



**Trinity Lutheran Church, Perkasio**  
**Holy Communion | May 5, 2024 | 9:30 a.m.**  
**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

**Key to Bulletin**  
 A: Assisting Minister    **C: Congregation**    L: Lector    P: Pastor

**Music to Begin Worship**

Reflection and Finale on "Thaxted"

J. Blersch  
*Organist, Deacon Bruce Tonkin*

**Welcome and Announcements**

*-Please kneel or remain seated.*

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

*-All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**C: Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**Greeting**

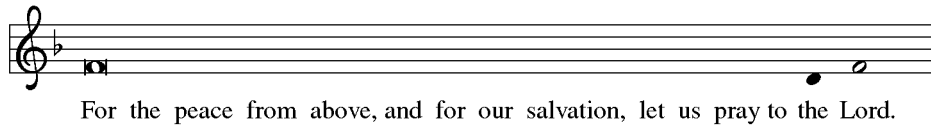
P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

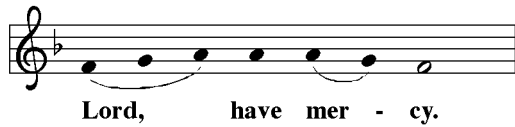
**Kyrie**



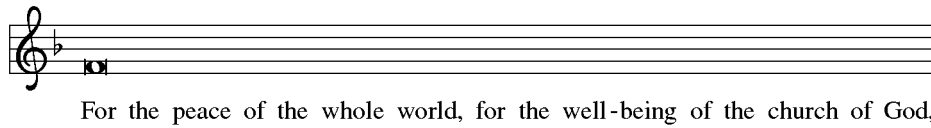
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



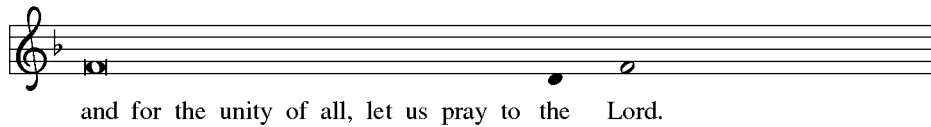
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



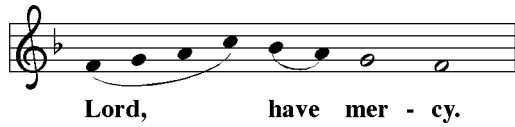
Lord, have mer - cy.



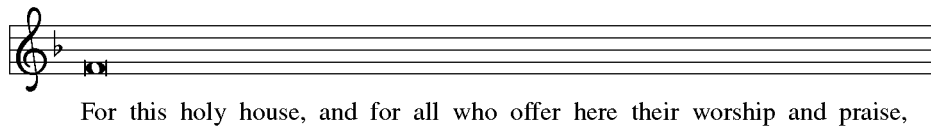
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



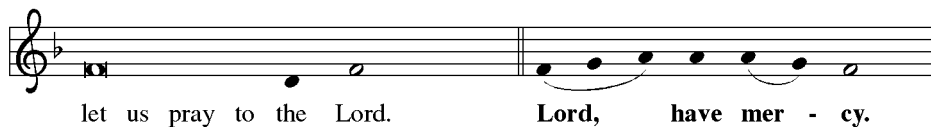
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



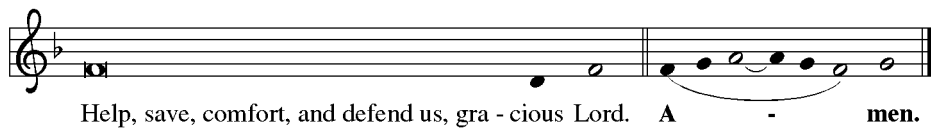
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



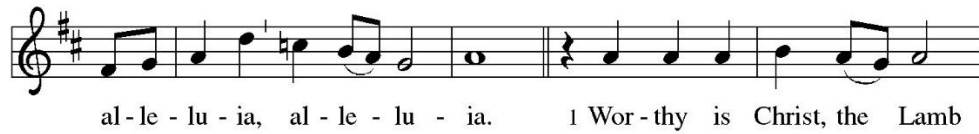
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

**Canticle of Praise**

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

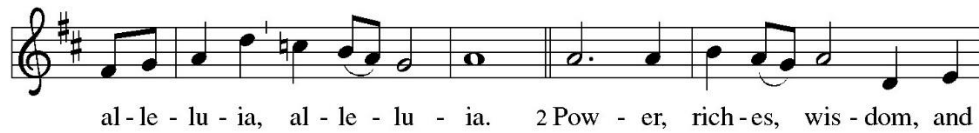


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

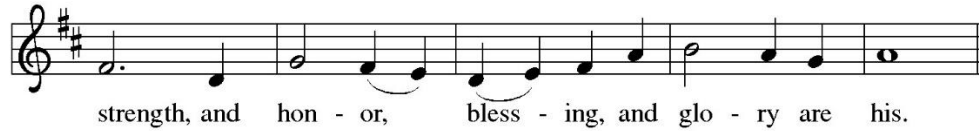
*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

