

*Christ the Way, Truth, and Life*



TRINITY  LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

Sunday, May 3, 2026  
9:00 am Service

# Order of Worship

*\*stand as you are able*

**Prelude**

Joy Rundell

**Welcome**

## **\*Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn**

***Evening and Morning***

**Hymn #761**  
*verses 1, 2, 4*

Evening and morning, sunset and dawning,  
wealth, peace, and gladness, comfort in sadness:  
these are your works, rich in glory divine!  
Times without number, awake or in slumber,  
your eye observes us, from danger preserves us,  
causing your mercy upon us to shine.

Gracious Lord, hear me, pardon and spare me;  
calm all my terrors, blot out my errors,  
that justified in your sight I may stand.  
Order my goings, direct all my doings;  
guard me and guide me and stay close beside me;  
all I commit to your fatherly hand.

To God in heaven all praise be given!  
O God, we offer and gladly proffer  
gifts from your hand; these alone you will prize:  
hearts that receive you and faith to believe you;  
hymns that adore you are precious before you  
and to your throne like sweet incense arise.

**\*Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Kyrie**

*Kyrie Eleison means "Lord have mercy."*

**Hymn #151**

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.  
Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison.  
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

**Hymn of Praise**

***Lord, I Lift Your Name on High***

**Hymn #857**

Lord, I lift your name on high. Lord, I love to sing your praises.  
I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.  
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift your name on high.

## **\*Prayer of the Day**

*Almighty God,*

**Your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Anthem**

***You Are!***

Worship Choir

## **Children's Moment**

### **Reading**

#### **John 14:1-14**

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Jesus said to the disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message**

Pastor Paul Lutter

## Hymn of the Day

## *You Are the Way*

Hymn #758

You are the way; to you alone from sin and death we flee;  
all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.

You are the truth; your word alone true wisdom can impart;  
you only can inform the mind and purify the heart.

You are the life; the rending tomb proclaims your conqu'ring arm;  
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.

You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,  
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys eternal flow.

## \*Apostles' Creed

**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 the Church

*Congregational Response:* **Hear our prayer.**

## \*Sharing of the Peace / Announcements

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## Offering

*Thank you for your continued financial support.  
An offering plate can be found in the back of church as  
you leave worship. Or give online at [www.trin.org/give](http://www.trin.org/give).*



## Offertory Response

*Lord, Be Glorified*

Hymn #744

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;  
in your church, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

## Holy Communion

### \*Words of Institution

### \*Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### Distribution of Holy Communion

*Please come forward for Holy Communion this morning by using the center aisle and returning by the side aisle. If you prefer, gluten free wafers are available on the center table and white grape juice is located in the inner circle of the tray.*

### Communion Music

*One Bread, One Body*

Worship Choir

### \*Closing Prayer

*Heavenly Father,*

**You have met us here and filled our hearts with your truth, that we might rejoice in the abundance you provide. Send us now into the world as signs of your unbound presence, seeking the wholeness of the kingdom of God, and inviting all who hunger to come and see your glory. In Jesus' name we pray.  
Amen.**

**\*Benediction**

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, † bless you now and always. **Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn**

**Guide My Feet**



1 Guide my feet  
2 Hold my hand  
3 Stand by me while I run this race.  
4 I'm your child  
5 Search my heart



Guide my feet  
Hold my hand  
Stand by me while I run this race.  
I'm your child  
Search my heart



Guide my feet  
Hold my hand  
Stand by me while I run this race,  
I'm your child  
Search my heart



for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

Joy Rundell

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### **In Our Prayers:**

Steve Boylan, Frank Fritzke, Stacey Lewandowski, Elyse Hirsch  
(daughter-in-law of Kelly & Liz Hirsch), Aiko Landgraf (niece of Sue Magnuson),  
Stacey Barta (niece of Bob & JoAnn Lohmann)

These Trinity fifth graders who are receiving their First Communion  
this morning: Emery Erickson, Eliot Fautsch, Leighton Hirsch, Adam Kirkman,  
Annika Lutter, and Hattie Neaton

We extend our sympathy to Curt and Eileen Nelson upon the recent passing of  
their sister-in-law, Robin Nelson. May God grant you peace and comfort.

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### **Announcements**

You are invited to enjoy conversation, donuts and coffee  
following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

**Vacation Bible School** Kids ages 3 years old through 4th Grade are invited to  
"Rainforest Falls" VBS at Trinity on June 15 - 18, 2026 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Register  
online at [www.trin.org/vbs](http://www.trin.org/vbs). We're looking for a few more adult leaders to help  
with VBS. Contact Chelsea at [cfarniok@trin.org](mailto:cfarniok@trin.org) if you are willing to help out.

**We Tell Ourselves Stories: A Writing Workshop** Join Pastor Paul on May 11, 18, and  
26 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm for a creative writing workshop exploring where God shows  
up in our stories. Whether you are a seasoned writer or a curious beginner, you're  
invited! Sign up online at [www.trin.org](http://www.trin.org) under the **EVENTS** menu.

**Graduate Blessing Sunday** Join us on Sunday, May 17 as we celebrate with, pray for,  
and bless our high school seniors as they prepare to graduate this spring. A special  
reception following worship will be held in honor of the Class of 2026!