



Emmanuel Trinity Lutheran Church
May 17, 2026 10:00 a.m.
Seventh Sunday of Easter Worship Service

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

*For those joining worship via Zoom, we are celebrating Holy Communion today. If you wish to participate, please get something to represent the wine and the bread. We invite you to participate in worship by sharing your prayers in the **Chat box**. Write your prayers there and press “enter.” You will be muted during the service so that you don’t hear reverberations, but please speak and sing as you desire. You can unmute yourself if you wish to speak at the end of the service.*

PRELUDE

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

C: Amen.

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

P: Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN: Bind Us Together WOV748

Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord; Bind us together with Love.

There is only one God. There is only one King.
There is only one Body; That is why we sing.

Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord; Bind us together with Love.

You are the family of God. You are the promise divine.
You are God's chosen desire, You are the glorious new wine.

Bind us together, Lord, Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord; Bind us together with Love.

Text and Music: Bob Gillman, b. 1946

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand.

C: Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 1: 6-14

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

PSALM 31: 1-5,15-16

A: Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered; let those who hate God flee.

C: As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away; as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

A: But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.

C: Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds; I Am is that name, rejoice before God!

A: In your holy habitation, O God, you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

C: you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in desert places.

A: O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

C: the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

A: You sent a bountiful rain, O God; you restored your inheritance when it languished.

C: Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

A: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

C: You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens; you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.

A: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

C: How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel, giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!

GOSPEL READING

P: The Holy Gospel according to John 17: 1-11

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you O Christ.

THE MESSAGE

Pastor Kim Hintzman

HYMN: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus ELW392

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion, thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation, has redeemed us by his blood."

Alleluia! Not as orphans, are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful, flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless, sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.
As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest,
here on earth both priest and victim, in the eucharistic feast.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion, thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation, has redeemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98 Public Domain

Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-87 Public Domain

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

We join with them as they make public affirmation of their baptism.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

C: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever.

C: Amen

P: Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

(A brief silence)

A: O God, your people sing praises throughout the church. By your Holy Spirit, inspire musicians, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim the gospel of Jesus. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We give you thanks for our new members, Jane, Roxanne, and Lynn, whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Your compassion and care come through the gifts of medicine and relationships. Soothe the anxious, protect widows and orphans, comfort those living with memory loss and their families, and heal the sick. Today, we pray for Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Your love radiates from communities gathered in your name. Bless those experiencing significant transitions in life such as graduation, retirement, new employment, and accompany us in our prayers during these times. We especially give thanks today for Susan, who will be retiring soon. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: O God, your promise of eternal life is certain and sure. Inspire us by the steadfast faith of those who have gone before us, so that we may be confident in the assurances you give. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Merciful God,

C: accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace and love.

C: Come Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND WINE

This is the Body of Christ given for you.

This is the Blood of Christ shed for you.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Break Now the Bread of Life ELW515

Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page, I seek you, Lord;
my spirit waits for you, O living Word.

Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me,
as when you blessed the bread by Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
and I shall find my peace, my All-in-All!

You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
your holy word the truth that rescues me.
Give me to eat and live, with you above;
teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913, alt.

BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new.

C: Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

SENDING HYMN Thine is the Glory ELW376

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment, rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes, where thy body lay.

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won!

Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won!

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan, to thy home above.

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond L. Budry, 1854-1932 Public Domain

Tune: George F. Handel, 1685-1759, adapt. Public Domain

BLESSING

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Thank you for your offerings and continued support of Emmanuel Trinity Lutheran Church. We are providing three ways to give:

- 1. Give online through the church website www.emmanueltrinity.org under the "Give" button. You are able to designate your giving online.***
- 2. Drop your offering in the black drop box at the church office (4006 Ballenger Creek Pike)***
- 3. Mail your offering to the church office: Emmanuel Trinity Lutheran Church, 4004 Ballenger Creek Pike, Frederick, MD 21703. Pastor Kim's phone number is 240-394-9492 and email is pastor@emmanueltrinity.org. The Office Administrator is Susan Campbell and her email is office@emmanueltrinity.org***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays: May 17 - Len Owens; May 20 – Barbara May;
May 21 – Cindy Hiltner; May 22 – David Carr & Bob Brust

