

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

1410 Rogers St  
Stevens Point, Wisconsin

**Pastor Bruce Thorsen**

**Ministers: Every Baptized Member**

**Sunday, April 27, 2025, 9:00 a.m.**



## **Trinity's Mission**

Bringing God's love to the world in worship, witness, and service.

## **Trinity's Vision**

A Christ and Scripture centered congregation.

- Mission centered congregation constantly evaluating its vision to accomplish its mission.
- A congregation whose members sense that they belong to the body of Christ and, in turn want to provide for the needs of others.

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# Second Sunday of Easter

## ELW Holy Communion Setting Four

### *Gathering*

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

**Prelude:**                      ***“Thomas’ Song”***                      (preview for the Hymn of the Day)  
***“O Sing the Song of Easter Day”***                      Joel Payne

### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

People of God, in the baptismal waters we travel with Christ from death to life. Our past, our sin, our failure, our doubt, and our shame are drowned and gone here.

**You, O God, wash us clean.**

Our fear, our confusion, our self-righteousness, our despair -- ALL are washed away by grace.

**You, O God, wash us clean.**

Our pride, our hypocrisy, and other people’s opinions of us no longer have the power to define us.

**You, O God, give us new life.**

The Spirit lives and moves through us now, a great and joyful mystery, so we may bring love and mercy into the world as the body of Christ.

**You, O God, give us new life.**

Rejoice that God has claimed us in this baptismal grace, not by our own doing or believing but by God’s mercy alone.

**You, O God, give us new life.**

And so, as we begin worship, we give thanks to God for the gracious gift of baptism that joins us together in Christ by the Spirit’s power. Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness.

We praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Gathering Song:

## “Blessing, Honour and Glory” (sing 2x)

David Reidy | Geoff Bullock

**VERSE**

♩ = 82

D G/B A/C# D G/B A/C# D G/B A/C# D/F#

Bless - ing, hon - our, glo - ry to the Lamb. Ho - ly, right - eous,

**CHORUS**

1, 3 2, 4

G Asus A A/C# Asus A D/F# G G/B A F#m D/F#

wor - thy is the Lamb. Lamb. Death could not hold Him down for He is ris -

G G/B Asus A D/F# G G/B A F#m D/F# G Em7 Asus A A/C# D.C.

en. Seat - ed up - on the throne He is the Lamb of God.

2

D

God.

## Greeting and Prayer of the Day

### Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

### First Reading:

**Acts 5:27-32**

*Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.*

27 When they had brought [the apostles], they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, 28 saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” 29 But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. 30 The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading:

## Revelation 1:4-8

*The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.*

4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood 6 and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

7 Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him,

and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him.

So it is to be. Amen.

8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Children’s Message

### Gospel Acclamation:

### “He Is Exalted”

Twila Paris

F F/A B $\flat$  B $\flat$ /C C7

He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high, I will praise Him.

5 F F/A B $\flat$  C/B $\flat$  B $\flat$ /C C Dsus

He is ex - alt - ed, for - ev - er ex - alt - ed, and I will praise His name!

**CHORUS**

10 D Gm Dm/F C/E C F Am B $\flat$  F/A Gm Dm/F C/E C

He is the Lord, for - ev - er His truth shall reign. Heav - en and earth re -

17 F Am B $\flat$  F/A Gm B $\flat$ /F E $\flat$  B $\flat$ /C F

joice in His ho - ly name. He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on high!\_\_\_\_\_

## Gospel:

**John 20:19-31**

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon:

**Pastor Bruce Thorsen**

## Hymn of the Day:

### *"Thomas' Song"*

Ken Young



1. Je sus, you were all to me; why did you die on Cal - va - ry? O  
(2.) say that you're a - live a - gain, but I saw death and ev - 'ry sin reach  
3. Ho ly pres - ence, ho - ly face; a vi - sion fill - ing time and space. Your  
(4.) see the wounds that caused the cry, from heav - en, o - cean, earth, and sky; when

[1, 3] | [2, 4]



Lamb of God I fail to see how this could be part of the plan. They plan? If  
out to claim their dark - est win. How could this be part of the plan?  
near - ness makes my spir - it race. Could this be part of the plan? I  
peo - ple watched their Sav - ior die. Could this be part of the

# CHORUS

F/C G C Am/C G/C

I could on - ly hold your hand, and touch the scars where nails were driv - en;  
 Reach - ing out to hold your hand, and touch the scars where nails were driv - en;

14 F/C G C Am/C G/C

I would need to feel your side where ho - ly flesh by spear was riv - en.  
 com - ing near I feel your side where ho - ly flesh by spear was riv - en.

18 F Em/G F/A Bb2 Dm7/A

Then I'd be - lieve, on - ly then I'd be - lieve your cru - el death was  
 Now I be - lieve, Je - sus, now I be - lieve your cru - el death was

## ENDING

23 Am G G7 C D.C. C C Am Am/C Asus/E Am/E

part of a heav - en - ly plan. plan. I proud - ly say with bla - zon cry.  
 part of a heav - en - ly

28 F Dm7 F/G G7/B F/C C

"You are my Lord and my God!"

