Fifth Sunday of Easter



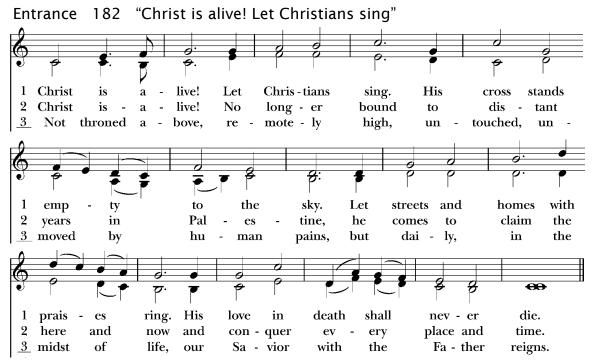
April 28, 2024 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Before the service, speak to the Lord; During the service, let the Lord speak to you; After the service, speak to one another.

Prelude "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Cheryl Bates

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The people stand as they are able.



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The complete text begins on page 355 of The Book of Common Prayer. The following acclamation is said.

Priest Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All say this Hymn of Praise

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

- People And also with you.
- *Priest* Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people may be seated while lessons are read.

The Lessons

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you

are reading?" ³¹He replied. "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them. Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Psalm 22:24-30

²⁴My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

²⁵The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: * "May your heart live for ever!"

²⁶All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, * and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

²⁷For kingship belongs to the LORD; *

he rules over the nations.

²⁸To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; * all who go down to the dust fall before him. ²⁹My soul shall live for him;

my descendants shall serve him; *

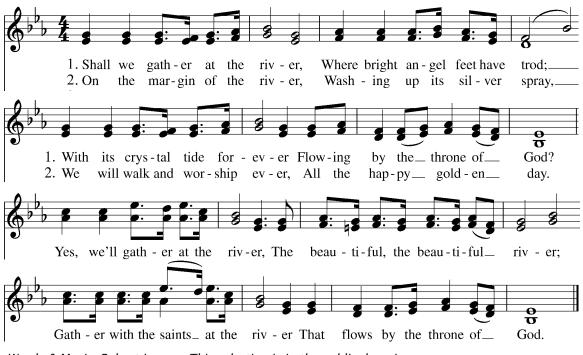
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.

³⁰They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn * the saving deeds that he has done.

1 John 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. *People* **Thanks be to God.** Sequence L141 "Shall we gather at the river'



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Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

Priest The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. *People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John 15:1-8

[Jesus said to his disciples,] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for

whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people may be seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. J. Thomas Downs

The people stand as they are able.

The 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: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

The Prayers of the People

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lector God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith with thanksgiving.

We pray for one another, for our families and friends, through whom we learn to love and be loved. Thank you for all who care for us. Give us grace to serve Christ by serving our neighbors and our community, loving others as he loves us. God of love **Hear our prayer**

Silence

We thank you for the unfailing love you hold out to everyone in Jesus Christ. Comfort and heal those in sorrow, need, sickness or any other trouble, remembering especially Audrey, Lotte, Patti, Debbie, Carol, Betty, Lee, Ginny, Bruce, Maggie, Matthew, Bob, Daryl, Jim, Mike, Andrew, Carol, Phil, Jim, and Jane. Give them courage and hope in their distress and bless those who minister to them. God of love

God of love

Hear our prayer

Silence

We remember with gratitude your many gifts to us in creation and the rich heritage of this land. Help us and people everywhere to share with justice and peace the resources of the earth. Inspire with your wisdom those in authority among us, the leaders of the nations and all whose decisions affect the lives of others. God of love

Hear our prayer

Silence

We pray for your Church throughout the world. We thank you for all who serve Christ and God's kingdom. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and witness in the world. Unite us in your truth and love, that we who confess your name may also reflect your grace. God of love

Hear our prayer

Silence

We remember with thanksgiving all who have died in Christ, and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may enter with them into the unending joy of your heavenly kingdom.

God of love

Hear our prayer

Silence

Merciful God you look with compassion on all who turn to you. Hear the prayers of your people.

Grant that we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Priest Those things, good Lord that your servants have prayed for, Give us grace to work for; and in the purpose of your love answer our prayers and fulfil our hopes for Jesus' sake. Amen

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you. People And also with you.

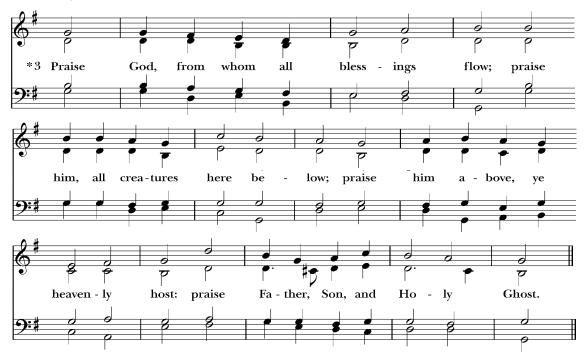
The People may then greet one another with a sign of peace.

