

**WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**SUNDAY, May 18, 2025**

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE**

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"MAKE SONGS OF JOY" (STAND ON LAST VERSE)

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✠ PSALM 148; *antiphon: verse 13*

Pastor: <sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;

**People: praise Him in the heights!**

Pastor: <sup>2</sup>Praise Him, all His angels;

**People: praise Him, all His hosts!**

Pastor: <sup>3</sup>Praise Him, sun and moon,

**People: praise Him, all you shining stars!**

Pastor: <sup>4</sup>Praise Him, you highest heavens,

**People: and you waters above the heavens!**

Pastor: <sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD!

**People: For He commanded and they were created.**

Pastor: <sup>6</sup>And He established them forever and ever;

**People: He gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

Pastor: <sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth,

**People: you great sea creatures and all deeps,**

Pastor: <sup>8</sup>fire and hail, snow and mist,

**People: stormy wind fulfilling his word!**

Pastor: <sup>9</sup>Mountains and all hills,

**People: fruit trees and all cedars!**

Pastor: <sup>10</sup>Beasts and all livestock,

**People: creeping things and flying birds!**

Pastor: <sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all peoples,

**People: princes and all rulers of the earth!**

Pastor: <sup>12</sup>Young men and maidens together,

**People: old men and children!**

Pastor: <sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
**People:** **for His name alone is exalted; His majesty is above earth and heaven.**  
 Pastor: <sup>14</sup>He has raised up a horn for His people,  
**People:** **praise for all His saints, for the people of Israel who are near to Him. Praise the LORD!**  
**ALL:** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**  
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
 Pastor: <sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
**People:** **for His name alone is exalted; His majesty is above earth and heaven.**

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.  
**People:** ♪ **And also with you.**  
 Pastor: Let us pray.  
**ALL:** **O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ♪ Amen.**

### FIRST READING -- ACTS 11:1-18

Reader: The first reading for the Fifth Sunday of Easter is from the eleventh chapter of Acts.

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, <sup>3</sup>"You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." <sup>4</sup>But Peter began and explained it to them in order: <sup>5</sup>"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. <sup>6</sup>Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup>But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup>But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' <sup>10</sup>This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. <sup>11</sup>And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup>And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' <sup>15</sup>As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup>If then God gave the same gift to them as He gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" <sup>18</sup>When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**THE GRADUAL** *(adapted from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6)*

Pastor: Christ has risen from the dead.

**People:** [God the Father] has crowned Him with glory and honor,

Pastor: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

**People:** He has put all things under His feet.

**THE EPISTLE -- REVELATION 21:1-7**

Reader: The Epistle reading is from the twenty-first chapter of Revelation.

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." <sup>5</sup>And He Who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also He said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. <sup>7</sup>The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be His God and He will be My son."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

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**THE HOLY GOSPEL – JOHN 16:12-22**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the sixteenth chapter.

**People:** 🎵 **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup>[Jesus said:] "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify Me, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is Mine; therefore I said that He will take what is Mine and declare it to you. <sup>16</sup>"A little while, and you will see Me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see Me." <sup>17</sup>So some of His disciples said to one another, "What is this that He says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me, and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" <sup>18</sup>So they were saying, "What does He mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what He is talking about." <sup>19</sup>Jesus knew that they wanted to ask Him, so He said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see Me, and again a little while and you will see Me'? <sup>20</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup>When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup>So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

**People:** 🎵 **Praise to You, O Christ.**

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**“THE GOSPEL SHOWS THE FATHER’S GRACE”**

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People: Hear our Prayer

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**COMMUNION STATEMENT**

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated by this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites us to His table as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Corinthians 11:29-30) and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, you are asked to **refrain until you** first speak with the Pastor or an elder.