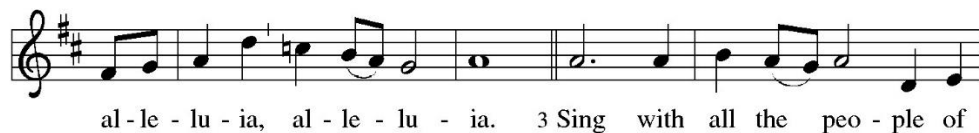


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Prayer of the Day**

P: O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

*-Please be seated*

# WORD

## Scripture Reading

Acts 10:44-48

L: *A reading from Acts*

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

*The word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God**

## Psalms 98

L: <sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

**C: <sup>2</sup>O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

L: <sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**C: <sup>4</sup>Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

L: <sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

**C: <sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

L: <sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

**C: <sup>8</sup>Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

L: <sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

## Scripture Reading

1 John 5:1-6

L: *A reading from First John*

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

*The word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God**

## Children's Message

*-We welcome parents/guardians to come forward to assist with the young children. Thank you!*

## Gospel Acclamation

ELW Setting 3

*- Please stand if you are able.*

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.

## **Gospel**

John 15:9-17

*P: The Holy Gospel, according to John*

### **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

### **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

Pastor Sarah Aasheim

*- Silence for reflection follows, then we stand to proclaim the Word of God in song.*

*-Please stand as you are able.*

## **Hymn of the Day**

"Come Down, O Love Divine"

ELW #804

## **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

### Prayers of Intercession

Each portion of the prayers end with:

A: God of grace,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

### Sharing of Peace

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

We ask that you share the peace with your fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ in a manner in which you feel most comfortable at this time. A simple acknowledgement is welcomed and appropriate.

- Please be seated.

### Musical Offering

"All God's People"

Choplin  
Trinity Chancel Choir

- We ask you to place your monetary offering in the plates in the narthex.

- You may also choose to use the QR code here for your donation, if you prefer.



- Please stand if you are able.

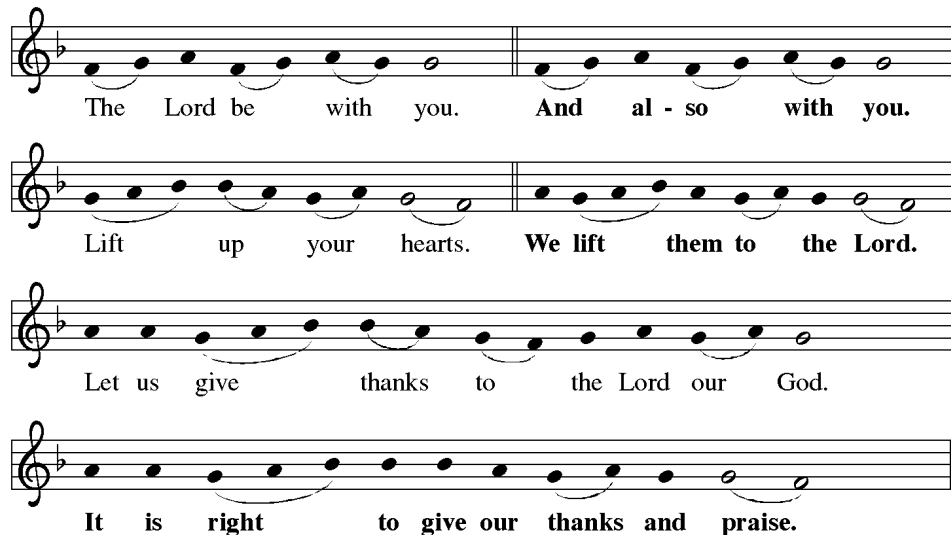
### Offering Prayer

P: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

**C: Amen.**

## MEAL

### The Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

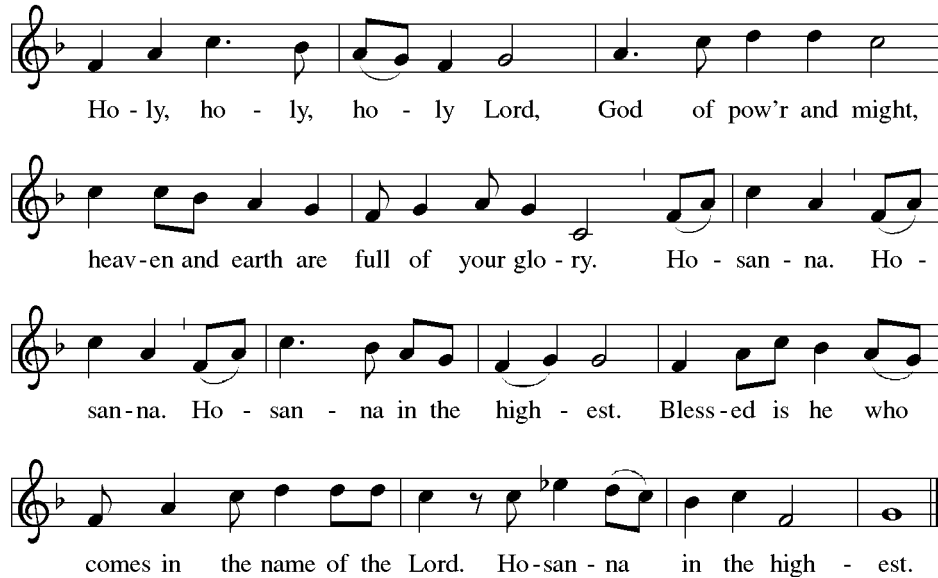
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## The Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Sanctus

