



Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, May 3, 2026

5th Week of Easter

Paul's Sermon at Athens

*Indicates please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

arr. Leila Viss

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THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

C: Amen.

L: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

L: Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us (*like the Poudre River and Horsetooth Reservoir*). Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

L: Jesus Christ,
you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

L: Holy Spirit,
you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

L: Holy One,
we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"God of the Sparrow"

ELW #740

vs. 1, 2, 3 & 6

Jaroslav J. Vajda & Carl F. Schalk

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1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the swirl - ing
2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the trum - pet
3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the emp - ty



stars How does the crea - ture say Awe
blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe
grave How does the crea - ture say Grace



How does the crea - ture say Praise
How does the crea - ture cry Save
How does the crea - ture say Thanks

6 God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

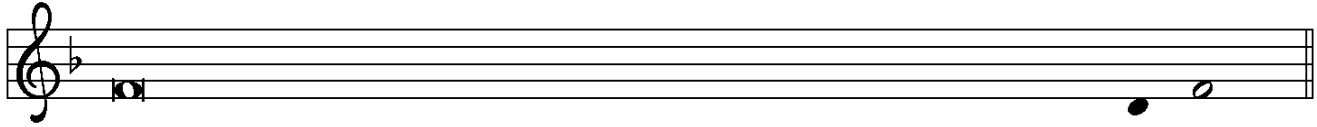
INVOCATION

P: May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love, mercy, and justice of God, and wisdom of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**



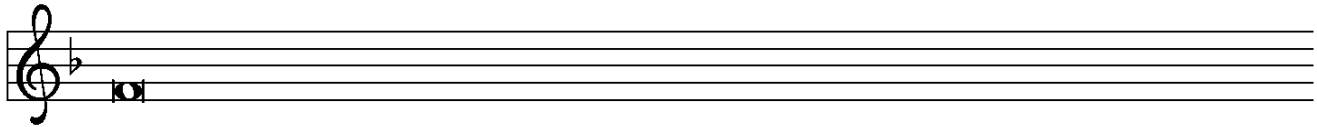
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



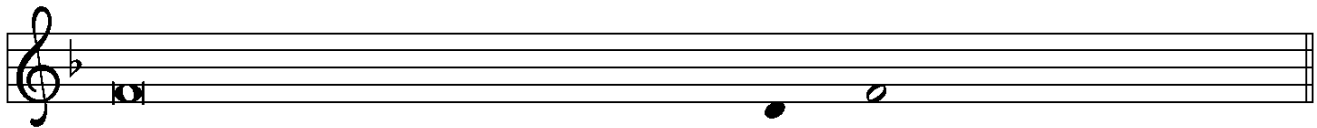
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



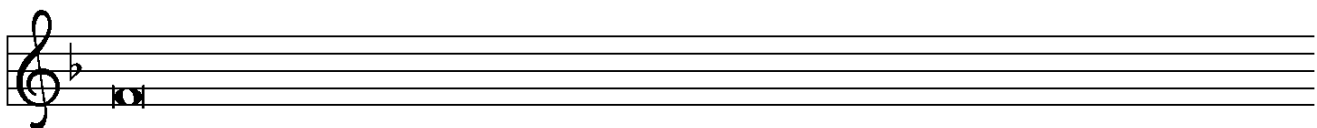
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



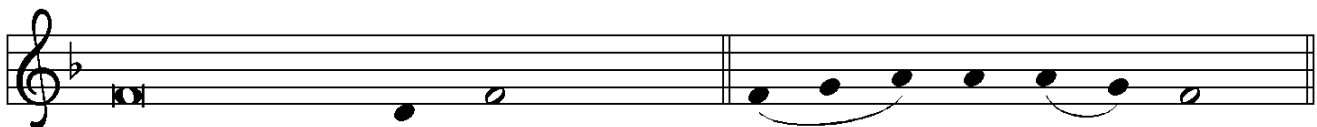
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



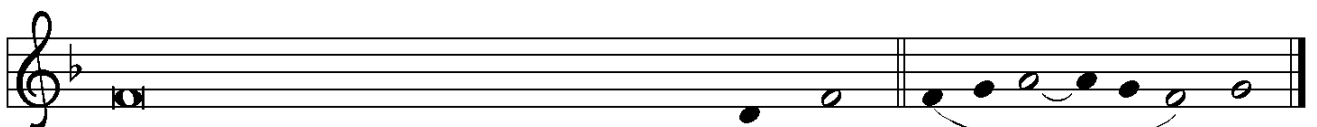
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Verses 1 & 3

ELW pgs. 140 & 141

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the unknown, Your mysteries are astounding. Give us knowledge where you see fit, and let us sit comfortably with that which we can never understand. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Creator Spirit, Who Gave Us Life”
Trinity Chancel Choir

Aaron David Miller

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**ELW pg. 142*****GOSPEL READING*****Acts 17:16-31**

L: The good news according to Acts 17

¹⁶ While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷ So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons and also in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, “What does this pretentious babbler want to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities.” (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) ¹⁹ So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰ It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means.” ²¹ Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new. ²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’ ²⁹ “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

L: The Good News of God.

C: Praise be to God.

HYMN OF DAY

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

ELW#733

Thomas O. Chisholm & William M. Runyan

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1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

APOSTLES 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

P: Merciful God.

C: **Receive our prayer.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

If you have a monetary offering, please place in the plate as you leave worship today, or use this code to give electronically.



OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: 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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW pg. 144

Musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving, consisting of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff has lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "The Lord be with you. And al - so 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." The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW pg. 144

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night...

