

BY THIS  
EVERYONE WILL  
KNOW THAT  
YOU ARE MY  
DISCIPLES, IF  
YOU LOVE ONE  
ANOTHER

JOHN 13:35

**May 18, 2025**

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If you're looking for a community that seeks to follow God's vision, there is a place for you here. Trust that the mystery of God has brought you this far on your journey and will guide your future steps. All of who you are is welcome here.

Our worship services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel and our website. If you do not wish to be filmed, please do not sit in the first four pews or the last pew. Children's Time and communion distribution are not filmed.

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

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*Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.*

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## **SINGING BOWL**

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

**PRELUDE:** *"This Is the Day"* – HTLC Bell Choir

## **WELCOME**

Please Stand

## CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Jesus has given us a new commandment:

**All: we are commanded to love one another.**

L: Just as Christ has loved us,

**All: so we ought to have love for one another.**

L: By this, everyone will know we are Christ's disciples:

**All: by our love for one another.**

L: Come, may we join our hearts in worship:

**All: worship God by loving one another.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*P: May the peace of the risen Savior Jesus be with you all.*

**All: And also with you.**

Please share the peace with each other.

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross,  
the sign that is marked at baptism.

*P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.*

**All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*P: In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation.*

**All: For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

*P: We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.*

**All: You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;**

*P: You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever.*

**All: You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.**

*P: In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out.*

**All: In lush and barren places, you are with us.**

*P: You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more.*

**All: Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.**

*P: Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.*

**All: Amen.**

## **GREETING**

*P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

**All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**



## OPENING HYMN: “God, We Gather as Your People” vs.1,2



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -  
2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.  
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,



Though the day may not yet be here, we  
that they nev - er have a rea - son to



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.  
doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

## INVOCATION

*P:* Come, gather together, disciples, and meet Jesus,

**All:** who comes to us, risen and whole.

*P:* Come, gather together, disciples, and meet the Christ

**All:** who brings to us peace and new life!

*P:* Come, gather together, disciples, and meet the future:

**All:** the future calling us to be a resurrection people!

## LITANY: “*You Break In*” by Roddy Hamilton

L: You break in, O God, on the road

**All: you break in, O God, exactly the way we don’t believe**

L: you break in, O God, and change everything

**All: You break in, O God, with a call**

L: you break in, O God, with an invitation

**All: you break in, O God, with the truth**

L: You break in, O God, with a new world

**All: You break in, O God, with your intent for the future**

L: God, break in again and call us to be your workers

**All: God, break in again and use the gifts we are to build  
your realm**

L: God, break in again

**All: and change our world once more.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE



**All:** Cre - a - ted for a life to - geth - er, we  
With sun and moon and stars of hea - ven we



come a - live in you. Now, in your fel-low-ship you  
name you as our light; In mor - ning star and pas-chal



birth us, and give us life a - new. To - day we  
can - dle You make our dark-ness bright. In wind or



come to sing your prais - es; Our hearts made one in  
calm, in storm or sun - shine the earth sings forth your

song praise; to Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit in  
With trees and fields and flow - ing ri - ver we

whom we all be - long. We  
owe you all our days. We

sing to the God of sun-rise, of kindled hearts and emp - ty  
sing to our God who knows us in joy or sor - row, pain or

tomb. We sing to the God of sha - dows, of shat - tered  
pleasure. We sing to our God now with us, Im - man - u -

dreams and bar - ren womb; We sing to our God of  
el, our price - less treasure; We sing to our God of

1. Love! With sun and

2. Love! We sing to our God of Love!

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Creator, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing.

**All: Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Be Seated

**ANTHEM:** “*All Heav’n Declares/Alleluia*”  
– HTLC Choir

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## **INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD**

R: Risen Christ, may the words we speak and the stories we hear

**All: invite us into a deeper relationship with you and with one another. Amen.**

R: The first reading is from Revelation, chapter twenty-one, beginning with the first verse.

## **READING:** *Revelation 21:1-6*

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. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”



And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then 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 water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

R: The Holy One is with us this day,

**All: offering us God’s love and light.**

R: The risen Christ is among us,

**All: inviting us to share what we have seen and heard.**

R: The Holy Spirit guides our way,

**All: teaching us to take care of our neighbors,**

R: and making sure that all are welcomed and loved.

**All: Praise be to God!**

Please Stand

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

All: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.  
Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

*P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 13th chapter.*

**All: Glory to you, O God.**

**GOSPEL:** *John 13:31-35*

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

*P: The Gospel of the risen Savior.*

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Be Seated

**CHILDREN’S TIME** – Pastor Jim Brun



Please Stand

## HYMN OF THE DAY: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” vs.1,4



1 Love di-vine, all loves ex-cel-ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
4 Fin-ish then thy new cre-a-tion, pure and spot-less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum-ble dwell-ing, all thy  
let us be; let us see thy great sal-va-tion per-fect-

faith-ful mer-cies crown. Je-sus, thou art all com-pas-sion,  
ly re-stored in thee! Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry,

pure, un-bound-ed love thou art; vis-it us with  
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-'ry trem-bling heart.  
crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

Be Seated

## MESSAGE – “EASTER Changes Everything”

– Pastor Jim Brun

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## INVITATION TO OFFERING

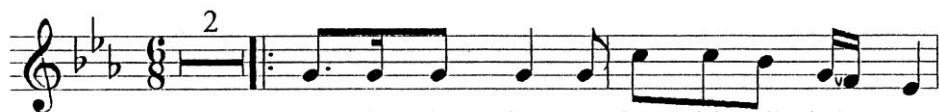
**L:** Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love.