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**“O JESUS, BLESSED LORD, TO THEE”**

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**NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS:** Psalm 67; Acts 16:9-15; Revelation 21:1-7; John 16:23-33 or John 5:1-9

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**LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY**

**May 18 – Fifth Sunday of Easter - Revelation 21:1** – “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.” The things of this world are passing away. We are waiting for a new heaven and a new earth, which have been promised to us in Christ. This knowledge is foundational for our stewardship of what God has put into our hands. What is truly important? What is worthy of our support? How has God called us to use “unrighteous mammon” for the good of our neighbor and His kingdom?

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**LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE**

**May 18** “Live abundantly, friends, graduates, loved ones, and fellow brothers and sisters in Christ! Know who you are and to whom you belong.” *Deaconess Janet Nicol, Word of Hope – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org* **A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org**

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**LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR**

**May 18 – Easter V** – “What God has made clean, do not call common” (Acts 11:9). Peter’s cuisine vision reveals the sanctity of human lives. What God has created, redeemed, and called precious, do not call clump of cells, tumor or tissue, parasite or potential life only. What God has given as gift and privilege, do not regard as burdensome, undignified, or vegetative. And don’t consent to anyone else doing so either!

***T H I S   W E E K***

**SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025 THROUGH SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	10:15 A.M.	<i>Divine Worship/Communion</i>
TUESDAY	9:30 A.M.	Ruth Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M.	Men’s Bible Study
	10:30 A.M.	TOPS
THURSDAY	2:00 P.M.	Women’s Thursday Bible Study
	5:30 P.M.	Love INC classes
SUNDAY	10:15 A.M.	<b>Divine Worship</b> Pastor Maxwell, President of Rocky Mtn. District

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

*The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by  
Bob & Susan Kelly in memory of Susan’s mom, mother-in-law and grandmother.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRESIDENT JAMES MAXWELL** of the Rocky Mountain District will visit here at Trinity on Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> and will serve as our guest Pastor. He will also address the congregation after the worship service about the call process and take questions. It will take about 90 minutes.

**VBS:** Trinity will host a one-day VBS on Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 2:30 pm. It will be for children Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The theme will be “Dive Into God’s Word.” If you are interested in helping and are available on the scheduled date, please let Sue Kelly know (575-430-2100.)

**ATTENDANCE SHEETS:** Just a reminder to fill out the attendance sheets provided in the red book at the end of each pew isle when your are attending a worship service. Thank you.

**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM 850 & KFUE.org:** On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT) we’re continuing in the book of 1 Kings, picking up with chapters 11-14. On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT), we continue our study of Genesis, discussing chapters 24-27. Don’t forget to tune in on Wednesday (5/21 at 9 a.m. CT) for The Coffee Hour as we continue our series on “Delighting in Sabbath” with Pastor Joel Biermann! Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfue.org](http://kfue.org) or in the KFUE Radio app!

**MISSION FOR MAY AND JUNE:** During May and June, our congregation is blessed with the opportunity to uplift Luther Classical College as our chosen Mission. Luther Classical College is committed to providing faithful Lutheran education, shaping young minds in wisdom, truth, and a deep understanding of God's Word. By directing our gifts to this mission, we are investing in the next generation of church leaders, educators, and faithful Christians who will serve and strengthen our communities. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to Luther Classical College and joining in this important work of faith and education. Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference!

**VISITOR MUGS:** The Evangelism Committee has prepared coffee mugs for our visitors, which are conveniently located inside the Guestbook podium. This is a handy spot for you to grab a mug to offer to visitors when you invite them to sign the guest book. On the Sundays you are hosting, please remember to give out ONE mug per family, visitor, or group. If it appears that multiple people in a group would benefit from having a mug, feel free to distribute more than one. Thank you for your assistance with this!

