



*Nurturing a Living Faith
with Open Hearts
and Serving Hands*

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Introduction to the Day

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

**5th Sunday of Easter
April 28th, 2024
8:30 a.m.**



ALL CREATION SINGS

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Most merciful God,
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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

OPENING HYMN "Let All Things Now Living" ELW #881

GREETING
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

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**O Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy.
O Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy.
Have mercy, O Lord. Have mercy, O Lord.**

**Welcome to
Worship at Trinity
Lutheran**

Whether this is your first time worshipping with us, or if you regularly attend, we are very glad that you are with us! Today, we gather to worship God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The church is not a building – it is you, the people. So "church," thanks for showing up today. If you look around what you will see are imperfect people. Some with smiles, some with broken hearts, some with secrets they are ashamed to share... and yet all of us together are the "church."

We are thankful you are here. Through God's Holy Spirit we pray you hear a word of grace and hope today.

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!**

**To God be glory forever! To God be glory forever!
Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!
Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!
Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!
Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: ACTS 8:26-40

Dean Natwick, reader

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22:25-31

Please read responsively.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God’s deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, “The LORD has acted!”

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 4:7-21

We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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**Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia. Christ is risen, ris'n indeed.**

GOSPEL: JOHN 15:1-8

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.

The holy gospel according to John, chapter 15, beginning with verse 1.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S TIME/SERMON

Pastor Martha HarriSon

HYMN OF THE DAY

"We Know that Christ is Raised"

ELW #449

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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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please pray for James, Ellen, Morgan, Tom, Denell, Terry, Michelle, Leona and Knut.

OFFERING/OFFERING MUSIC

"Open Our Eyes, Lord"
CCLI #1572

On screen

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy God,

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

“Awake, Oh Sleeper, Rise from Death”

ELW #452

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

WE EXTEND OUR CONGREGATION'S SYMPATHY to the family of Everett Miller. His funeral was at Trinity on Thursday, April 25th @ 1 p.m. Please keep his family in your prayers.

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM is in memory of Joe & Irene Victor, Otto & Zella Thomsen. Given by Dale & Linda Thomsen.

HOLY BAPTISM - We welcome Harper Rae Munsch, daughter of Matthew & Danielle Munsch to the family of God, who will be baptized today at the 10:30 service. Sponsors are Kristina Lucier & Brian Sautner.

THANK YOU - 1. Thank you to all of the people who donated to our rummage sale, helped sort items, worked the event and helped clean up. 2. Thank you to everyone who helped plan and participated in the Hibernation Termination Celebration. 3. Thank you to John & Ray for digging and burying a CAT 5 line under the sidewalk to be used for our outdoor worship services.

ONLINE SILENT AUCTION - Our Online Silent Auction starts **TODAY** at 12 p.m. Check out our website to find the link to bid. Bidding will end Tuesday, April 30th @ 12 p.m.

TRUST FUND SCHOLARSHIPS - Applications are available on our website and in the office. Applications are **due Tuesday, April 30th**. Contact Heather for questions.

NEW MEMBER CONVERSATION - Are you interested in learning more about Trinity Lutheran and what it means to be a member? Pastor Mark will host a conversation in the Conference Room on Saturday, May 4th @ 9:30 a.m.

TAMALE MAKING - Come join us in learning how to make tamales. The class will be on Sunday, May 5th (Cinco de Mayo) following the 10:30 am service. There is room for 20 participants, and you will get to take some tamales home! The class is free. Please sign-up in the narthex or email Pastor Martha if you would like to sign up.

CANOE/KAYAK SUMMER TRIP - There is still room on this summer's Canoe/Kayak adventure down the Missouri. We will leave the morning of Thursday, July 25th, and arrive in Bismarck on the afternoon of July 27th. The cost is only \$50. To register, email Pastor Mark at narum@trinitybismarck.com

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday 4-28

8:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary

10:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary

12 PM - Online Silent Auction starts

Tuesday 4-30

9 AM - Quilters in Quilters' Room

4 PM - Property Committee in Conference Room

Wednesday 5-1

2:30 PM - Upstairs Bible Study in Room 212

4:30 PM - Trust Fund Committee in Conference Room

5 PM - Meal in Fellowship Hall

6 PM - Worship in Sanctuary

Saturday 5-4

9:30 AM - New Member Conversation in Conference Room

10 AM - Grief Support Group

10:30 AM - Funeral for Allen Harvey in Sanctuary

Trinity Lutheran's
NEW MEMBER CONVERSATION

SATURDAY
MAY 4TH
@ 9:30 a.m.
Conference
Room

INTERESTED IN JOINING US?

Come and learn:

- more about Trinity Lutheran
- the mission we believe God is calling us to
- how you can be a part of this ministry