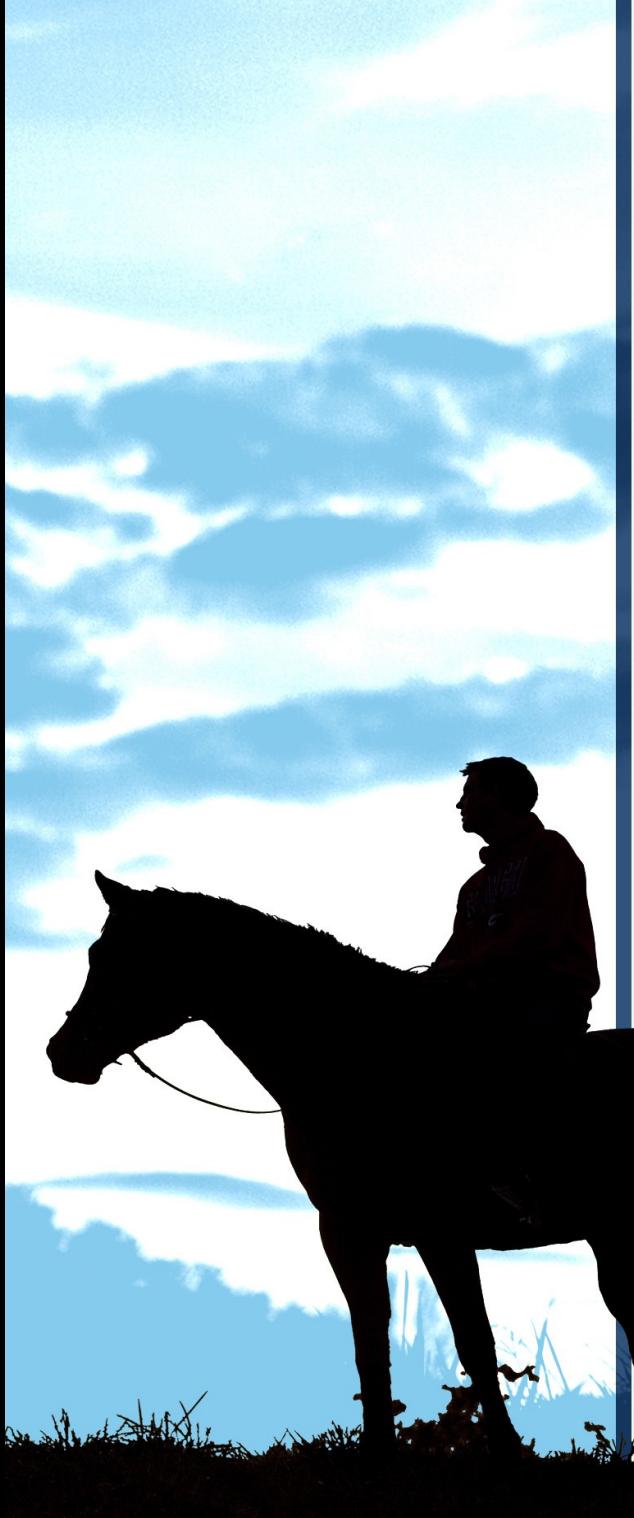


# *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

*Sunday, May 9, 2021 – Traditional Service*



YOU  
DID NOT  
CHOOSE ME  
BUT I  
CHOSE YOU.  
AND I  
APPOINTED  
YOU TO  
GO AND  
BEAR FRUIT.

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JOHN 15:16. NRSV

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## **WELCOME TO ALL**

Welcome to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. Even though we are spread out and wearing masks, we are delighted to gather as one people in the name of the risen Lord Jesus, in whose power over disease and death we take hope. Please use this bulletin to participate in the liturgy and take it with you when the service is ended. Don't forget to register each week on our website or by calling the office (717-263-8156) for the service that you wish to attend, so that we can maintain appropriate physical distancing in our sanctuary. If you are a guest or visitor worshipping with us and did not know to register for today's service, no problem; we have kept open some extra seating just in case. Simply plan to register for the service next week – and we do invite you to worship with us again!

Bathrooms are located down the hall from the side entrance to the sanctuary. Our nursery is not yet open, but the space is available for special use by individual families. If you visit the nursery to settle a child or change a diaper, please let one of the pastors or ushers know so that we can be sure to sanitize the room before the next service.

Ushers will dismiss worshippers at the end of the service row by row. Please wait to be dismissed, and conduct conversations and fellowship in the fresh, open air outside. We trust that as we take such precautions together, we follow our Lord's command to love our neighbor, and we help to ensure that we will be able to continue to gather for worship during the pandemic. Thank you for working with us toward that end!

