

*3rd Sunday of Easter*  
*The Tomorrow River Lutheran Parish*  
*May 4, 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](http://www.trchurch.org/electronic-giving).)*

**\* OPENING PRAYER**

**\* HYMN**                      *Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak*                      **#676**

**\* 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.

#### \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

*All: Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow 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 21:1-19**

<sup>1</sup> After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup> Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup> When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there

were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." <sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

**\* HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Lead On, O King Eternal!*

**#805**

## **\* 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.

## **MEAL**

## **\* WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **\* 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.**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*(The distribution will be processional and the ushers will guide you. All who believe there is forgiveness of sin available in this meal that is offered by Christ Himself are welcome to come forward. Communion will be served by intinction. The pastor and assistant give the bread and wine, with these words: "The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you." Touch the wafer to the wine or juice.)*

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

***O Master, Let Me Walk with You #818***  
***Now Thank We All Our God #840***

## **\* 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](http://trchurch.org), click on *Live Stream*

#### **THURSDAYS**

Evening Candlelight Prayer Service at Nelsonville 7:00 pm  
Candlelight Videos are posted online at [trchurch.org](http://trchurch.org), click on *Candlelight Services*

### ***WE WELCOME OUR VISITORS!***

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