

**May 18, 2025**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Oh sing to the LORD a new song,  
for He has done marvelous things!  
*Psalm 98:1*



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Our mission is sharing the saving love of Jesus

**AS WE GATHER**

The Fifth Sunday of Easter bears the traditional name of Cantate, from the Introit's "Oh sing to the LORD a new song." Not only people but all creation is urged to break out in song. Throughout our worship today we will do just that, for the resurrection news cannot be left to quiet contemplation. Though it was difficult for Peter to convince the others, when they realized Gentiles had received the Spirit, they rejoiced. The vision of heaven in Revelation has no more pain or sorrow; what can be left but joyful singing?

Jesus' telling the disciples to love one another seems an impossible command, but He was reminding them how greatly God has loved them. That realization can only call for singing! So much of today's worship includes familiar hymn stanzas to share the joy inside.

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### HYMN

LSB 868 *Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun*



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun Thy dai - ly  
2 In con - ver - sa - tion be sin - cere, Thy con - science  
3 All praise to Thee, who safe hast kept And hast re -  
4 Lord, I my vows to Thee re - new; Dis - perse my  
stage of du - ty run; Shake off dull sloth and  
as the noon - day clear; Think how the all - see - ing  
fleshed me while I slept; Grant, Lord, when I from  
sins as morn - ing dew; Guard my first springs of  
joy - ful rise To pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
God thy ways And all thy se - cret thoughts sur - veys.  
death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.  
thought and will And with Thy - self my spir - it fill.

5 Direct, control, suggest this day  
All I design or do or say  
That all my pow'rs with all their might  
In Thy sole glory may unite.

△ 6 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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### INVOCATION

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

### OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 98:1–2, 4*

**Pastor:** Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

**People:** His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

**Pastor:** The LORD has made known His salvation;

**People:** He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

**Pastor:** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

**People:** break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**Pastor:** We have come together to praise and thank God for His overwhelming grace and mercy. Singing and rejoicing are natural for us, but we cannot come to God with our sins and failures. Let us therefore confess our sins and ask for mercy for the sake of Christ.

**People:** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**Pastor:** God has called you to life, He has given His Son to pay for your sins, and He has given you and all believers in Christ the faith to trust all His promises. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

## ✠ WORD ✠

### KYRIE

**Pastor:** Lord, have mercy on us.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy on us.**

**Pastor:** Christ, have mercy on us.

**People:** **Christ, have mercy on us.**

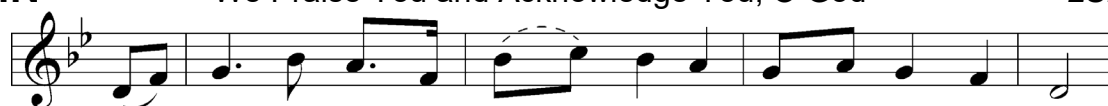
**Pastor:** Lord, have mercy on us.

**People:** **Lord, have mercy on us.**

### HYMN

"We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God"

LSB 941



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
2 The band of the a-pos-tles in glo-ry sing Your praise;  
3 You, Christ, are King of glo-ry, the ev-er-last-ing Son,  
4 You sit in splen-did glo-ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



