

Trinity



LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11, 2025
11:00 am



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 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.

Order of Worship

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or "All Creation Sings" (ACS)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

"Celebrate Jesus" Gary Oliver

**Celebrate Jesus celebrate
Celebrate Jesus celebrate
Celebrate Jesus celebrate
Celebrate Jesus celebrate
He is risen He is risen
And He lives forevermore
He is risen He is risen
Come on and celebrate
The resurrection of our Lord**

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He is risen He is risen
And He lives forevermore
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Come on and celebrate
The resurrection of our Lord**

**Come on and celebrate (3x)
The resurrection of our Lord**

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(stand)

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!

P In the name of † the One,
who was, who is, and who is to come.

C **Amen.**

P Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

P 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,

C **make us one as you are one.**

P 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,

C **make us one as you are one.**

P 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,

C **make us one as you are one.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

(stand) **OPENING SONG**

“He Lives” Anthony Skinner | Chris McClarney

**See the tomb where He laid
See the stone rolled away
He is risen He is risen He's alive
See His hands see His feet
Touch His scars and believe
He is risen He is risen He's alive
Oh He's alive**

**He lives
All honor and power are His
All glory forever amen
Jesus (lives)**

**Hear the shackles breaking free
Hear the song of the redeemed
He is moving He is moving He's alive
So take this freedom take this love
Can you feel it rising up
He is here He is here He's alive**

**He lives
All honor and power are His
All glory forever amen
Jesus lives
He lives
All honor and power are His
All glory forever amen
Jesus (lives)**

**You took all our shame
Left it in the grave
We're forgiven we're forgiven
The work forever done
Only by the blood
It is finished it is finished
You took all our shame
Left it in the grave
We're forgiven we're forgiven
The work forever done**

**Only by the blood
It is finished it is finished**

**He lives
All honor and power are His
All glory forever amen
Jesus (lives)
He lives
All honor and power are His
All glory forever amen
Jesus (lives)**

He is risen He is risen He's alive

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(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.

G **And also with you.**

(stand) **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P 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.

G **Amen.**

(sit)

FIRST READINGActs 9:36-43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

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.

A Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S TALK

(stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Because He lives I can face tomorrow

Because He lives all fear is gone

Because I know He holds the future

And life is worth the living just because He lives

(stand) **GOSPEL READING John 10:22-30**

P The holy gospel according to John.

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

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

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 What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

(sit) **SERMON Pastor Scott Sessler**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“I Love to Tell the Story” Hankey/Fischer

I love to tell the story
Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory,
Of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story,
Because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings
As nothing else can do.

I love to tell the story,
'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story
of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story;
More wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies
Of all my golden dreams,
I love to tell the story,
It did so much for me;
And that is just the reason
I tell it now to thee.

I love to tell the story,
'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story
of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story;
'Tis pleasant to repeat
What seems each time I tell it,
More wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story;
For some have never heard
The message of salvation
From God's own holy Word.

I love to tell the story,
'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story
of Jesus and His love.

(stand)

NICENE CREED

P God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

G **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.**

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

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

Silence for reflection.

Each petition will close with the words: "Hear us, O God."

The response is "Your mercy is great."

P 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.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of our Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

(sit) **THE OFFERING**

OFFERTORY

"We Are and Offering"Dwight Liles

We lift our voices

We lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering

Lord use our voices

Lord use our hands

Lord use our lives they are Yours

We are an offering

All that we have

All that we are

All that we hope to be

We give to You

We give to You

We lift our voices

We lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering

We are an offering

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OFFERING PRAYER

- P** Let us pray. Risen One,
C **you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world.
Amen.**

(stand)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- 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.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...
C **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

P Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

G Thanks be to God.

(sit) **COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS**

Communion will be distributed at the altar railing. The usher will indicate when each section of pews should come forward. Whether kneeling or standing, those wishing to receive anointing, cross your arms after reaching the rail. If you are not able or not comfortable coming to the altar, the pastor will bring the bread and wine to you at the pew. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available. Simply request these from the pastor.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“As Bread that is Broken”Paul Baloche

**Many hearts are hungry tonight
Many trapped in darkness
Yearn for the light
So many who are far from home
And many who are lost
O Lord Your wounded children
Need the power of Your cross**

**As bread that is broken
Use our lives
As wine that is poured out
A willing sacrifice
Empower us Father
To share the love of Christ
As bread that is broken Lord
Use our lives**

**Help us to begin where we are
Help us love the people
Near to our hearts
Then give our faith a mission field
Wherever You may call
Lord love Your world through each of us
Until we've touched them all**

**As bread that is broken
Use our lives
As wine that is poured out**

**A willing sacrifice
Empower us Father
To share the love of Christ
As bread that is broken Lord
Use our lives**

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P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen!**

(stand) **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always,

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“My Redeemer Lives”..... Reuben Morgan

**I know He rescued my soul
His blood has covered my sin
I believe I believe
My shame He's taken away
My pain is healed in His name
I believe I believe**

**I'll raise a banner
Cause my Lord has conquered the grave**

**My Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives**

**You lift my burdens
I'll rise with You
I'm dancing on this mountaintop
To see Your kingdom come**

**My Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives
My Redeemer lives**

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DISMISSAL

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen
- C** **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- P** In Christ you are made new.
Go in peace to share the story of God's love. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- C** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

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