

# *The Gift of Love*



TRINITY  LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

Sunday, May 4, 2025  
9:00 am Service

# Order of Worship

**Prelude**

Karla Keller

**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**

***This is My Father's World***

**Hymn #824**

1. This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.
2. This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world, he shines in all that's fair,  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

3. This is my Father's world, O let me not forget,  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world, why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King, let heaven ring, God reigns, let the earth be glad.

### **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**

### ***Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee***

### **Hymn #836**

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine,  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

### **Prayer of the Day**

*Eternal and all-merciful God,*

**With all the angels and all the saints we praise your majesty and might.  
By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow  
in the love of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

### **Children's Moment**

Terri Gens

## Reading

## 1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of our Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Message

### Hymn of the Day

### *Children of the Heavenly Father*

### Hymn #781

Children of the heavenly Father, safely in his bosom gather,  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven, such a refuge e'er was given.

God, his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish,  
From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever, from the Lord, his children sever,  
Unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.

Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh,  
His, the loving purpose solely, to preserve them, pure and holy.

## **Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

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Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism today are August William Vogel, son of Eric & Hannah Vogel and Cora Irene Schaupp and Leona Mae Schaupp, daughters of Christopher Schaupp & Ellyn Phearman.

### ***Congregational Response:***

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share; join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

## **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**

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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.

**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**

Al Barfknecht on Concertina

**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.**

## **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**

### ***Go, My Children, with My Blessing***

**Hymn #543**

1. Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone,  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river, I have made you mine forever,  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.
2. Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure,  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear son's story; here you touched him, saw his glory,  
Go my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
3. Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me,  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here his tender comfort stilled you,  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

Karla Keller

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### **In Our Prayers:**

Parker Jackson, Richard Murray, Dick Erickson, Don Hendricks, Eddie Galbreath,  
Ally Bottem (sister of Loren Bottem), Stacey Barta (niece of Bob and JoAnn Lohmann),  
Shannon Mickelson (niece of Roger & Elvina Nelson), Carolyn Miske (friend of  
Roger & Elvina Nelson), LeAnne Homa (mother of Loren Bottem),  
Ned Lindberg (brother of Tom Lindberg), 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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Karla Keller, Accompanist

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## **Announcements**

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

### **We Welcome Trinity's Newest Members:**

Ben Goetz, Scott & Jeanine Johnson, Cody, Mickey, Kendra & Leona Kottke, and Chad, Chelsey, Jaxon, Amelia, Lorelei & Declan Kuffenkam

**Graduate Blessing Sunday** Join us on Sunday, May 11 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 2025!

**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.

**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](http://www.trin.org/vbs).