



**EASTER 2026**

**Trinity Lutheran Church**



**May  
3**

**2026**

**5th Sunday  
of Easter**

**Together  
in Community  
Living  
with Christ  
Caring  
for Neighbors**

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.

John 14:3

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***We are glad you are here!***  
*It is always good to be together, hearing the Word.*  
***Thank you for choosing to worship at Trinity Lutheran Topeka.***  
*Thank you, Parker Jackson and Ted Murphy, for leading worship today.*

**HYMN SING ALONG**

***Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Setting 3***

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**GATHERING**

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **C Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Most merciful God,

**C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

**ELW 367**

1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abounds: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Eternal is the gift he brings, therefore our heart with rapture sings: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Now still he comes to give us life and by his presence stills all strife. "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; set heart and will on things above that we conquer through your triumph; grant grace sufficient for life's day that by our lives we truly say: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing: "Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!" Be to the Father, and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God, all the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt. Text © 1958 *Service Book and Hymnal*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

**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.**

**KYRIE**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

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Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,

we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

*Please be seated.*



is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>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.

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

**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.

**P** The Holy Gospel, according to John, the fourteenth chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: JOHN 14:1-14**

Jesus said to the disciples: <sup>1</sup>Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>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? <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” <sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>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’? <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

PARKER JACKSON

HYMN OF THE DAY

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

ELW 810

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

- 1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; remain forever near me, my master and my friend. I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side, nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.
- 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near. I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear. My foes are ever near me, around me and within; but, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.
- 3 Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will. Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control; now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.
- 4 O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you that where you are in glory your servant shall be too. And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend. Text: John E. Bode, 1816-1874, alt.

APOSTLES CREED

P Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith.

C **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.**

THE PRAYERS

A Trusting in the power of Christ’s resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

A God of glory, you have built your church on Christ the cornerstone. Inspire lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim forgiveness and your steadfast love to all whom they encounter. Merciful God,

C **receive our prayer.**

A God of majesty, you bring forth life on land, sea, and sky. Protect all you have made from the ravages of pollution and climate disaster. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God of mercy, you intend governments and agencies to be instruments of peace and justice. Guide political leaders and organizations to be compassionate, and raise up advocates for those who seek refuge and assistance. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God of well-being, you soothe those in distress, console all who grieve, and comfort those who are sick, especially Charlotte O'Brien, Shelley Andrews, Junior & Liz Utech, Martha Nemeth, and David McGinnis. Instill caregivers with a sense of purpose to be your healing hands in this world. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God of community, you call us together as your people for mutual support and to witness to your love in the world. We pray for Roxann Quarnstrom as she celebrates her birthday and for Tom & Karen Arney as they celebrate their wedding anniversary. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

P God of eternal life, you have prepared dwelling places for your people, so that we are never separated from you. We give you thanks for the faithful departed who witnessed to your mighty acts in word and deed. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

P God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**C Amen.**

#### **THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*Let us greet one another with God's peace.*

*Please be seated.*

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THANKSGIVING

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OFFERING AND OFFERING SONG

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -  
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The tempo and meter are not explicitly stated. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The piano accompaniment features a steady, rhythmic accompaniment with chords and moving lines in the bass.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **C Amen**

**THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

A O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **C Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

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**SENDING**

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**BLESSING**

P God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

*Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

**ELW 389**

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now, and touching ev'ry place and time.
- 3 In ev'ry insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.
- 4 Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call, and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
- 5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

**DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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**POSTLUDE**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, May 3..... Doorstep Food Collection Day .....  
 .....Adult Sunday School..... 9:30 AM  
 ..... Hymn Sing Along ..... 10:15 AM  
 ..... Worship ..... 10:30 AM  
 ..... Congregational Life meeting ..... Noon

Tues., May 5..... Quilters ..... 9:30 AM

Sun., May 10 .....Worship with Holy Communion..... 10:30 AM

Worship Assistants								
Date	Acolyte	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Worship Leader	Coffee Hosts
May 3	Brayden Winsor	Bob Horton, Curt Lewis	Laurie Jackson	Duane Pomeroy	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Ted Murphy	Parker Jackson	Marilyn Heckman
May 10	Janeen Horton	Dean McGinnis, Ted Murphy	Mitchell Bean	Loni Reece	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Bob Horton	Pr. Bob Dealey	Steve Luoma
May 17	Curt Lewis	Howard Reece, Jeffrey Schafersman	Laurie Jackson	Laurie Jackson	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Marcy Carlson	Duane Pomeroy	Duane/Debbie Pomeroy
May 24	Janeen Horton		Laurie Jackson	Braxdon Penry	Diane Bottorff & Team 1		Bob Horton	



As you can see, we are in need of volunteers to serve as ushers, assisting minister, and coffee host on May 24th.



### WU CAMPUS MINISTRY

It's time to collect dental hygiene items for the Bods Feeding Bods Pantry for the summer session. Individually packaged toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, dental floss, and floss picks are most appreciated. You may drop your donations in the WU box by the east entrance May 10-31. Then the first week of June, Debbie & Duane Pomeroy will deliver our items to campus. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!



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### OFFICE HOURS

10:00AM-3:30PM, Monday through Thursday

**Together in Community**

**Living with Christ**

**Caring for Neighbors**

### **Living with Christ's Love**

As Lutherans, we believe that we are justified by faith alone through the grace of God (*Ephesians 2:1-9*). As our namesake Martin Luther made clear, we are both sinners and saints as we live our lives of faith. Together as Christians, we are called to allow God into our lives everyday and to do our best to live according to Christ's love. We do this through being a community of faithful that welcomes all people to join us in prayer, service, study, and worship as we journey together in learning how to live out the Great Commandment.

### **CONGREGATION COUNCIL**

**President** Duane Pomeroy (Spiritual Care)

**Vice-President** Steve Luoma (Administration)

**Secretary** Diane Bottorff (Congregational Life)

**Treasurer** Bob Kobbeman (Administration)

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Parker Jackson (Congregational Life)

Curt Lewis (Maintenance)      Howard Reece (Maintenance)