**All:** Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

# THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE



All: Now is the time to ban - ish all dark - ness;  
Here we are made to shine in God's glo - ry.



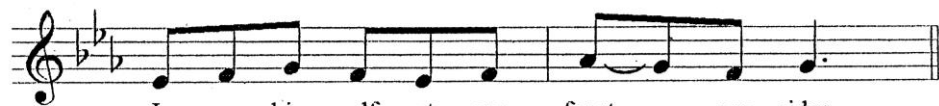
Christ is our way, our truth and light.  
Here we're made whole as the bo - dy of Christ.



Come to the Lord's fes - tive ta - ble  
Here we be - come a liv - ing of - fer - ing—



clothed in the ho - li - ness of God.  
ho - ly com - mun - ion in Christ.



Je - sus him - self at our feast pre - sides.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Our hearts are glad, O God, as we rejoice in your Easter miracle.

All: **We come with gratitude and joy for the many gifts you have given, but most of all for the gift of Christ.**

L: Bless these gifts we return to you, that they may become gifts of new life to those who are haunted by signs of death: despair, poverty, sorrow, violence and loneliness.

**All: Help us live the Easter miracle that we may ourselves be signs of resurrection hope for the other. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

## **THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*P: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.*

A brief silence.

L: We give thanks to you for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. We ask you to renew our faith in Jesus who lives with us every day of our lives on earth and eternal life that awaits us beyond our days on earth. Thank you for Pastor Tim Huff and all the people who lead us. Hear us, O God,

**All: Your mercy is great.**

L: We pray for all people in this world. Aid the hurting and grieving around the world in every circumstance. As a nation help us and our elected leaders care for all people. Help us Christians proclaim the fact that Jesus loves and cares for all people. Hear us, O God,

**All: Your mercy is great.**

L: May the resurrection Easter victory enrich the faith of everyone. Especially those who grieve and miss family and friends who have died recently. We lift up to you our fellow Christians in the Roman Catholic Church as they grieve the loss of Pope Francis and now welcome their new Pope Leo XIV. Give us the assurance of Jesus presence and the promise of life beyond the grave. Hear us, O God,

**All: Your mercy is great.**

L: Help us be your servants and submit to your will and know what you want us to do. Hear us, O God,

**All: Your mercy is great.**

L: Thank you Jesus for your invitation for all people to experience your gifts of grace, forgiveness and healing. We lift up to you those with special need of your care and healing. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Hear us, O God,

**All: Your mercy is great.**

*P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.*

**All: Amen.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

L: God is with you.

**All: And also with you.**

L: Open up your hearts.

**All: We open them to our Creator.**

L: Let us give thanks and celebrate.

**All: It is good to do so.**

*P: Like the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, we walk with Jesus, but do not recognize him. Yet Jesus persists, opening our hearts to truth and love as we share table with him.*

*As he gathers us close, Jesus takes the bread, blesses it, and breaks it, and we eat together: you, me, and Christ at the table. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people. It is during the meal that we recognize Christ, see the gift of God's love, and are transformed. Only then can we truly say, "The Lord has risen!" for Christ is risen in our hearts. Friends, loved ones, this table is prepared by Christ for the transformation and redemption of the world.*

**All: At this table, we recognize Christ and God's love rises in our hearts. Come, let us break bread with the One who is present now.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation of our hearts.*

**All: 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**

*P: The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.*

**All: We come to the table of the risen Christ where we are known and loved.**

**Be Seated**

The ushers will invite you forward to communion  
after the Lamb of God is sung.

# LAMB OF GOD

All: Oh Christ, the Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world, Have mer - cy on us. Oh  
mer - cy on us. Oh grant us peace,  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Holy Communion is open to all.

Wine is red, grape juice is yellow, water is in the center of the tray.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Let an usher know if you need communion brought to you.

## For walking communion:

You may come down the center aisle. Hold out your hand for the pastor to drop the bread into, then take a cup of wine (red) grape juice (yellow) or water (center of tray) from the assistant's tray, then return to your seat via the side aisles, depositing your disposable cup in the provided bowls.

## COMMUNION HYMN: "What Feast of Love"

1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?  
2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?  
3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?





What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?  
What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?  
What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?

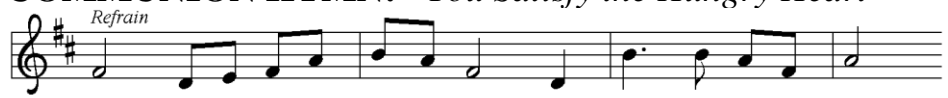


This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!  
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!  
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

## COMMUNION HYMN: "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;  
2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude  
3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?  
4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:  
5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.  
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.  
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

## SINGING BOWL

Please Stand

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

*P: We have tasted your goodness, O God, in your gifts of word and sacrament.*

**All: May our hearts burn within us, that we may proclaim your mighty acts and joyfully live as your chosen people; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**L:** Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people.

**All: Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.**

Be Seated

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## BENEDICTION

*P: As you leave this place, know that our worship is only beginning. Go to love others as God has first loved us.*

**All: In all that we see, hear, and take into our hearts, may the love of Christ be with us, now and forevermore. Amen.**



# SENDING HYMN: “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” vs. 1,2

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,  
 the peo - ple of our God from this dwell-ing take leave.  
 the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—  
 The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
 our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,  
 the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
 em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.  
 The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now  
 reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
 lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.  
 Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
 Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing  
 to give work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.  
 give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in Easter peace and joy! Share what God has done.

All: Thanks be to God!

## POSTLUDE