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*This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ  
shares with us is the image of friendship.*

*We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve;  
but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical,  
too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ.*

*Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality  
of the relationship into which Christ invites us.*

*The Greeks believed that true friends  
are willing to die for each other.*

*This is the mutual love of Christian community  
commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.*

## **WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Congregation responds in bold print.*

*Please respect the silence of those around you preparing for worship.*

**PRELUDE**

***“Ode to Joy”***

Hopson

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,  
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ,  
for these waters where you make us new,  
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us  
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,  
like rains to our thirsting earth,  
like streams that revive our souls,  
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.  
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.  
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ.  
Cleanse our hearts.  
Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

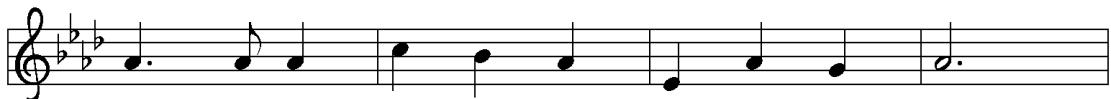
*Alleluia! Jesus is Risen*

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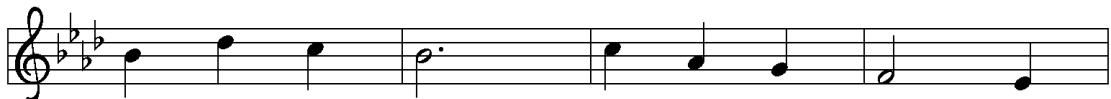


1 Al - le - lu - ia!  
5 Cit - y of God,

Je - sus is ris - en!  
Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**O God,**

**you have prepared for those who love you  
joys beyond understanding.**

**Pour into our hearts such love for you that,  
loving you above all things,  
we may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ,  
your Son and our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*



# WORD

## FIRST READING

**Acts 10:44-48**

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

## PSALMODY

**Psalm 98**

*We will speak the Psalm responsively.*

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, you have made known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup>**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>**With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

<sup>8</sup>**Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes  
to judge the earth.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

## SECOND READING

## 1 John 5:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**



THIS IS LOVE  
FOR GOD:  
*to keep his  
commands.*

**1 John 5:3, NIV**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **GOSPEL**

**John 15:9-17**

*The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
Glory to you, O Lord.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SERMON**

***“Chosen, Loved, & Completed”***

Pastor Arlyn

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

***“Jesus Loves Me”***  
*Babette Wenerd; Pianist*

Bradberry/ arr Hammerly

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 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.**

**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

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

*A brief silence.*

Loving God, you call us to be your fruit-bearing church. Strengthen the bonds among all Christian churches. Grant us wisdom and discernment to boldly continue proclaiming the resurrection promise. Specifically for Trinity Lutheran, we lift up our members: Gary, Nikki, Darcy, & Wesley Aurand; Jean Baer; Barbara Bankert; Rebecca Bankert; Janelle, Travis, Brooklyn, & Isabella Barkman; Helen Barnes; James, Regina, Frank, Thomas, Michael, David, & May Elizabeth Barra; Benjamin Barrows; Brian, Brittani, & Carson Barrows; and Jeffrey & Denise Barrows.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, the earth praises you. The seas roar and the hills sing for joy. Fill the earth with your love so that by their song, all creatures of land and sea and sky, burrowing and soaring, may call us to join with them in praise. Be present with those planting crops, tending to livestock, and for all who are providing care to your creation.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Faithful Savior, you conquer the world not with weapons but with undying love. Plant your word in the hearts of the nations' leaders and give them your Spirit, so that the peoples of the world may live in peace.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Caring Healer, you forget no one and accompany the lonely. Be present with those who are sick or suffering, especially: Scott, Dottie, Shirley, Christine, Kayla, Larry, Mary, Sherry, Cameron, Ron, Cheryl, Bernice, Ayano, Bob, Kelly, Denise, Carl, Beth, Jane, William, Rick, Belva, Phyllis, Sister Frances, Becky, Sonny, Betty, Doc, and Ron.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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Gracious God, we thank you for reflecting a mothering nature through your continual outpouring of care and comfort. Bless all who provide in this mothering role. Grant them strength when they are feeling weary. Fill all who are experiencing a sense of grief on this particular day with your peace.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

P: Gentle Redeemer, all who die in you abide in your presence forever. We remember with thanksgiving those who shared your love throughout their lives. Keep us united with them in your lasting love.

**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

## CLOSING HYMN

*"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee "*

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1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di-vine!

# SENDING

## THE BENEDICTION

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom  
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,  
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

*Please be seated.*

**POSTLUDE**      *"Head of the Church Triumphant"*      Lowell Mason

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### STEWARSHIP SNIPPET

*"I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."*  
— John 15:17

Commandments and instruction are necessary parts  
of growing into adulthood and growing in the faith.

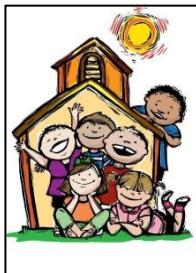
While we may chafe at such stewardship,  
we realize that they are given in love for our good.

We can give thanks to our ancestors for passing on the faith  
and teaching us God's commandments.

Budgeted amount needed: \$8,072.12    05/02/2021 Offering: \$9,457.18  
Thank You!

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

<b>Senior Pastor</b>	<i>Pastor Aaron</i>	
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*The children's bulletins are given to the Glory of God  
and in honor of Trinity's children  
by Barbara Montgomery.*

*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God,  
designed by Phil Lobaugh.*



### LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:

**Sunday, May 2, 2021**

In-Person	77
Online Worship Service Views:	318



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**Vision**  
*"Growing in God"*

### Mission Statement

*"Seed - Planting and Growing in our Faith  
Sow - Sharing the word of God with our community  
Steward - Giving to all the love of God  
Service - Showing the love of God with our community"*