



Trinity Lutheran Church  
Saturday, May 9, 2026  
6th Week of Easter  
Partnership in the Gospel  
\*Indicates please stand as you are able

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*“The Old Rugged Cross”*

George Bennard,  
Ralph E Hudson/Hamburg  
setting by Joel Raney  
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**GATHER**

**\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS\***

- L: Loving God, we gather today to confess that we have failed to extend our kindness to the poor and to the hungry.
- C: **We have accumulated enough wealth for our comfort and have been insensitive to the needs of the weak of our community. Forgive us, for we have comfortably closed our eyes to the cry of our neighbor. We have preached to the hungry your Word, without sharing our bread. We cling to our possessions, rather than to you. We keep a distance between Christian and non-Christian. We have failed to exercise the values of equality and justice.**
- L: God, we seek your grace and mercy to forgive us. Unite our hearts to share our resources and stand for justice for all people. Through Christ our Lord.
- C: **Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG\***

*“Build a Longer Table”*

**ACS #1062**  
David Bjorlin  
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1. Build a longer table, not a higher wall,  
feeding those who hunger, making room for all.  
Feasting together, stranger turns to friend,  
Christ breaks walls to pieces; false divisions end.
2. Build a safer refuge, not a larger jail;  
where the weak find shelter, mercy will not fail.  
For any place where justice is denied,  
Christ will breach the jail wall, freeing all inside.

3. Build a broader doorway, not a longer fence.  
Love protects all people, sparing no expense.  
When we embrace compassion more than fear,  
Christ tears down our fences: all are welcome here.
  
4. When we lived as exiles, refugees abroad,  
Christ became our doorway to the reign of God.  
So must our tables welcome those who roam.  
None can be excluded; all must find a home.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY\***

**Holy Lord, May our love overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help us determine what is best, so that we may be pure and blameless in the sight of Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

**WORD**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & OFFERING**

**Pastor Kaari**

**GOSPEL READING**

**PHILIPPIANS 1:1- 18A**

L: The Gospel according to Philippians 1

<sup>1</sup> Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: <sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup> I thank my God for every remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup> always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy <sup>5</sup> for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup> to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, <sup>11</sup> having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. <sup>12</sup> I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that what has happened to me has actually resulted in the progress of the gospel, <sup>13</sup> so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ, <sup>14</sup> and most of the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear.

<sup>15</sup> Some proclaim Christ from envy and rivalry but others from goodwill. <sup>16</sup> These proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I have been put here for the defense of the gospel; <sup>17</sup> the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but intending to increase my suffering in my imprisonment. <sup>18</sup> What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way, whether out of false motives or true, and in that I rejoice. Yes, and I will rejoice.

L: The Good News of God.

C: **Praise be to God.**

## SERMON

**Pastor Kaari**

## SONG OF THE DAY

*"Always With Me"*

Jessica Fox, Kate Bluett,  
Orlando Palmer & Paul Zach

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1. I can make it through the day  
When you're with me on the way  
In my heart and mind you'll stay  
I can make it through the night  
When I'm clinging to your light  
You will make the darkness bright

### Chorus

For you are always always with me  
For you are always always with me

2. In the calm and in the storm  
When it seems I'm all alone  
It's your hand I find to hold  
In each hour of unrest  
When it seems I've nothing left  
You speak peace in every breath

### Chorus

For you are always always with me  
For you are always always with me

In the morning in the evening  
When I'm waking when I'm sleeping  
When I'm arriving when I'm leaving  
You will have me in your keeping

3. Even from my mothers womb  
Never hidden from your view  
I was always known to you  
When I fade away in death  
You will catch my final breath  
You will take me to my rest

Chorus

For you are always always with me  
For you are always always with me

In the morning in the evening  
When I'm waking when I'm sleeping  
When I'm arriving when I'm leaving  
You will have me in your keeping

Chorus

For you are always always with me  
For you are always always with me

**\*CREED\***

L: We believe in God

**C: who is older than eternity  
and younger than our next breath;  
who is beyond describing  
yet knows us all by name;  
who inspires faith  
yet cannot be contained by religion.**

- L: We believe in Jesus Christ,  
Flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone;
- C: He came in the body  
To give worth to every human life.  
He touched the untouchable,  
Loved the unlovable  
And endured slander, persecution and death.**
- L: We believe that God's Kingdom comes on earth  
Through Christ's suffering love.
- C: He rose from the grave as living proof  
That what is laid down in faith  
Will be raised in glory.  
He ascended to heaven  
To be present at all times to all people.**
- L: We believe in the Holy Spirit,
- C: Who leads us into truth and freedom,  
Who gives good gifts to all God's children,  
Who works through prayer and politics,  
Through justice, care of creation  
And the healing of all nations.**
- L: We celebrate the potential God has given:
- C: The life in our bodies,  
The yearning in our souls,  
The promise of good things in store  
For those who love and serve their maker.**

*Iona Abbey Worship Book ©2016 The Iona Community*

**\*PRAYERS\***

- P: Merciful God.
- C: Receive our prayer.**

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE\***

- L: 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\***

L: Thank you, God, for the air.  
Thank you, God, for families that we can share with in good times and bad times.  
Thank you, God, for the gifts of other families, friends, visitors, and strangers.

