

Fourth Sunday of Easter
The Tomorrow River Lutheran Parish
May 11, 2025

We welcome visitors into our community! May you be blessed as you join us in Worship!

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Pastor: Eternal God, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love.

Grant that we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever—the coming of your Son. We journey with joy knowing we are your own.

All: Amen. Let it be so.

*(As a spiritual discipline, ask the Holy Spirit to nudge you in offering yourself and a portion of God's many blessings God has given you for God's use in the church and world. **We pass the plate to receive your gifts.** Use the cards provided if you give online. A collection box is also available at the back of the sanctuary. To support the ministries and as a response to God's love for you, consider using electronic giving at www.trchurch.org/electronic-giving.)*

*** OPENING PRAYER**

*** HYMN**

Have No Fear, Little Flock

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*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: Compassionate One,

**All: you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.**

We do not show others the tender compassion

you have shown to us.
We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.
We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and again.
We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.
Transform our lives
and guide us again in the way of the cross.
Amen.

Pastor: Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.
In + Christ your sins are forgiven.
You have a place in God's house forever.
All: Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All: O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

* GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 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 into hell. 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. 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. Amen.

*** PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Pastor: ...Lord, in your mercy ...

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

All: 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.

BLESSING

CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

Worship Service at Peace 8:30 am

Sunday School at Peace 9:00 am

Sunday School at Nelsonville 9:30 am

Worship Service at Nelsonville 10:15 am

Livestream every Sunday at 10:15 am at trchurch.org, click on *Live Stream*

THURSDAYS

Evening Candlelight Prayer Service at Nelsonville 7:00 pm

Candlelight Videos are posted online at trchurch.org, click on *Candlelight Services*

WE WELCOME OUR VISITORS!

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