The People may be seated for the offering.

Offertory MaryAnn Hubbard

The People stand as the offering is brought forward.

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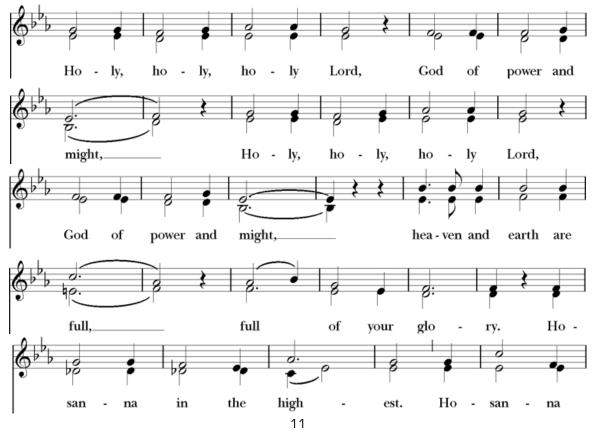
The Great Thanksgiving

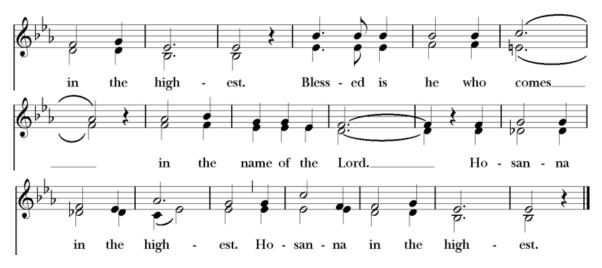
Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

- Priest The Lord be with you.
- People And also with you.
- Priest Lift up your hearts.
- *People* We lift them to the Lord.
- Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- People It is right to give God thanks and praise.
- *Priest* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:





The people stand or kneel.

Then the Priest continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Priest is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Priest continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

The Priest continues through the Invocation, then says

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Priest and 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Bread is broken and silence is kept. Then may be said

Priest Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation to Communion

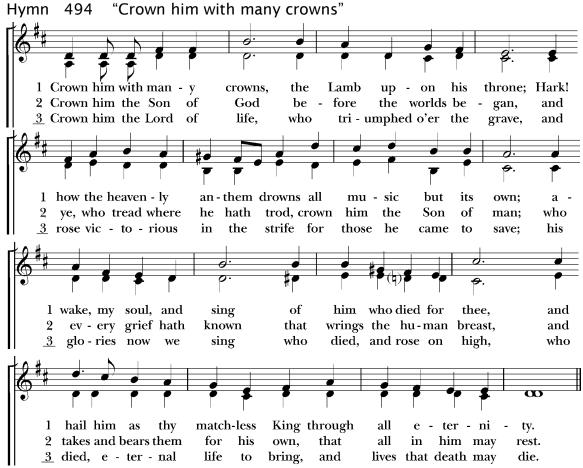
A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Optional Prayer for those who cannot receive

Beloved Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you in this life or in the life to come. Amen.

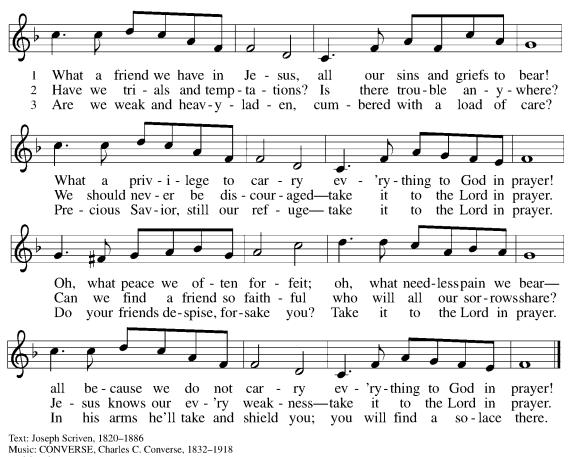
The people may be seated.





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Hymn "What a friend we have in Jesus"



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"Be thou my vision" Hymn 488 0 vi - sion, 1 Be thou 0 Lord of heart; my my 2 Be thou mv wis - dom. and thou my true word: 3 High King of hea - ven. when vic - tory is won, 0 all else be nought that thou art to me. save with with Ι ev - er thee and thou me. Lord: I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun! may 4 night, thou thought,___ mv best by dav or bv thou my great Fa ther; thine own may Ι be; Heart of what fall, my heart,_____ ev - er be wak - ing sleep ing, thy light. or pres - ence my thou in dwell and with thee. me ing, T one still be my vis ion, 0 Ru - ler of all.