C: **Amen.**

**MEAL**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING\***

L: Beloveds. Beloveds. Beloveds.

We come to this Table because we are claimed in covenant Because we are still learning  
what covenant and togetherness means  
how it looks and moves and feels  
Because we long for liberation  
Because we thirst for justice

Because we know the need—fierce and urgent—  
for grace and freedom and nourishment in our flesh and our bones  
Because this is not a table of a Lutheran table.  
This is Christ's table  
and you are invited to bring your whole lives  
and all are welcome here. Period.

Because we remember:  
On the night he was arrested  
while the powers and principalities  
of Empire, and supremacy, and dominance raged,  
Jesus— a brown skinned, radical, healer, community organizer, insurrectionist—  
gathered people, invited their fears and longings, invited people into radical solidarity,  
justice-love-in-action, healing of and in the world to which, for which, he gave his life over  
and over and over.

Jesus took bread broke it, shared it, and said:

C: **Take and eat: this is my body.**  
**The bread of new life.**  
**Share this, and remember.**

L: Then Jesus took the cup, blessed it, gave thanks for it, and said:

C: **Take and drink: this is the power of my life-blood.**  
**The salve of salvation. The cup blessing.**  
**Share this, and remember.**

L: And so, we do.  
We remember. We offer. We receive.  
And we share in this nourishing feast.  
Because we know how to nourish each other in ordinary and extraordinary ways.  
Because we need each other  
and we need this sacrament, this visible sign of life-giving grace, flowing and overflowing.  
So, come. Come. Come.

**\*LORD'S PRAYER\***

Creator God 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\***

**COMMUNION**

**\*COMMUNION BLESSING\***

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

C: Amen.

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION\***

Holy, holy, holy, in the wine and in the bread, in every open table, in solidarity. Holy in each embrace that heals and brings peace. Amen.

**SENDING**

**\*BLESSING\***

L: May the abundant and unending grace of God, the love of God that doesn't tire, that was shown to our forebearers and the whole generation of the whole clan, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be upon you forever.

C: Amen.

**\*SENDING SONG\***

*"Our Salvation is Bound Up Together"*

Paul Zach &  
Brendan Jamieson

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1. Our salvation is bound up together  
Our salvation is bound up together  
Our salvation is bound up together  
As we walk through this wilderness

Chorus

No man no woman  
Can walk this road alone  
Bind us together O Lord

No man no woman  
Can walk this road alone  
Bind us together O Lord

2. When one suffers we feel it together  
When one suffers we feel it together  
When one suffers we feel it together  
As we walk through this wilderness

Chorus

No man no woman  
Can walk this road alone  
Bind us together O Lord  
No man no woman  
Can walk this road alone  
Bind us together O Lord

3. In our laughter we share joy together  
In our laughter we share joy together  
In our laughter we share joy together  
As we walk through this wilderness

Chorus

No man no woman  
Can walk this road alone  
Bind us together O Lord  
No man no woman  
Can walk this road alone  
Bind us together O Lord

**\*SENDING\***

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!  
C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

To watch a recorded service, go to <https://www.youtube.com/@trinitylutheranFC>  
Or visit our website and click on "To view recorded services click HERE!"

## Prayer List

### Members

Carol Arnold  
Mary Ann Miller  
Jack Hautaluoma  
Mary Ann Armstrong  
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.

**In Ministry Today**

**Worship Assistant:** Ron Bend  
**Communion Prep:**  
**Welcome Table Host:**  
**Fellowship Host:**  
**Prayer Writer:** Pat Wiedower  
**Bread Baker:** Dan Merz  
**Flower Arrangement:** Volunteers from  
St Paul's Episcopal

**Trinity's Clergy Leader:**

Pastor Rick Reiten & Pastor Kaari Nieuwlandt

**Trinity's Staff:**

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

*\*Staff Emails are available on our website\**

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR:**

**Monday (May 11)**  
12 pm Sermon Discussion-Fireside  
6 pm 301 Property-Fireside  
6:30 pm (5) NoCo Male Spirituality

**Tuesday (May 12)**  
6:30 pm Exec Council

**Wednesday (May 13)**  
5:15 pm Bells of Trinity-Room1  
6:30 pm Chancel Choir-Choir Room

**Thursday (May 14)**  
3:30 pm 301FP Get Together @ Maya Cove  
5 pm Finance-Zoom  
6:15 pm 301FP Co-Op-Sunroom

**Friday (May 15)**  
10 am Quilting-Room 2

**Saturday (May 16)**  
5 pm Saturday Worship

**Sunday (May 17)**  
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-Celebrating Graduates  
11:30 am Fellowship-Farewell & Godspeed Claire!  
11:35 am Faith Formation-Fireside

**Coming Up:**

**June 7**  
Outdoor Worship

**VBS-Step Right Up!**  
June 8-11 9am-12pm

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So, how can you learn more about Trinity?

Visit our website at [www.trinitylutheranfc.org](http://www.trinitylutheranfc.org)

Consider joining us for worship or one of our ministry events.

Contact one of our clergy for a chat.

We believe we are not a complete community, and that God is calling new people to join us and to find their place at Trinity.

We invite you join us on the journey of faith!

Saturdays at 5p.m. (Livestreamed & Recorded for Viewing)

Sundays 10:30 a.m. (Livestreamed & Recorded for Viewing)

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



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