ELW Setting 3



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer

**C: 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.**

### Invitation to Communion

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

*- Please be seated.*

*Ushers will direct you forward by way of the center aisle. Receive bread (gluten-free available) at the center, then proceed to the communion tray to pick up a cup (wine poured into empty cups, pre-filled have grape juice). Proceed to the communion assistant to receive the wine/juice, then please dispose of your cup in the trash receptacle as you proceed down the side aisle.*

***Children who are 6 years and older, who are baptized and have received formal instruction, are welcome to participate in the Sacrament. All other children will receive a blessing.***



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**Hymns Sung During Communion**

"Jesus Loves Me!"

ELW #595

"Beautiful Savior"

ELW #838

*- Please stand if you are able.*

**Table Blessing**

P: The Body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

**Prayer After Communion**

A: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING**

**Sending of Lay Eucharistic Ministers**

**Blessing**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always.

**C: Amen.**

**Dismissal**

A: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

“Intrada on Thaxted”

J. Blersch

*Organist, Deacon Bruce Tonkin*

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**Flower dates available:** May 5, 19, 26

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**The Week at Trinity**

Friday, May 3	SEPA Synod Assembly
Saturday, May 4	SEPA Synod Assembly
Sunday, May 5	9:30am Worship and Communion
Wednesday, May 8	6:30pm Confirmation (St. Andrew’s)

**Looking Ahead**

Saturday, May 18	First Communion Instruction
Sunday, May 19	Confirmation
Friday, June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Vacation Bible School

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**Thank you to our Worship Leaders today 5/5/24:**

Acolyte: Ben Anderson  
 Greeter: Dorothea & Michael Cooper  
 Ushers: Terry Benner, Jim Weikel  
 Lector: Robbie Crouthamel  
 James Latta  
 Sophia Rediger

Communion Assist: Dale Haring, Jim Weikel  
 Altar/worship setup: B. Frederick, Linda Garcia  
 A/V Tech setup: The Guelzows, Randy Swope  
 Flower Delivery: Barbara Robison  
 Counter: Barbara Robison  
 Assisting Minister: Becky Eells

**Serving Next Week 5/12/24:**

Acolyte: Austin Smith  
 Greeter: The Smith Family  
 Ushers: Dale Haring, Doug Price  
 Lector: Lynn Emert

Communion Assist: Barb Frederick  
 Altar/worship setup: Pixie Bachtell  
 A/V Tech Setup: Sarah Eells, Tammy Lemuell  
 Flower Delivery: MaryLee & Tom Kramlik  
 Counter: Kim Bruzas  
 Assisting Minister: Silas Guelzow

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**PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED**

*We lift ongoing prayers for those on our prayer list and those we name in our hearts. To add someone to our prayer concerns list, please contact the church office at [office@trinityperkasie.org](mailto:office@trinityperkasie.org)*

**Names will remain on the list for six weeks.**

Betty Barron	Steven Faix	Ron Kinsey	Ken Smiley
Craig Benner	The Family of Dottie Filippini	Ted Lazowicki, Jr.	Betty Lynn Snyder
Jim Brace	Martha Fisher	David Lightfoot	Dot Street
Cindy Branch	Betty & Len Galgoci	Zachary Marshall	Dawn Troegler
David Detweiler	Janet Gross	Jeff Miller	Robert Weidemoyer
Gary Derr	Judy Hangey	Stacey Myers	Erica Wellner
Kathryn DiNicola	The Family of Karen Hawkins	Amy Papili	Pat White
The Family of Mary Ann Esser	Jo Kantner	Andrew Schaefer	Suzie Wolfinger
Bunny Faix	Joey Keller	Cindy Schimpf	Brynley Yerkes
	The Family of George Kern	Nicole Seeger	

For those serving in the military and the families that support them. For first responders and others involved in healthcare.

**Homebound Members**

Kit Apple	Bev Kline	Grace Mann
Paula Fritch	Beth Landis	Bonita Shank
Julia Holzman	Mary Jane Myers	Tom Stinger

**Trinity Council Members**

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