

# Trinity



## LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

8:30 am



*Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.*

# Order of Worship

# = Hymn Number, pp. = Page in front part of "Evangelical Lutheran Worship" (ELW)  
or "All Creation Sings" (ACS)

## GATHERING SONG

**"If That Don't Make You Want to Go" ..... Isaacs**

John saw a golden city, New Jerusalem come down  
Twelve jasper walls and gates of pearl, Such splendor all around  
And he tells about a river of life that flows beneath the throne  
Where we'll drink and live eternally in a mansion all our own

*Chorus*

Oh, if that don't make you want to go brother  
If that don't make you want to go sister  
If that don't make you want to go to heaven  
I don't know what does

They say there is no heartache there and no more curse of sin  
No sickness and no cross to bear and death can't enter in  
No fighting and no battlefields, no war, no enemies  
Where the lamb and lion lay side by side in that land of perfect peace  
*(chorus)*

No worries and no more to fear, our faith will be made sight  
It's a glorious land of endless day where Jesus is the light  
Got a lot of friends and loved ones there and the Savior I will meet  
And I'll lay my crown of jewels down when I bow at Jesus' feet  
*(chorus)*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(stand)

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

**P**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C**

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**P**

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life,  
flowing freely from your throne:  
through the earth,  
through the city,  
through every living thing.

**C**

**Thanks be to God.**

**P**

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;  
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.  
Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,  
and our sin is drowned forever.  
You open the gate of righteousness  
and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.  
You nourish us and enclose us in safety.  
You call us forth and send us out.  
In lush and barren places, you are with us.  
You have become our salvation.

**C**

**We praise you, O God of our salvation.**

**P**

Now breathe upon this water  
and awaken your church once more.  
Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.  
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.  
To you, our Beginning and our End,  
our Shepherd and Lamb,  
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,  
now and forever.

**C**

**Amen.**

*(stand)* **OPENING SONG**

**“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”** ..... ELW #656

- 1 **Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the unity of heart and mind  
is like to that above.**
  
- 2 **Before our Father's throne  
we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.**
  
- 3 **We share our mutual woes,  
our mutual burdens bear,  
and often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.**
  
- 4 **From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
and sin we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign  
through all eternity.**

**Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.**

*(stand)* **GREETING**

- P** 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 . . .  
O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen**

(sit) **FIRST READING ..... Acts 11:1-18**

*In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.*

<sup>1</sup> Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup> saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup> Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup> "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup> As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup> I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup> But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup> But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' <sup>10</sup> This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup> At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup> The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup> He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup> he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' <sup>15</sup> And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup> If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" <sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

**A** Word of God, word of life.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**CHILDREN'S TALK ..... Rob Montie**

(stand) **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**  
**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**  
**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**  
**Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

(stand) **GOSPEL** ..... **John 13:31-35**

**P** The holy gospel according to John.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.*

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(sit) **SERMON** ..... **Pastor Scott Sessler**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** ..... **Holy Manna**

**Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God;  
Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the Word?  
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;  
Brethren, pray and holy manna will be showered all around.**

**Sisters, will you join and help us? Moses' sisters aided him;  
Will you help the trembling mourners, who are struggling hard with sin?  
Tell them all about the Savior, tell them that he will be found;  
Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.**

**Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other, too;  
Let us love and pray for sinners, till our God makes all things new.  
Then he'll call us home to heaven, at his table we'll sit down;  
Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.**



## COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS

Today we commission eight members into the Stephen Ministry at Trinity.

Beth Abbot	Michele Davis
David Abbot	Ed Timmons
Peggy Brown	Debbie Wilhite
Jim Campbell	Max Yost

*(stand)* **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence for reflection*

(Each petition will end with the words: “God, in your mercy,”  
The response is “**hear our prayer.**”)

**P** In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C** **Amen.**

### **PEACE**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

*(sit)* **THE OFFERING AND OFFERTORY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him all creatures here below.  
Praise him above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray. Living God,

**C** **you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*(stand)* **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**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.**

**P** Holy, living, and loving God,  
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,  
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,  
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.  
We give you thanks for Jesus  
who, living among us,  
healed the sick,  
fed the hungry,  
and with a love stronger than death,  
gave his life for others.

**OUR LORD'S WORDS OF PROMISE AND INVITATION**

Remembering, therefore,  
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,  
we await your promised life for all this dying world.  
Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:  
carry us in your arms from death to life,  
that we may live as your chosen ones,  
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.  
Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** As you taught the first disciples, teach us to pray.

**G** **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** The risen Christ dwells with us here.  
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

### **(sit) COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS**

*Communion will be distributed at two stations located in front of the altar railing. The pastor will indicate when each section of pews should come forward. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available. Simply request these from the pastor.*

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

“Garden Hymn” .....Dynamic Range

**The Lord into his garden comes,  
The spices yield a rich perfume  
The lilies grow and thrive,  
The lilies grow and thrive**

**Refreshing showers of grace divine,  
From Jesus flow to every vine  
And make the dead revive  
And make the dead revive**

**Oh this dry and barren ground,  
in streams of water may abound  
A fruitful soil become,  
A fruitful soil become**

**The desert blossoms as a rose,  
when Jesus conquers all his foes,  
and makes his people one,  
and makes his people one**

**Come brethren ye who love the Lord,  
And taste the sweetness of his word  
In Jesus's ways go on,  
In Jesus's ways go on**

**Our troubles and our trials here,  
Will only make us richer there  
When we arrive at home,  
When we arrive at home**

*(stand)*

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C** Amen!

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P** Let us pray.  
We give you thanks, generous God,  
for in this bread and cup  
we have tasted the new heaven and earth  
where hunger and thirst are no more.  
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,  
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

**C** Amen.

**BLESSING**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you  
with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor  
and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

**SENDING SONG**

**"In Christ There Is No East or West" .....ELW #650**

- 1 **In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one community of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.**
- 2 **In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere  
their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord  
close binding humankind.**
- 3 **Join hands, disciples of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be.  
All children of the living God  
are surely kin to me.**
- 4 **In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in him meet south and north;  
all Christly souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide earth.**

Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941, alt.

**DISMISSAL**

- P** Go in peace. Share the good news. Christ is risen! Alleluia!
- G** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE**

**“I Think, When I Read That Sweet Story”**

**Dynamic Range**

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