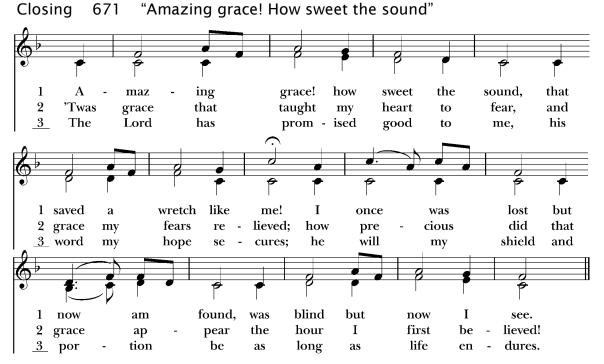
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The People stand as they are able. After Communion, all say

> Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest bestows the blessing

The Peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.



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The Deacon (or if no Deacon, the Priest) dismisses the People.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ. *People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

In Our Prayers

LARCC: Foster Children/Foster Families through Grace Lutheran Church

For Healing & Convalescing: Audrey Himes, Lotte Rosenberg, Patti Rockwell, Debbie Sanborn, Carol Hart, Betty Bartley, Lee Harris, Ginny French, Bruce Connon, Maggie Lamb, Matthew Van Zetten, Bob Hanna, Daryl Hebert, Jim Tanner, Mike Tanner, Andrew, Carol Putkamer, Phil, Jim Gilmet, and Jane McClain.

Birthdays: Patricia Harbson (28), Faith Cousins, Grace Cousins (29), Carole Cadarette (30), Sue Fitzpatrick (1)

Military: Ashley Alexander, Tyler Ferrier, Joshua Gapske, Isaac Graham, John Hartman

Cycles of Prayer: Diocesan: For the staff of our parishes, Church of the Mediator, Harbert, and St. john's, Charlotte; Anglican: the Church of Bangladesh

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The Flowers On The Altar		
Given to the Glory of God		
and		
In Celebration		
of		
Nahla Clargo		
by		
Cathy Meske and Janet Coopes		
This Week's Calendar		
Today	9 & 11 AM 11 AM 4 PM	
Monday	7 PM	Thunder Bay Arts Chorus - Sanctuary
Tuesday	1:30 PM 4:45 PM 7 PM	Prayer Group Alpena Groove - Lower Level AA
Wednesday	12:05 PM 1:05 PM 5:30 PM 7 PM	Holy Eucharist The Good Book (Bible) Study Choir Practice AA
Thursday	5 PM	Monthly Potluck
Friday	5:30 PM	AA

Announcements

MONTHLY POTLUCK SUPPER - MAY 2

Please join us for our next potluck supper to be held on Thursday, May 2 at 5 p.m. All are invited. It's a nice way to stay connected to our church family. Bring a dish to pass and come hungry! See you there.

TEA IN THE GARDEN ~ SATURDAY, MAY 18

It's Time!! Preparations for Trinity's Annual Tea Party is underway!! and that means cookie baking can be underway, too, if you have cookies that can be frozen until the Tea on May 18. We need lots and lots and lots of "tea cookies"; Rev. Tom Downs would say, the tea will feature 'tinny, tiny sandwiches and tinny, tiny cookies"!! So. Tinny, tiny cookies it is!! We really do need your help!

TEA SHOPPE NEEDS ITEMS

As part of the Victorian Tea, TECW sells donated items in a TEA SHOPPE on the lower level of the church. Chairman of the Tea Shoppe Pam Woida suggests items such as jewelry, bird feeders, seedlings, gardening tools, gardening aprons, craft items (knit, crochet, painted rocks, painted tea cups etc., etc.) You can leave items in the lower level. If you have questions, call Pam at 989-464-0410. We need lots and lots of items.



<u>Sunday, May 5</u>

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar

Sunday, May 12

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Tom Downs 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Tom Downs

<u>Sunday, May 19</u>

9 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar 11 am - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Mark Rutenbar

<u>Wednesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29</u>

12:05 pm - Holy Eucharist/Rev. Bruce Michaud 1:00 pm - Bible Study/Rev. Bruce Michaud

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Trinity organized in 1864 and our Victorian Gothic building dates from 1883. As a "National Jubilee Center," we reach out to many in need, and as a venue for performing arts, we live out our identity as a "village church" in the English tradition.

In "Eucharistic hospitality," we invite all persons to the Lord's Table. Please join us there, and then, next door after the Service for refreshment and fellowship. We are delighted that you are here, and would be delighted to meet you.

The Vestry

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