



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

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Introduction to the Day

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 was true for those “who have come out of the great ordeal” in the Revelation vision. 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.

**4th Sunday of Easter
May 11, 2025
10:30 a.m.**



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“You Are My All In All”
CCLI #825356

Praise Team

WELCOME & SHARING OF PEACE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ACS pg. 8

OPENING SONG

“Wonderful Merciful Savior”
CCLI #106879

On screen

GREETING

HYMN OF PRAISE

“How Majestic is Your Name”
CCLI #26007

On screen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. Amen.

FIRST READING: ACTS 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.

***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. 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.

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

PSALM 23

(Please read responsively).

- ¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
- ²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**
- ³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.
- ⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- ⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING: REVELATION 7:9-17

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.

- ⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”
- ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,
“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”
- ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
- ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
- ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;
- ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Halle, Halle”

ELW pg. 172

GOSPEL: JOHN 10:22-30

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.

The holy gospel according to John, chapter 10, beginning with verse 22.
Glory to you, O Lord.

- ²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So 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.” ²⁵Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one.”

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

CHILDREN’S TIME/SERMON

Pastor Mark Narum

SONG OF THE DAY

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

ELW #502

NICENE CREED

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, Terry, Dick, Wendy, Amy, Dennis, Rod, Renae, Dean & Terry.

OFFERING MUSIC

“Hold It All”
CCLI #7215626

Praise Team

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One,

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.

LORD’S PRAYER

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

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. Amen.

SENDING SONG

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

ELW #768

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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Violin

May 11, 2025

1:30pm

Trinity Lutheran Church

My thoughts on the scripture
and message

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM is in memory of Rev. & Mrs. Fiechtner, James Caird & Hazel Shaw. Given by Marcus & Margaret Fiechtner.

LILY THINNING - Tuesday, May 13th @ 9 a.m. -11 a.m. we could use some helpers to thin hostas and lilies. You can also take some home if you want. Thanks for your help!

LOAVES AND FISHES - We will fill bags for Loaves & Fishes again in the Quilters' Room between services today. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!

MISSION AND OUTREACH PROJECT FOR MAY - The Mission and Outreach Committee invites you to sign up with your family and friends to help one of the following organizations during the month of May:

- Soup Café (www.soupcafe.org/volunteer)
- Ministry on the Margins Food Pantry (www.ministryonthemargins.org/volunteer)
- The Banquet on May 9th or 23rd (Text or call 701-220-8809 to sign up)

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION - Trinity Lutheran seniors and college students - now is the time to apply for the Trinity Lutheran Scholarship through our Trust. This is a competitive scholarship process based on church involvement and involvement in other faith activities. You can find the application on our website. **The deadline is May 15th.**

ONLINE GIVING - Giving has never been easier! Open your camera on your phone and scan the QR code. It will take you right to Trinity's online giving site. You can choose to give via credit card or bank account. Try it out today!



HOLY BIBLE

THEOLOGY & COFFEE

Pastor Martha is starting a new study/discussion group that will discuss and debate various topics of faith and current topics important in our world today.

📅 FRIDAYS | 10:00 AM

In the Conference Room

ALL ARE WELCOME

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 8-11, 2025
5:45 - 7:45 p.m.
Age 4 - Grade 5
Register Today!

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THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday 5-11 MOTHER'S DAY
8:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary
9:35 AM - Bible 101 in Fellowship Hall
9:35 AM - Church School
10:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary
1:30 PM - Mia Peterson Recital in Sanctuary

Tuesday 5-13
9 AM - Quilters in Quilters' Room
5:30 PM - Faith Formation Comm. in Conf. Room

Wednesday 5-14
2:30 PM - Upstairs Bible Study in Room 212
5:15 PM - Meal served in Fellowship Hall
6 PM - Worship in Sanctuary
6:40 PM - Church School, Youth Group, Confirmation

Thursday 5-15
5 PM - Mental Health Task Force in Conf. Room
6:30 PM - Council in Conference Room

Friday 5-16
10 AM - Theology and Coffee in Conference Room

Saturday 5-17
8 AM - Men's Group in Fellowship Hall

Sunday 5-18
8:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary
9:35 AM - Bible 101 in Fellowship Hall
9:35 AM - Church School
10:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary

MEN'S GROUP

3rd Saturday of the month
@ 8 a.m.
in Fellowship Hall

- Faith
- Fellowship
- Breakfast
- All are Welcome

Contact Pastor Mark with questions at Narum@trinitybismarck.com