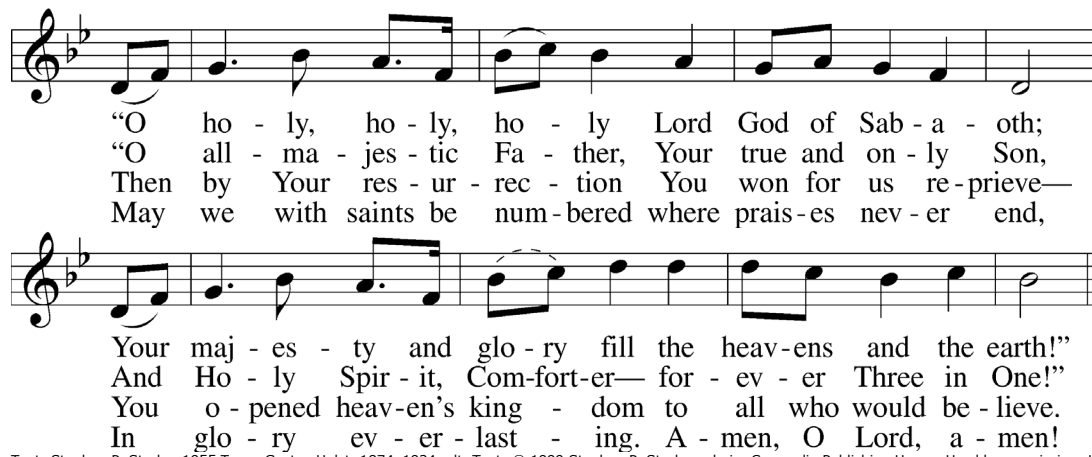
The Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing, by all the earth a-dored.  
The fel-low-ship of proph-ets their death-less voic-es raise.  
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res-cue ev-'ry-one:  
Up-hold-ing earth and heav-en by forc-es You com-mand.



To You all an-gel pow-ers cry a-loud, the heav-ens sing,  
The mar-tyrs of Your king-dom, a great and no-ble throng,  
You laid a-side Your glo-ry, were born of vir-gin's womb,  
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi-nal day,



The cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim their prais-es to You bring:  
Sing with the ho-ly Church through-out all the world this song:  
Were cru-ci-fied for us and were placed in-to a tomb;  
So help Your ser-vants You have re-deemed by blood, we pray;



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## SALUTATION

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Pastor:** Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will.

**People:** **Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found;**

**Pastor:** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Genesis 3:1–19*

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?” <sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. <sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” <sup>10</sup>And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was

afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” <sup>11</sup>He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” <sup>12</sup>The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,  
“Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

<sup>16</sup>To the woman he said,  
“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you.”

<sup>17</sup>And to Adam he said,  
“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, ‘You shall not eat of it,’ cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; <sup>18</sup>thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup>By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

Pastor: Christ has risen from the dead.

People: **God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.**

Pastor: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

People: **He has put all things under His feet.**

**EPISTLE**

*Romans 5:12–19*

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— <sup>13</sup>for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. <sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the result of that one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life

through the one man Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. <sup>19</sup>For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## **HOLY GOSPEL**      *Matthew 15:10-20*

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

**People:** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>10</sup>And he called the people to him and said to them, "Hear and understand: <sup>11</sup>it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person." <sup>12</sup>Then the disciples came and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?" <sup>13</sup>He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up. <sup>14</sup>Let them alone; they are blind guides. And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit." <sup>15</sup>But Peter said to him, "Explain the parable to us." <sup>16</sup>And he said, "Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup>Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled? <sup>18</sup>But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. <sup>19</sup>For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup>These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone."

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** Praise to You, O Christ.

