HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 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



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.

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THIS IS THE FEAST



Prayer of the Day

(Extemporaneous)

Amen.

Children's Message

Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

1Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. 2By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, 4for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. 5Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

6This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

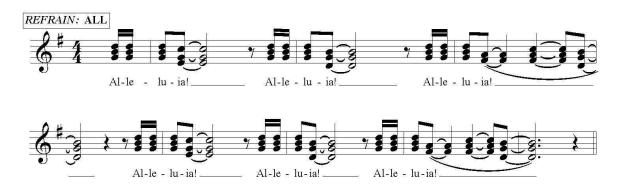
Word of God, Word of Life.

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)



Gospel: John 15:9-17

The Gospel according to John the 15th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] 9"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 10If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

12"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. 16You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. 17I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

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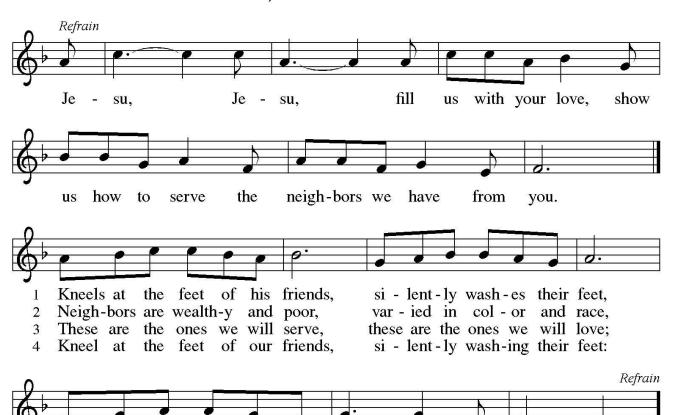
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With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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

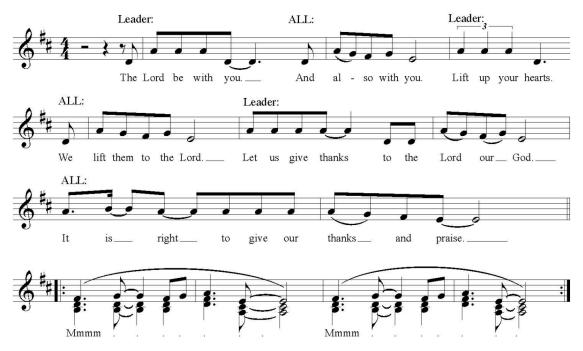
OFFERING PRAYER

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

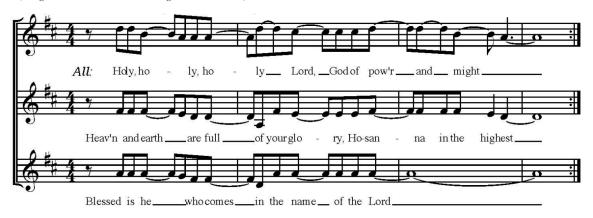
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Leader: 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)



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.

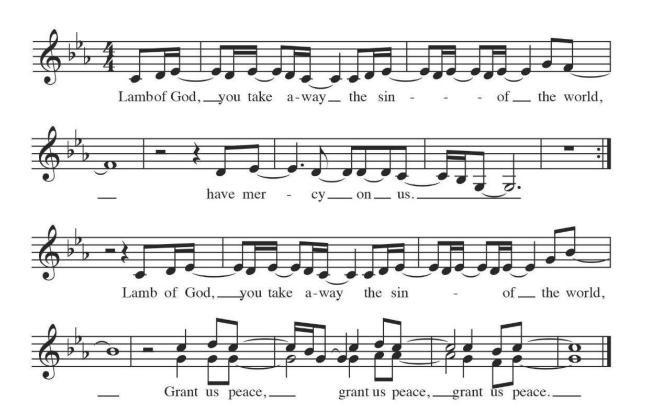
P: These are the the gifts of God for the people of God...

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





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

Child of Love



DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Restrooms are down the hall and to the left.

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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