

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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SUNDAY, May 4, 2025

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

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

✠ INDICATES TO STAND

OPENING HYMN PAGE 480

“HE’S RISEN, HE’S RISEN” (STAND ON LAST VERSE)

✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION PAGE 151

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD PAGE 152

✠ PSALM 30; *antiphon: verses 11a, 12b*

Pastor: ¹I will extol You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up

People: **and have not let my foes rejoice over me.**

Pastor: ²O LORD my God, I cried to You for help,

People: **and You have healed me.**

Pastor: ³O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol;

People: **You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**

Pastor: ⁴Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints,

People: **and give thanks to His holy name.**

Pastor: ⁵For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.

People: **Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

Pastor: ⁶As for me, I said in my prosperity,

People: **“I shall never be moved.”**

Pastor: ⁷By Your favor, O LORD, You made my mountain stand strong;

People: **You hid Your face; I was dismayed.**

Pastor: ⁸To You, O LORD, I cry,

People: **and to the Lord I plead for mercy:**

Pastor: ⁹What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit?

People: **Will the dust praise You? Will it tell of Your faithfulness?**

Pastor: ¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!

People: **O LORD, be my helper!”**

Pastor: ¹¹You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;

People: **You have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,**

Pastor: ¹²that my glory may sing Your praise and not be silent.

People: **O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever!**

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: ¹¹You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
People: O LORD my God, I will give thanks to Your forever!

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: 🎵 And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

ALL: O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 🎵 Amen.

FIRST READING -- ACTS 9:1-22

Reader: The first reading for the third Sunday of Easter is from the ninth chapter of Acts.

¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" ⁵And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" And He said, "I am Jesus, Whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to Your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine to carry My name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of My name." ¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus Who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹and taking food, he was strengthened. For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." ²¹And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" ²²But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

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 5:1-14

Reader: The Epistle reading is from the fifth chapter of Revelation.

¹Then I saw in the right hand of Him Who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that He can open the scroll and its seven seals." ⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And He went and took the scroll from the right hand of Him Who was seated on the throne. ⁸And when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the scroll and to open its seals, for You were slain, and by Your blood You ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰and You have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth." ¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" ¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To Him Who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL – JOHN 21:1-19

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the twenty-first chapter.

People: 🎵 **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹After this Jesus revealed Himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and He revealed Himself in this way. ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far

from the land, but about a hundred yards off. ⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask Him, “Who are You?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after He was raised from the dead. ¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Feed My lambs.” ¹⁶He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Tend My sheep.” ¹⁷He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love Me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” and he said to Him, “Lord, You know everything; You know that I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Feed My sheep. ¹⁸Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” ¹⁹(This He said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this He said to him, “Follow Me.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord
People: ♪ Praise to You, O Christ.

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“SHEPHERD OF TENDER YOUTH”

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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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NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS: Psalm 23; Acts 20:17-35; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

May 4 – Third Sunday of Easter - John 21:6 – “He said to them, ‘Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.’ So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish.” Won’t the disciples ever learn? Jesus did this once before — when the odds seemed completely against it, the Lord gave them a command to let down the nets, a command that seemed crazy. But they complied and He blessed their obedience. When will we learn this lesson, too?

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

May 4 - “By the washing of water, John made God’s divine intentions clear. Jesus was our brother indeed, on a heavenly mission to rescue and purify us from all sin. Dear Lord, keep us patient as we wait for You. Amen.” *Rev. Paul Koelpin, Martin Luther College - A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

May 4 – Easter III – Our Father in heaven gathers into His flock persons of every tribe and nation and language (Revelation 5:9-10). Ages, appearances, and abilities do not disqualify anyone, and our world works best when our words and ways proclaim and practice it. And as both Peter and Paul illustrate, neither heritage nor history keeps hearts from Him either. Forgiveness and faith relieve even from involvement in abortion!

T H I S W E E K

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025 THROUGH SUNDAY, MAY 11, 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
SATURDAY	10:00 A.M.	LWML meeting
SUNDAY		Mother's Day
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship

ALTAR FLOWERS

*The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by
Bob & Sandy Klose in honor of their 53rd wedding anniversary.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUNERAL SERVICE: The Asendorf/Stevens family is planning Etta Asendorf's services for 5/10 at 11:00 at Faith Lutheran in Plano. She'll be buried in Alamo, we hope to have a get together out there this summer when more family/ friends can make it. I'll let y'all know for sure. Jonathan Stevens

VBS: Trintiy will be doing a one day VBS in June. More details to come at a later date.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM 850 & KFUO.org: On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT) we are continuing our study of Israel's history as we enter the book of 1 Kings. This week, we'll take a look at chapters 2-6. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we study the book of beginnings! This week, we'll discuss chapters 14-18. Don't forget to join us this Saturday (5/10 at 10 a.m. CT) for Concord Matters! Pastor Finnern will address the Sacrament of the Altar and the Office of the Keys. What are some common misconceptions surrounding both of these? Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUO 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

BACKPACK MINISTRY

We are collecting food items for the Love INC Backpack Ministry for the Tularosa schools. Please leave your donations in the tub in the south hallway. A list of items needed is posted above the tub. You may make a monetary donation if you prefer. Contact me at 575-214-9942 if you have any questions. Thank you for your support. Cheryl Richey.

Backpack Food Suggestions

Small boxes of Cereal	Cereal Bars
Fruit cups	Shelf stable milk boxes
Cheese Crackers	Small bags of Chips
Soups or stews	Tuna or Chickens salads
Juice Boxes	Fresh Fruits

Other suggestions are welcomed and appreciated!

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025: WORSHIPPED: 115 ONLINE: 9

PASTOR'S RETIREMENT SERVICE: WORSHIPPED: 99

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025: GENERAL FUND: \$1,836.00

DOLLAR PROJECT: \$15.00

LUTHERAN HISPANIC MISSIONARY INSTITUTE: \$505.00

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS:	Cheryl Sandenaw & Becky Worley	ELDER:	Dick Dommers
ALTAR GUILD:	Robin Haymes	TELLERS:	Yvonne Steeby
	Susan Rentschler		Becky Worley
ATTENDANCE:	Merry Zumwalt	SOUND TECH:	Bob Klose
USHERS:	Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer		
	Larry & Beverly Van Duyn		

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 11TH

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS:	Irvin Torres & Merry Zumwalt	ELDER:	Matt Anderson
ALTAR GUILD:	Robin Haymes	TELLERS:	Merry Zumwalt
	Susan Rentschler		Vicki Leonard
ATTENDANCE:	Cheryl Sandenaw	SOUND TECH:	Matt Anderson
USHERS:	Abby Anderson, Emily Johnson		
	Norbert Sanchez, Susan Kelly		

**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, Jeremy Koch, 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

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

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

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.