



Trinity Lutheran Church

5th Sunday in Easter
May 3, 2026



Welcome

Invocation:

P: Let us worship together in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*Confession of Sin and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God in mystery and majesty. In the presence of the living God let us confess our sin.

C: **We confess that we often set our minds towards things of death, and not on the life that is revealed in Christ. In our fear and trembling we can quickly turn from You towards ourselves. Our fear leads us to doubt your promise, harm our neighbor, and neglect your creation. We repent of our sin and ask that You renew us, O God, so that we may live each day in the newness of life that is ours through Christ's resurrection. By the mercy of Your beloved Son forgive us our sin, renewing us to love and serve our neighbour by the leading of Your Holy Spirit.**

P: Christ Jesus proclaims, "Do not be afraid!" to all whom He greets after His resurrection from the dead. He proclaims those same words to us still today. It is my joy as a called servant in Christ's church and by Christ's authority to speak these words of life to you – in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven! You do not have to fear. Rejoice and be at peace, alive in the everlasting mercy and love of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hymn:

"Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer"

Apostle's Creed

Blessing of the Quilts

Children's Story

Children will go down to Sunday School

God's Word: Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. ²And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, ⁴while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." ⁵What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. ⁷The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

⁸Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and others of those from Cilicia and Asia, stood up and argued with Stephen. ²And Stephen replied: "Brothers and fathers, listen to

me. The God of glory appeared to our ancestor Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran,

⁵¹"You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are forever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do. ⁵²Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers. ⁵³You are the ones that received the law as ordained by angels, and yet you have not kept it."

⁵⁴When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. ⁵⁵But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

God's Word: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," ⁸and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Hymn:

"Lord Whose Love in Humble Service"

LBW 423

Holy Gospel: John 14:1-11

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In 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? ³And 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.

⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." ⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus 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'? ¹⁰Do 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. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

Message

Offertory:

Offering will be received at this time

Prayers of the People:

Lord's Prayer:

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Communion Hymns: "O Living Bread From Heaven" LBW 197
"Lamb of God"

Post Communion Prayer

Benediction:

Sending Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" vs 1-3 LBW 315

Dismissal

P: Go in the peace of Christ, you are loved and sent.

C: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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