## **Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe in one God, creator of all life, maker of past, present and future.**

**Lord of all people and of all memories and hopes.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God's Word of grace, and love made flesh,  
who came to declare good news to those in despair, to liberate both the oppressed and the  
oppressor, to proclaim God's mercy as our hope.**

**We believe in God's Holy Spirit, who takes our shattered dreams and makes us whole again,  
who lifts our dying spirits and gives us courage, who resurrects us to new life.**

**We believe that the Church is of God and will endure to the end of time, and calls us into a  
life of love and service.**

**Prayers of Intercession:** Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

**Peace:** The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

*Meal*

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

**Offering/Band Song:** ***"Rise Up"***

Lyrics by Lenora Rand. Music by Hannah Rand

**Offering Prayer**

**The Words of Institution**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Invitation to Communion:** Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

*Our communion bread is always gluten-free. For those with greater allergen concerns, sealed  
gluten-free communion kits are available on the front table.*

**Communion Song:** ***"Come to God's Table"***

Ally Barrett | Joel Payne

Come to God's ta - ble, for all is pre - pared, the  
 Come to God's ta - ble, and drink of the wine, the  
 Come to God's ta - ble, we come as we are, we  
 Come to God's ta - ble! then go in God's grace to

G/B D/A G A

bread that we of - fer is bro - ken and shared, Christ's  
 blood of the Sa - viour in my - st'ry di - vine, the  
 bring all the bur - dens we've car - ried so far, in  
 hold all the earth in a heav'n - ly em - brace, sent

A/G D/F# Am G/B D7 G

pre - sence a - mong us is food for the soul, re -  
 cup of sal - va - tion both price - less and free, trans -  
 bo - dy, in spi - rit, in soul, mind and heart, to  
 out in the Spi - rit to tend and to care in

G D/F# Em A7

vi - ving, re - ne - wing, and ma - - king us  
 for - ming God's peo - ple to all we can  
 feed on the grace on - ly God can im -  
 thought, word and ac - tion, our life is our

1-3. 4.  
 D G/D D A Bm7 E9 Bm7 E9

whole.  
 be.  
 part. prayer.

Bm7 E7 Bm E7

Come to the ta - ble, come to the ta -

Gmaj7 Gm6 D F#7#9 last time fine

ble, come to the ta - ble of God.



**“Feed Us Now”**

Robin Mann

1. Feed us now, Bread of Life, in this ho - ly meal; Let us know Your  
2. Piece of bread, glass of wine: Lord, this food is good; Love and mer - cy  
3. God is here, O so near, near - er than our thoughts. Stay with us wher -

6 E F#m7 B7sus B7 E G#m

love a - new; We hun - ger for You. Feed us now, Bread of Life,  
come to us, Your prom - ise we trust. Piece of bread, glass of wine;  
e're we go; Lord, help us to grow. God is here, O so near,

11 Bm7 Amaj7 Am7 E F#m7 B7

come and live with - in; Let Your peace be ours to - day, Lord Je - sus, we  
Who can un - der - stand how His mer - cy works in these? Yet, Lord, we be -  
in this heav - en's meal. May we al - ways feed on You, on the Bread that's

16 E

pray.  
lieve.  
true.

**Communion Blessing**

**Prayer after Communion**

*Sending*

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

**Blessing**

**Sending Song: “May the Peoples Praise You”**

David Zimmer | Ed Cash | Keith Getty | Kristyn Getty | Stuart Townend

**VERSE**

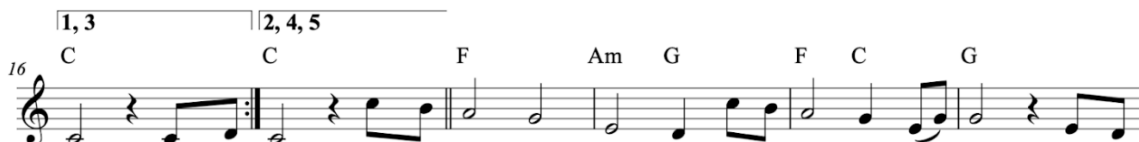


1. You have called us out of dark - est night, in -  
 (2. May our) ev - 'ry breath re - tell the grace that  
 (3. All the) earth is Yours and all with - in, each  
 (4. May the) seeds of mer - cy grow in us for  
 (5. This our) ho - ly priv - 'lege to de - clare Your



to Your glo - rious light, that we may sing the won - ders of the ris - en  
 broke in - to our strife with bound - less love and deep - est joy, with end - less  
 har - vest is Your own, and from Your hand we give to You, to make Christ  
 those who have not heard, may songs of praise build lives of grace to spread Your  
 prais - es and Your Name to ev - 'ry na - tion, tribe and tongue Your church pro

**CHORUS 1a**



Christ. 2. May our life. May the peo - ples praise You, let the na - tions be glad! All Your  
 Word.  
 known. 4. May the claim.



bles - ing comes that we may praise, may praise the Name of Je -

**INSTRUMENTAL**



sus.

3. All the Je - - sus.  
 5. This our

33

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, is the Lord Al - might - y. Wor - thy,  
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, is the Lord Al - might - y. All cre -

39

G/B C Dm7 C F N.C.

wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain. praise Your glo - ri - ous Name. May the  
a - tion

### CHORUS 1b

F C/E C Am G F C G F/A G/B

peo - ples praise You, let the na - tions be glad! All Your bless - ing comes that

### CHORUS 1a

49

C C/E F C/E G C F

we may praise, may praise the Name of Je - sus. May the peo - ples

54

praise You, let the na - tions be glad! All Your bless - ing comes that we may

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praise, may praise the Name of Je - - - sus.

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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