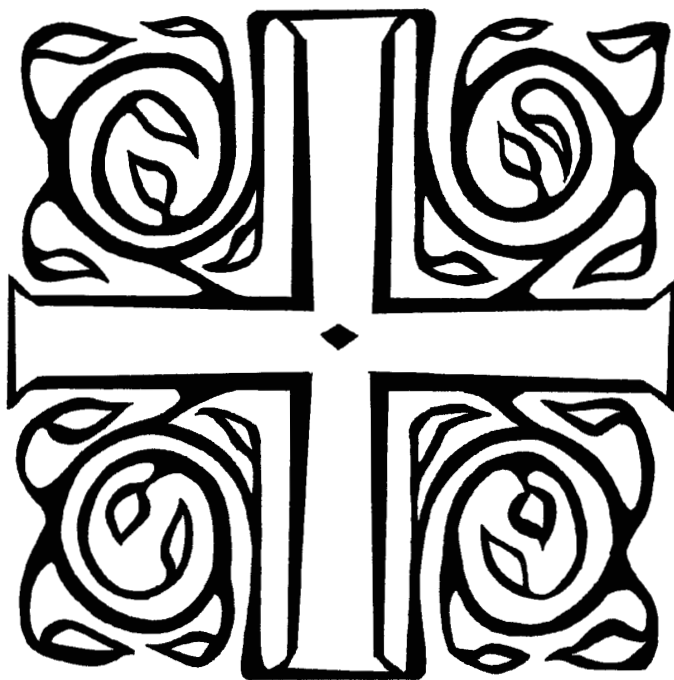


The New Life in Christ



TRINITY  LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Graduate Blessing Sunday

May 11, 2025

9:00 am Service

Order of Worship

Prelude

Joy Rundell

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Creator, Christ, and Holy Comforter, one God, whose rising from the empty tomb brings to us the promise of life eternal.

Amen.

In the presence of our Living Lord,

We confess that we set our minds towards things of death, and not on the life that is revealed to us in Jesus Christ. In our fear we quickly turn from you towards ourselves. In our fear we harm our neighbor and neglect your creation. In our fear we doubt your promise. Resurrect us, O God, and bring about your new life in ourselves, in our community, and in our world. Through the mercy of your beloved Son, heal us from our sin, and give us the new breath of your Spirit. Amen.

Dear Friends, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ proclaims, "Do not be afraid!" Know that your sins are forgiven and you are washed anew in his rising. Be at peace, and live in the everlasting love of God.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

Hymn #445

1. Wash, O God, our sons and daughters, where your cleansing waters flow.
Number them among your people, bless as Christ blessed long ago.
Weave them garments bright and sparkling, compass them with love and light,
Fill, anoint them, send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.
2. We who bring them long for nurture, by your milk may we be fed.
Let us join your feast, partaking cup of blessing, living bread.
God, renew us, guide our footsteps, free from sin and all its snares,
One with Christ in living, dying, by your Spirit, children, heirs.

3. Oh, how deep your holy wisdom! Unimagined, all your ways!
To your name be glory, honor! With our lives we worship, praise!
We your people stand before you, water washed and Spirit born.
By your grace, our lives we offer. Recreate us; God, transform!

Invocation

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.

Liturgy

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.

Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation.

**Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God
and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

O God of peace,

You brought our Lord Jesus Christ from the grave to new life. By the power of your Holy Spirit, bring your new life to us as well, so that we may do your will in the midst of your people. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Moment

Allison Vierling

Reading

Romans 12:1-18

read by Nathan Ragner

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me, I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

The Word of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Natalie Johnson, Eleanor Rundell

Hymn of the Day

Borning Cry

Hymn #732

1. I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.
2. When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.
3. In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.
4. I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

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.

read by Ella Hunkins

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Offering

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Offertory Response

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

Hymn #814

Take, oh, take me as I am, summon out what I shall be,

Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Closing Prayer

Good and Gracious God,

We no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of Life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your faithful people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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.

Benediction

May Almighty God, Creator, Christ, and Comforter, keep you in God's light, God's truth, and God's love, now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus

Hymn #451

1. We are baptized in Christ Jesus, we are baptized in his death,
That as Christ is raised victorious, we might live a brand new life.
And if we have been united in a dreadful death like his,
We will all be reunited, for he lives.
2. In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread,
In the waiting arms of Jesus who is risen from the dead,
God has made a new beginning from the ashes of our past,
In the losing and the winning we hold fast.
3. Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,
Glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one,
As it was in the beginning, glory now resounds again,
In a song that has no ending. Amen.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Joy Rundell

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In Our Prayers:

*Prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for four weeks
unless a longer duration is requested through the church office.*

Adelle Peterson, Richard Murray, Dick Erickson, Don Hendricks,
Ally Bottem (sister of Loren Bottem), Tim Swanson (brother of
Roxanne Lunderby), Aiko Landgraf (niece of Sue Magnuson)
our missionary in Papua New Guinea, Rev. Andrew Ronnevik and family



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Joy Rundell, Accompanist

Announcements

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

Congratulations to Trinity's Graduating Class of 2025

Alice Gersema, Lonne Gilbert, Ella Hunkins, Parker Jackson, Natalie Johnson, McKenzie Mitteness, Nathan Ragner, Eleanor Rundell, Julia Salzsiedler, and Owen Utendorfer

Trinity OWLS (Older, Wiser Lutherans) The Trinity OWLS invite you for fellowship, conversation and learning about Planning and Planting for Pollinators with Trinity member and Master Gardener, Marty Bergland on Thursday, May 15 at 10:00 am.

All "older" and/or "wiser" Lutherans and friends are invited to attend.

A Farewell Celebration for Pastor Jeff After years of faithful service, inspiring sermons, joyful music, and heartfelt ministry, Pastor Jeff is retiring from Trinity Lutheran Church. Let's gather on Sunday, May 18 to bid Pastor Jeff and Susan farewell with a chorus of love, laughter, and blessings. Join us for worship at 9:00 am and a festive reception to follow to share memories, say thank you, and wish Pastor Jeff and Susan a warm farewell.

Memorial Day Community Service The Watertown American Legion Post 121 will hold a Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 26 at 10:00 am at the Watertown-Mayer High School Performing Arts Center to honor U.S. veterans. All are welcome to attend.

Vacation Bible School Registration is Open Kids ages 3 years old through 4th Grade are invited to "True North" VBS at Trinity on June 16 - 19, 2025 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Register online at **www.trin.org/vbs**.