

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 16, 2021 – Traditional Service with Communion

As you
SENT ME
into the world,

so I have
SENT THEM
into the world.

John 17:18, ESV

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. Children are always welcome during worship, but if desired, there is a nursery in room 107 available for children ages birth to school age.

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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*The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday
is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers
in John's gospel on the night before his death,
and always includes Jesus' desire
that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one.
This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity,
but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy.
This oneness is the work of the Spirit
whom we have received but also await.
Come, Holy Spirit!*

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

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

PRELUDE

"I Trust in Thee"

McDonald

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.



1 Praise the Sav - ior, now and ev - er; praise him, all be -
 4 Earth re - joic - es; all its voic - es glo - ry to the



neath the skies; come be - fore him and a - dore him,
 Fa - ther sing! Praise the Sav - ior, laud him ev - er,



God's own per - fect sac - ri - fice; vic - t'ry gain - ing,
 Son of God, our Lord and King! Praise the Spir - it,



life ob - tain - ing, now in glo - ry see him rise!
 through Christ's mer - it life e - ter - nal see him bring!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**Gracious and glorious God,
 you have chosen us as your own,
 and by the powerful name of Christ
 you protect us from evil.
 By your Spirit
 transform us and your beloved world,
 that we may find our joy in your Son,
 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever.
 Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!



PSALMODY

Psalm 1

We will speak the Psalm responsively.

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due
season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

SECOND READING

1 John 5:9-13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL

John 17:6-19

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 17th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus prayed: 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. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

“Destined to be Found”

Pastor Aaron

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

McDonald

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.**

SANCTIFY
THEM
IN THE
TRUTH;

**YOUR
WORD
IS TRUTH.**

JOHN 17:17

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.

Holy God, in Christ Jesus you give the gift of eternal life. Gather the church in your Word and sanctify it in your truth. Set us apart to be a people of salvation, hearing the Good News of forgiveness and mercy, and declaring it. Send us into the world as your loving people, ready to testify to your Spirit at work.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Gracious Sovereign, those who follow your ways are like trees planted near streams of water. Establish the leaders of nations in your grace and truth. Strengthen them, so that the people they serve will have abundant life.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Generous Savior, you befriend those who are sick, suffering, poor, lonely, outcast, or rejected. Grant healing and love to all in need, especially, Scott, Jim, Anne, Dottie, Shirley, Christine, Kayla, Larry, Mary, Sherry, Cameron, Ron, Cheryl, Bernice, Ayano, Bob, Kelly, Denise, Carl, Beth, Jane, William, Rick, Belva, Phyllis, Sister Frances, Sonny, Becky, Betty, Doc, Ron, Fred, and Doug.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creator God, here in this community we share the gift of praying, learning, and supporting one another. With thankful hearts we lift up before you today Jean Baughman; Preston & Joan Bellows; Anne Bender; Jerry Bitner; Michaela Boock; Joanne Bowman; Stevi Bowman; Ray & Donna Brindle; and Timothy, Jessica, Elijah, & Lucas Brindle.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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Saving God, through the witness of those who have died in you, strengthen our faith so that the grave may have no power over us. We cherish the memory of your saints and give thanks for eternal life together in your Spirit.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

P: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

Please be seated.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

*All baptized followers of Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table.
Communicants are ushered forward row-by-row.
Ushers will direct communicants forward from the back of the sanctuary to the front.
Please continue to wear your mask as you come forward
and simply pull it down when receiving the communion elements.
Collect an empty cup as you near the front of the sanctuary.
Wearing a sanitary glove, the pastor will drop a wafer in your hand.
After you have eaten the wafer, the communion assistant
will pour wine from the chalice into the empty cup.
After drinking the wine, please return to your seat along the side aisle.
Grape juice is available; please request that
from the communion assistant if you prefer it.*

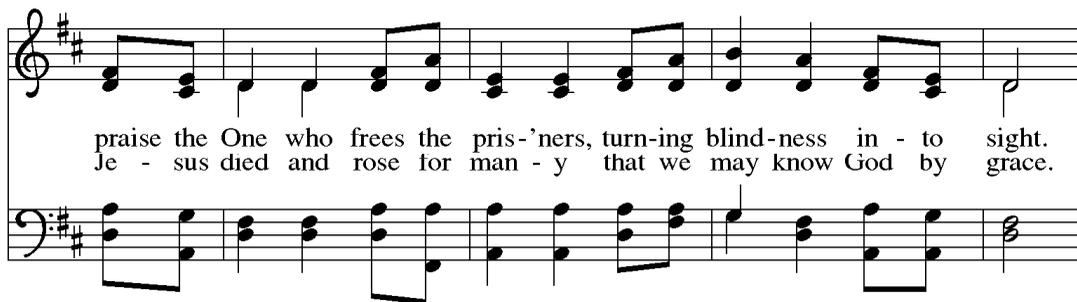
POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Wellspring of joy,
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.
Satisfy the hunger still around us,
and send us as joyful witnesses,
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" ELW 843



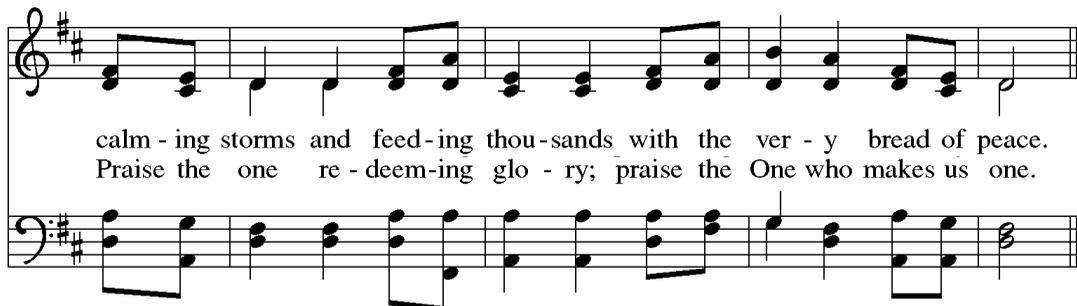
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

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 *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”*

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STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

“As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.”

– John 17:18

Jesus prayerfully sent his disciples into the world
knowing the challenges that awaited them.

Likewise, our elders steward us into the world
with prayer, love, and hope.

They know the difficulties that await;
yet they send us on as God’s beloved children first and always.

Budgeted amount needed: \$8,072.12 05/09/2021 Offering: \$8,212.54

Thank You!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS		
Senior Pastor	<i>Pastor Aaron</i>	
Associate Pastor	<i>Pastor Arlyn</i>	
Organist	<i>Barb Woods</i>	
	8:30 AM	10:00 AM
Lector	<i>Elaine Hess-Strite</i>	<i>Gloria McCauley</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 and
in honor of Elaine Hess-Strite's 66th birthday,
from her loving wife.*



LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: <i>Sunday, May 9, 2021</i>	
In-Person	72
Online Worship Service Views:	196



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Secretary	<i>Anne Crawford</i>
Sexton	<i>Elaine Hess-Strite</i>
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Asst. Financial Secretary	<i>Sage Brown</i>
Livestream Coordinator	<i>Jason Brown</i>

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"*