**TRACT OF THE MONTH:** “A Simple Explanation of Christian Denominations ...In today’s world, there are more than four thousand religions. And within Christianity itself, there are countless denominations. These numbers can cause many Christians to wonder what those differences are that make each denomination unique and how we, as Lutherans, can respond to those differences, especially when it comes to beliefs about salvation, the Sacraments, the role of Christ, and even sources of doctrine. This easy-to-use, compact booklet features brief summaries of seventeen Christian denominations. These summaries will help readers better understand each denomination’s differences, history, source of doctrine, and beliefs about Jesus Christ and the Sacraments

## **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE**

**SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025: WORSHIPPED: 74 ONLINE: 5**

**SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025: GENERAL FUND: \$1,545.00**

**DOLLAR PROJECT: \$4.00**

**FLOWERS: \$54.00**

**LUTHER CLASSIC COLLEGE: \$10.00**

### **ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**MUSIC: Michael Cortez**

<b>HOSTS:</b>	Tom Blackmon & Wilma Jaecks	<b>ELDER:</b>	Robert Rentschler
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>	Robin Haymes	<b>TELLERS:</b>	Dick Dommers
	Susan Rentschler		Merry Zumwalt
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Merry Zumwalt	<b>SOUND TECH:</b>	Jim Kline
<b>USHERS:</b>	Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson		
	Bob Thede, Tammy Thede		

### **ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**MUSIC: Garrett Anderson**

<b>HOSTS:</b>	Nora Sotak & Jericho Vertain	<b>ELDER:</b>	Bob Klose
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>	Robin Haymes	<b>TELLERS:</b>	Cheryl Sandenaw
	Susan Rentschler		Linde Van Cleave
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Cheryl Sandenaw	<b>SOUND TECH:</b>	Vicki Leonard
<b>USHERS:</b>	Bob Klose, Sandy Klose		
	Gerald Moore, Irvin Torres		

## **HEAVENLY FATHER, WE COME TO YOU IN PRAISE AND PRAYER**

### **FOR COURAGE, GRACE, FAITH, AND HEALING WITHIN YOUR WILL**

**Darrell & Sheila Anderson**, Angi Bates, **Ed Branch**, **Allen Burmeister**, Ellen Clark, Douglas Clark, Vicky Cosio, Mike Fladhammer, Jill Guiterrez, Veronica Holman, Scout Hughes, **Kristi Humphrey**, **Wilma Jaecks**, Jim Johnson, Caroline Kelly, Carey Mitchell, Pastor Shelby Moon, Terry Neilsen, Rachel Preus, Logan Radford, Connie Rogers, Jessica Schroeder, Judy Smith, Rick Sotak, Darin Steeby, Roger Storm, Ann Waghorn, Hannah Weathers, Betty Wilkes, Paul Woodruff, Karen Zinn, Don Zumwalt, Reverend Nicholas and Reverend Celestino from South Sudan, Martyrs for the faith, Our Nation's Leaders, Public Safety Personnel,

***We also pray for those who are on the long-term prayers in the Trinitarian.***

### **FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN THE MILITARY**

Tom Bass, Heather Beck, **Zac Collins**, Brendon Garritano, Ryan Hobson, Caleb Jaecks, Cody Phelps, Daniel Smelser, Bryant Roeske, Kyle Steeby, Arcadia Thomason, Ethan Trowbridge, Tanner Wedd, and all troops serving in harms way

### **LEST WE FORGET**

Jeremy, Bailey, Hudson and Asher Koch (parents and 2 sons)

## **PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING**

### **FOR OUR HOMEBOUND**

**Kay Burger**, **Lothar Butzkies**, Rodney Greer, **Shirley Hill**, Colleen Sandenaw, Lee Wood,

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**AMEN**

## **PRAYER REQUEST CARDS**

If you wish to place a name on the prayer list, you must complete a **blue prayer request card**. The cards are located on the credenza to the right as you leave the sanctuary. If the individual needs to remain on the prayer list, the requester will have to update the request card every two weeks by calling the church office or completing a new card. If not updated after two weeks on the weekly prayer list, each name will be transferred to the extended prayer list which will be published in the Trinitarian.