the Lord, you who belong to God; praise God's holy name. Anger lasts only a moment, but God's kindness lasts for a lifetime. Crying may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.**

Psalm 30:4-5

### **SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:**

**A Prayer for the Week:** We love you, Lord Jesus. Help us to care for others as you care for us. Amen.

**Mealttime Prayer:** Bless this meal, O God, we pray, and bless us too throughout this day. Keep us safe and close to you, and kind in all we say and do. Amen.

**A Blessing to Give:** May the Lord show you kindness. May God take away your sadness and fill you with joy. Amen.

### **CARING CONVERSATION**

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Have you ever let someone down or been let down? Share your story.
- How did Peter let Jesus down?
- In John 21:15-19, we read that Jesus asked Peter three questions. Why do you think he did this?
- Jesus gave Peter a new start. How has Jesus given you a new start?
- Do you find it hard or easy to give others a new start? Why?

### **DEVOTIONS**

When Jesus appeared to his disciples after the resurrection, they were fishing and pulled in a net full of large fish—153 to be precise. In your home devotion times this week, share ways in which you have been blessed by God's presence in your lives. Begin by saying, "God blessed me today with ..." Write each response down on a fish-shaped piece of paper and place in a "net" (perhaps use a large envelope marked with lines to resemble a net). See how many "fish" you can collect over the week; you may even count 153! You might also consider sharing a breakfast of fish and bread during this week. Use the opportunity to talk about Christ's presence at your meal table and God's provision for your daily needs.

### **SERVICE**

While Jesus showed himself to be the Son of God and Lord of all by rising from the dead, he was still willing to serve his followers in humble, practical ways. In John 21, we read that he cooked his disciples breakfast! Follow Jesus' example this week by being "breakfast servants" to one another, such as preparing food, setting the meal table and doing the dishes. Take turns carrying out your morning acts of love and service.

### **RITUALS AND TRADITIONS**

The fish has been used as a Christian symbol from the earliest times of the church. The Greek word for fish is "ixthus" or "ichthus." In the Greek language, the five letters making up the word form an acrostic for "Jesus Christ is God's Son, the Savior." The first letter (i) represents the name "Jesus" in Greek; the second letter (x) the title "Christ"; the next two ("thu" in English) "God's Son"; and the final letter (s) the word "Savior."

Many early Christians were put to death for practicing their faith, and so worshiped secretly in homes. A fish painted on the outside door of a house let other Christians know that they would be safe and welcome inside. Make up an IXTHUS symbol to display at the entrance to your home as a sign of your faith in Jesus as your Savior.

Go to [www.vibrantfaithathome.org](http://www.vibrantfaithathome.org) for more faith-forming activities





## Trinity's Mission Statement

*We are a community where Jesus is Lord: our mission is to invite, welcome, nurture, and equip all people to be disciples in His name.*

**TRINITY'S PRAYER CHAIN** Send an email to [secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org](mailto:secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org) or call the office at 507 794-5051. Leave a message.

**TRINITY'S WEBPAGE** Send an email to the church office at [secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org](mailto:secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org) and let Darlene know you want your newsletter via email!

**TRINITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK  
CHECK IT OUT!!**

*"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"*

The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on [www.sleepyeyonline.com](http://www.sleepyeyonline.com) watch this site for community news and events.



If you haven't already, please consider *Simply Giving*, an automated giving program for your offering. You determine the frequency of your offering which is deposited into Trinity's account the same day it is withdrawn from your account. It's a "hassle-free" way to give.

Talk to Pat or Darlene if you are interested. Thank You. *Please pick up your statements and envelopes in your mailbox. Thank You!*

## Last week at Trinity

Weekly Worship Attendance:	161
Weekly Giving: (5480.00 Needed)	\$3661.60
April Giving: (\$28,650.00.Needed)	\$24,822.74
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$78,574.85
Budget Contributions needed	\$97,410.00
2023 Approved Budget	\$298,000.00

## This Week's Prayer Concerns

**Pray for the Church**...that the Holy Spirit would empower us to live in the image of God so that we would speak and act in every way bringing glory to God before all the nations and peoples with what we have been given...

**Pray for our World**...that pain of this Covid-19 pandemic, which has penetrated so many lives that your light Lord would help us to see your presence and that the Spirit would lead us to seek the truth and practice grace for all who are hurting...

**Pray for all who are ill, afflicted, or recovering**...that the Holy Spirit would give comfort and daily strength to Sherry, Audrey, Kali, Jerry, Beth, Harold, OraDell, Chris, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Milo, Ed, Carlos, Dorothy, Story, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, Julia Ann, Linette, Tammy, John, Tony, Ted, Connor, Kimora, and Mary Jo.

**Pray for the beloved**... who now rest from their labors in God's mercy and for all who mourn the personal loss of loved ones.... that God would fill each one with the hope of our Lord's promise to bring us to a new heaven and earth where suffering, crying, pain and death will be no more....

**Pray for all families**...that the Holy Spirit would bring compassion and mercy to all who are separated from one another and each would give way to mercy, love and reconciliation...

**Pray for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces and those far from home**...for Brady Augustin and his wife ...and for all of our military Veterans that the Holy Spirit would guard them in safety and keep their hearts stayed in Christ...

**Pray for the missionaries of our church (ELCA)**...that they proclaim their witness of the Gospel throughout the world.

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