...gave it to the disciples, saying:

C: **Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**

P: ...gave it for all to drink, saying:

C: **This cup is the new promise in my blood, shed for you and for all people, for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW pg. 112

Our Father in heaven, holy 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

COMMUNION HYMN

"Lamb of God"

ELW pg. 146

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION

“Open the Eyes of My Heart”

arr. Mark Hayes

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COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God’s grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

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

“There’s a Wilderness in God’s Mercy”

ELW #588

vs. 1, 3 & 4

Frederick W. Faber

North American, 19th cent.

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1 There’s a wide-ness in God’s mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the sea;

3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea - sures of our mind;

4 ’Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there’s a kind-ness in God’s jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.

and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth’s sor - rows are more felt than up in heav’n.

But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,

Prayer List

Members

Mourning for Pastor Paul Schairer
Carol Arnold
Mary Ann Miller
Mary Ann Armstrong
Jack Hautaluoma
Marilyn Hartig
Polly Sersen
Tim Anderson
Eric Biedermann
Jean Purath
Shirley Garvin
Madyson Hopkins

Friends & Family

Ivy Hansen, niece of Bruce & Carrie Hansen
Julia Watkins and family, friends of Dan Merz
Robert Musselman, father of Sarah Sanchez
Luke Crosby, relation of Katie & Tasha Barron
Wendy Thomaschow, sister of Amy Jo Martinson
Tae, family of Clinton Ellerbe
Amy Oduor, daughter of Clinton Ellerbe
Jennifer & Dale Barnett, friends of Marilyn Morrissey
Susie Kragmeier, daughter of Kate Stieben
Beth Barnett, daughter of Carolyn & Eric Biedermann
Erin Slocum, daughter of Patty & Don Heyse

To all who gather: We are Reconciling in Christ, which means we strive to ensure the welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; and to work for racial equity and to commit to anti-racist work.

We welcome believers, seekers, and the curious, regardless of religious background. God makes no distinction based on race; ethnicity; immigration status; economic status; physical, mental, or developmental circumstances; or other life circumstances. God loves and welcomes all people. Therefore, we welcome all people to the life of Christ at Trinity.

From Pastor Rick: This community affirms its welcome by accepting me in this place. Diagnosed with Huntington's (HD), my progressing symptoms and neurodiversity are displayed publicly. The uncontrolled movements (chorea) may limit my functionality, or appear in other ways; yet, it is an opportunity to learn and love alongside one another. HD is part of me, but I am not defined by the diagnosis. As for all of us, I am defined as child of God.

Guests and Visitors: All are invited to receive the gluten free bread and wine of Holy Communion (juice is also available). Your offering is your presence in worship. Please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate as you leave. Don't forget your 'Sweet Treat' plate from the welcome desk!

Worship Note: The red hymnal *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) page numbers are found in the front while song numbers are in the back. If you have any questions about worship or Trinity, our clergy or welcome table hosts are happy to help.

Parents and Caregivers: God's children of all ages are welcome in worship. If helpful, please use the Family Break Room outside the worship space or a "Worship Activity Bag" - available near the welcome table. On Sunday, if needed, we offer a fully trained Nursery; staffed by Tiffany K. and Zoe K.

Special needs: Hearing-assistance devices are available during our services. Holy Communion can also be brought to the seats of those who are unable to come forward. Our Welcome Table Hosts can help with any of these special needs.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR:

Monday (May 4)

9:30 am Trinity Readers-Fireside
12 pm Sermon Discussion-Fireside
6:30 pm (5) NoCo Male Spirituality

Tuesday (May 5)

7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ Breakfast Club
5:30 pm Social/Eco Justice-Room 2
6:15 pm 301FP Social/Justice-Room 2

Wednesday (May 6)

5:15 pm Bells of Trinity-Room 1
6:30 pm Chancel Choir-Choir Room

Thursday (May 7)

11 am 301FP Clergy Mtg
3 pm Spanish Class-Room 2

Friday (May 8)

10 am Quilting-Room 2

Saturday (May 9)

5 pm Saturday Worship

Sunday (May 10) **Mother's Day**

9 am Adult Forum-Room 2
9 am Confirmation-Room 8
9 am Sunday School -Room 3
9 am Youth Group-Room 6
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Fellowship

In Ministry Today

Preaching: Pastor Mark LaChonce
Worship Assistant: Soren Nicholson
Welcome Table Host: Tim & Susan Snyder
Fellowship Host: Pam & Wally Jacobson
Bread Baker: Dan Merz
Prayer Writer: JoAnne Gearhart
Communion Team: Bonnie McKenrick, Gerry Olsen,
Liz Johnson & Marily Morrissey
Flower Arrangement: Volunteers of St Paul's Episcopal

Trinity's Clergy Leader:

Pastor Rick Reiten & Pastor Kaari Nieuwlandt

Trinity's Staff:

Carrie Hansen	Music Coord. & Organist
Tessa Espinosa	Chancel Choir Director
Clinton Ellerbe	Saturday Worship Leader
Austin Naylor	Bells of Trinity Director
Brenda Harju	TLC Preschool Director
	Financial Manager
Deana Andrist	Office Administrator
Amanda Backsen	Director of Communications/ Volunteer Coord.
Claire Pickerel & Chad Carpenter	AV Technicians
Jennifer Reeve	Shared Children's Minister
Tiffany Klijewski	Nursery Coord.
Zoe Klamann	Nursery Attendant

Staff Emails are available on our website

Coming Up:

June 7

Outdoor Worship

VBS-Step Right Up!

June 8-11 9am-12pm

Trinity is a welcoming faith community living together in God's love to share the joy of Jesus Christ.



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