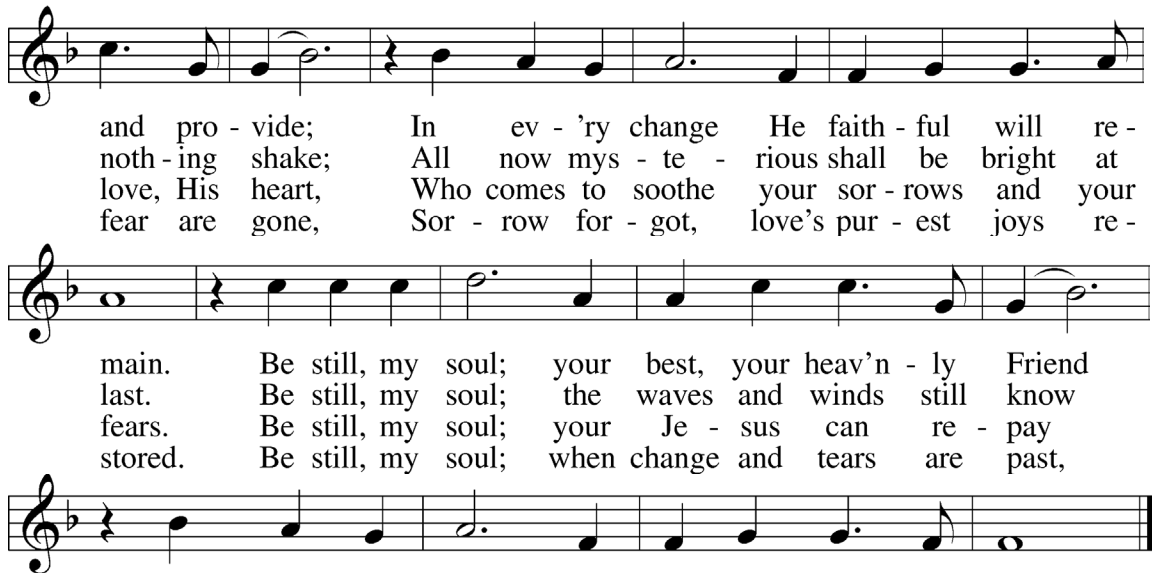
## **HYMN OF THE DAY**      "Be Still, My Soul"      *LSB 752*



1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; Bear pa - tient-  
2 Be still, my soul; your God will un - der - take To guide the  
3 Be still, my soul; though dear - est friends de - part And all is  
4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has - t'ning on When we shall



ly the cross of grief or pain; Leave to your God to or - der  
fu - ture as He has the past. Your hope, your con - fi - dence let  
dark - ened in this vale of tears; Then you will bet - ter know His  
be for - ev - er with the Lord, When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and



and pro - vide; In ev - 'ry change He faith - ful will re -  
 noth - ing shake; All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at  
 love, His heart, Who comes to soothe your sor - rows and your  
 fear are gone, Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re -

main. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n - ly Friend  
 last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know  
 fears. Be still, my soul; your Je - sus can re - pay  
 stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,

Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
 His voice who ruled them while He dwelt be - low.  
 From His own full - ness all He takes a - way.  
 All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

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## SERMON

(Augsburg Confession 2 & 19)

## CREED *Apostles' Creed*

**People:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
 The third day He rose again from the dead.  
 He ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy Christian Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *Psalm 98:1*

**Pastor:** Let us pray for ourselves, the church around the world, and all people in their various conditions.

For ourselves, that the faith within us be evident to the people around us, that they will want to find out more about our risen Savior.

**People:** **In thanksgiving may they sing a new song with us!**

**Pastor:** For those who call out to God for relief from poverty, discrimination, and injustice, that God provide relief so that they live peaceful and fruitful lives.

**People:** **In unbounded joy may they sing a new song with us!**

**Pastor:** For those who are ill and those who care for them, *including Vicki, Brent, Carol Bogle, Jim, Teresa, Jack, Ron, Vivian, Carol Steffen, and Nita*, that God would restore them to health and provide the strength they need.

**People:** **In their relief may they sing a new song with us!**

**Pastor:** For all who carry the Gospel in far-flung lands, that God open doors of opportunity for the spread of the Gospel.

**People:** **In all corners of the earth may they sing a new song with us!**

**Pastor:** These and any other things God would have us ask of Him, that He grant them for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** **Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things! Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**People:** 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

Numbers 6:24-26

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

## HYMN

"Built on the Rock" LSB 645



1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand E - ven when  
2 Sure - ly in tem - ples made with hands God, the Most  
3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for His  
4 Here stands the font be - fore our eyes, Tell - ing how  
5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done, That, when the

stee - ples are fall - ing. Crum - bled have spires in  
High, is not dwell - ing; High a - bove earth His  
own hab - i - ta - tion. He through bap - tis - mal  
God has re - ceived us. The al - tar re - calls Christ's  
church bells are ring - ing, Man - y in sav - ing

ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -  
tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -  
grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -  
sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives  
faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -

ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,  
ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove  
tion. Were we but two His name to tell,  
us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim  
ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.