This week at ETLC:

May 17 – Got Questions, 9:00 a.m.
May 17 – Sunday Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.
May 17 – Fellowship and food, birthday celebration following worship
May 20 – Encountering the Word, 7:00 p.m.
May 23 – Food Bank open, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Upcoming Meetings:

May 24 – Got Questions, 9:00 a.m.
May 24 – Pentecost Sunday Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.
May 27 – Encountering the Word, 7:00 p.m.

The altar flowers are given by Marina Brust in honor of Bob's birthday and all other May birthdays.

Food Bank On the first Sunday of each month, we invite you to bring in food donations. The food bank is currently in need of the following items: chicken and beef Ramen noodles, mustard, mayo, salt & pepper, butter, evaporated milk, chicken broth, pancake mx, and crackers. Thank you!

Attention Future Gardeners: It is time to sign up for a garden plot here at the church. We have 6 plots issued on a first come basis. The sign up sheet along with the garden guidelines and release form can be found on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Turn in your release form to the church office or at the drop box at the church office as soon as possible. You will only be given a plot after all your information is turned in. Thank you and happy gardening!

New Member Forms New member forms are available in the narthex. Want to become a member? Pick up a form, fill it in, and set some time with Pastor Kim.

What about running for council on the ballot this November? “Here I am” (Isaiah 6:8). While that response isn't expected, the nominating committee is asking for your prayerful consideration. One hour per month (zoom available). That's 12 hours a year; where else would you get under 50 hours a year commitment? If you want the church to go in another direction or have options and concerns. Make no mistake! That is what council is. And just maybe your gift(s) is the one needed! Blessings on your decision!!

Synod Assembly Want to attend synod assembly? This year, synod assembly will be June 5 and 6 in Ellicott City. This is the meeting where the work of the synod is decided. We ride together and you can sleep in your own bed. We can send 2 adults besides Pastor Kim along with one youth. Let Pastor Kim know if you have questions or are interested in attending.

Spiritual Gifts Inventory - As we discern our calling as a congregation, we will be looking at our spiritual gifts. One approach is to do a “spiritual gifts inventory” to see where each of us has gifts. These are available printed in the church or by email for those joining online. Let Pastor Kim know if you would like to do this. If you find it hard to answer, bring your inventory and your questions and we will look at it together.

REMINDER: Never send cash or gift cards in response to online, text, or phone requests. Pastor Kim will never reach out asking for gift cards or money by email, text, video message, or phone call - even if it might look like or sound like her. Don't get scammed.

2026 Community Table Dates: Mark your calendar. ETLC will be serving dinner at the community table on the following dates: August 16 and November 22.

Got Questions? Join Pastor Kim in the gathering space or on zoom (using the worship link) at 9 am on Sundays. Bring your questions or come to hear other people's questions. All are welcome!

Have an event or other announcement for the weekly email? Please send a writeup to Susan at Office@emmanueltrinity.org. Announcements that are received by noon on Tuesday will be included in the following Sunday's announcements.

Prayer List Need a name placed on the prayer list? If there is someone who you want us to include just on the current Sunday, you may write it on the prayer book on the podium currently in the front of the church near the gathering space door. If you have any questions about the prayer list and how it is determined or maintained, feel free to ask Pastor Kim.

2026 Church Council Members: The Executive Committee members of the church council are: Ruth Cramer, President; Angelee Mullins, Vice-President; Emily O'Hara, Secretary; MaryAnne Golling, Treasurer, and Lasse Syversen, Mission & Outreach Chairman. If you have questions or concerns, feel free to contact any one of the Council members.