

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

11:00 a.m.

Services streamed live on YouTube at htlcdbq.com

GATHER

We come together as the Body of Christ for praise, forgiveness, and renewal.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opening Song

Jesus Does

Who tells the sun to rise ev - ry morn - ing. col - ors the sky with the
Who holds the or - phan com - forts the wid - dow cries for in - jus - tice
Who un - der - stands the heart of the sin - ner show - ers God's grace ov - er
Who sings the song of swe - et for - give - ness? Who stole the keys to

4
shades of His glo - ry wakes us with mer - cy and love? Je - sus does.
feels ev - ry sor - row, car - ries the pain of His chil - dren Je - sus does.
all our mis - ta - kes, wash - es us clean with His blood? Je - sus does.
9
hell and the gra - ve? Who has the pow - er to save? Je - sus does.

So we sing: Praise to the Fa - ther who gave us the Son. Praise to the Spir - it who's

13
liv - ing in us When I was a sin - ner God saved me from who I was. 'cause

17
that's what Je - sus does.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.
In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.
We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

THIS IS THE FEAST

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

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

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Wor - thy is Christ, the lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, bles - sing, and glo - ry are his.

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

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

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

(Extemporaneous)

Amen.

Children's Message

WORD

Reading: Acts 8:26-40

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.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Leader: Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. *(to Refrain)*

REFRAIN: ALL

Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

Gospel: John 15:1-8

The Gospel according to John the 15th Chapter.

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.

Please be seated.

MESSAGE

Pastor Jason R. Davis



1 Take me to the wa - ter, take me to the wa - ter,
 2 I . . . love . . Je - sus, I . . . love . . Je - sus,
 3 He's . . my . . Sav - ior, he's . . my . . Sav - ior,
 4 Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah. Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah.



take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.
 I . . . love . . Je - sus, oh, yes, I do.
 he's . . my . . Sav - ior, oh, yes, he is.
 Glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah to be bap - tized.

Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 of Intercession

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

After each prayer:

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The congregation is invited to share the peace of Christ by greeting your neighbors.

Offering Music

Instrumental

Thank you for your continued generosity to the mission of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church! Our regular practice is to pass the offering plates through the worship assembly. One-time, recurring, or automatic giving can be done online at the QR code below or at www.htlcdbq.com/give.

Your faithful response and stewardship of God's gifts make an impact throughout our congregation, Dubuque, and the World!



Please rise

OFFERING PRAYER

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.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: ALL: Leader: ³

The Lord be with you. — And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts.

ALL: Leader:

We lift them to the Lord. — Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. —

ALL:

It is — right — to give our thanks — and praise. —

Mmmm Mmmm

Leader: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, Almighty God, through our Savior, Je-sus Christ, who on this day over came death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. So, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(Sing each line twice, then sing line one twice)

All: Hdy, ho - ly, ho - ly — Lord, — God of pow'r — and — might —

Heav'n and earth — are full — of your glo - ry, Ho-san - na in the highest —

Blessed is he — who comes — in the name — of the Lord —

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord remember us in your love and teach us to pray,

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed 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

This is Christ's table. It's a table of love and welcome. It's a table of fellowship with the poor and communion with the Earth.

So come: Those of you with great faith and those of you who wish you had more.

Come, those of you who have tried to follow Jesus and those of you who believe you have somehow failed.

Come. Those of you who depend on this meal for your life and for those of you who feel this is a strange thing.

P: These are the the gifts of God for the people of God...

C: Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION

*All are welcome to commune at Christ's Holy Supper. We invite everyone to come forward to the altar to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Come forward by way of the center aisle to receive the elements and return by the outside aisle. **If you cannot come forward** to receive communion but would like to receive it directly from the pastor, please let a greeter know and the pastor will bring communion to you. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available as well. Children and adults who do not receive communion are invited to come forward as they wish to receive a blessing.*

LAMB OF GOD

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, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Capo 3: (D) (A) (Bm) (D7/A) (G)
 F C Dm F7/C B \flat

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the

(A) (D) (A) (D) (Em)
 C F C F Gm

ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

(D/A) (G) (D/A) (A7) (D) (G) (D)
 F/A B \flat F/C C7 F B \flat F

not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

- 2 Come to the table of peace...
- 3 Come to the table of love...
- 4 Come to the table of hope...
- 5 Come to the table of joy...

Prayer after Communion

Shepherding God,
 you have prepared a table before us
 and nourished us with your love.
 Send us forth from this banquet
 to proclaim your goodness
 and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
 our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

SENDING

The Holy Spirit leads us out into the world.

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.

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

SENDING SONG

All the People Said Amen



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The wonderful cross

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Coffee join us for coffee and treats at 9:45 down the hall in the Living Faith Center!

Nursery We love having children in worship! If you find you or your child needs a break, head on over to the nursery. You will find books, toys, and a changing table. It is just down the hall from the sanctuary. Turn the knob near the door to hear the service from the nursery!

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