But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,  
Choos - es to live with us in love,  
Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,  
You, not the world, My face shall see.

Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.  
Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.  
With all His grace and His fa - vor.  
And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.  
My peace I leave with you. A - men."

## DISMISSAL

**Pastor:** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God!

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### IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK,

We pray to our merciful Heavenly Father for:

- ✚ **Healing for all those who are experiencing health issues:** Vicki Ackerman, Brent Berg, Carol Bogle (Randy Bogle's mother), Jim Clark, Teresa Groth, Jack Humphrey, Ron Moyer, Vivian Oestmann, Carol Steffen (Suzette Flick's mother), Nita Whitney and all those in need.
- ✚ **Encouragement, strengthened faith and healing for those with long-term illnesses:** Amber Albrecht (Romelle Humphrey's great niece), Delta Boden, Carmen (Loli Bohling's sister), Susan Bohling, Glen Hogue, Lynn LaBalle, Melissa Pierpoint, and Joni Scotter (Rich Scotter's mother))
- ✚ **For all inactive members of Trinity:** that they will feel God's love and his call to worship, and return to church.

### THOSE CELEBRATING SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK:

**Birthdays:** none this week

**Baptisms:** 5/21: Pat Maddox, Melissa Pierpoint; 5/23: Madison Pingel

**Anniversaries:** 5/22: Jim and Lori Parrish

5/18	5/19	5/20	5/21	5/22	5/23	5/24	5/25
<b>Outdoor Worship 10:00 AM</b> Worship at the Auburn Rec Complex  <i>Potluck meal after worship!</i>	<b>7:00 PM</b> Directors Meeting	<b>6:30 PM</b> Bible Study & Prayer					<b>9:00 AM</b> Worship with Holy Communion <b>10:00 AM</b> Adult & Children's Sunday School

### Scripture reading for next week:

Isaiah 53:1-12; 1 John 3:16-24; John 14:1-14

### Weekday Bible Study:

Lessons for discussion 5/20: Hab. 1:1-Zec. 2:13

Lessons for discussion 5/27: Zec. 3:1-Zec. 8:23

Organist .....Sandy Wilson

Pianist....Vicki Ackerman

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



See the VBS Sign-Up Sheet on the table in the Fellowship Hall! The 2025 Theme is "Army Bootcamp/Armor of God." We are seeking troops to accomplish the mission of spreading the Word of Christ. There are assignments for warriors of every age, strength and ability! Questions, please contact Todd Flick or a member of the Board of Education.



### LWML Garage Sale: May 30 & 31!

- Sale times are 8:00 to 5:00 Friday and 8:00 to noon Sat, May 30 and 31.
- Please bring your donations by Thursday morning, May 29. (place in the far east end of the church building, in the enclosed center room between the former Preschool office and the Youth classroom)
- Helpers are needed for the following garage sale tasks: set-up on Thursday, May 29, 10:00. Cashiering the sale at any time on Friday and Saturday. Tear-down after sale ends on Saturday. If you can help, please contact Pat Maddox, Sarah Bogdanof or Merri Johnson.

Proceeds will benefit local charities and missions

**Were you, or did you know, a cute baby?** Would you like to share God's blessing of cuteness with the congregation AND/OR would you like a lovely gift basket? Boy, do the Trinity Youth have a deal for you! See light blue flyers posted around the church for a Cute Baby Picture Contest fundraiser! IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO BRING YOUR PICTURES (no sentimental originals, please) to any Youth, but voting has begun, so bring them soon! Pictures can be of you, a grandkid, or whoever you know, and voting will take place via donations put in the jars (which are located by the congregation member photos). Even if you didn't submit a picture, please stop by to vote! Winner/s to be announced June 1st!

(All donations/votes will go toward the Trinity Youth Group's 2028 trip to the National Youth Gathering.)