

Because I live,
you also
will live.

John 14:19



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 14, 2023 – Traditional Service with Holy Communion

WELCOME TO ALL

Welcome to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here.
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.

Based on revised CDC guidance, we are no longer encouraging the wearing of masks for those attending worship, regardless of vaccination status. However, if you have symptoms, have tested positive for Covid or been exposed to someone with Covid-19, we ask that you do wear a mask. Please feel free to continue wearing a mask in worship for your safety, if desired. This guidance may change if our risk level changes.

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.

*Please be aware that we are streaming our services.
If you do not wish to be on camera please contact the church office.*

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*Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit,
Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation.*

*As Pentecost draws near,
we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth.
We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table
the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.*

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

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

PRELUDE

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Hopson

Please stand as you are able.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,
holy and merciful,
holy and mighty,
you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.
Empower our witness to your resurrection.
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.
Where despair prevails, grant hope.
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
We ask this through Christ,
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

ELW 377

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
5 Cit - y of God, 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,
Splendor, 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!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

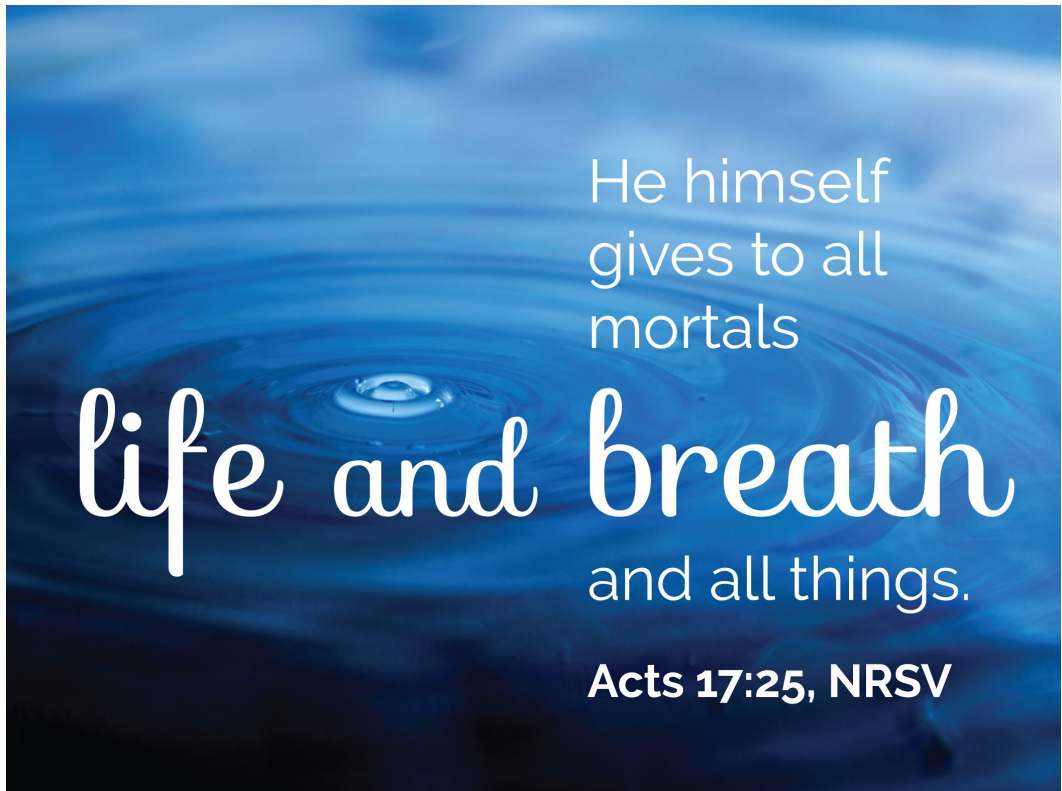
**Almighty and ever-living God,
you hold together all things in heaven and on earth.**

**In your great mercy
receive the prayers of all your children,
and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace,
through 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.

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen indeed Alleluia!



WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALMODY

Psalm 66:8-20

We will speak the Psalm responsively.

Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard. (Ps. 66:8)

- ⁸Bless our God, you peoples;
let the sound of praise be heard.
- ⁹**Our God has kept us among the living
and has not allowed our feet to slip.**
- ¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- ¹¹**You brought us into the net;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**
- ¹²You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- ¹³**I will enter your house with burnt offerings
and will pay you my vows—**
- ¹⁴those that I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- ¹⁵**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats.**
- ¹⁶Come and listen, all you who believe,
and I will tell you what God has done for me.
- ¹⁷**I called out to God with my mouth,
and praised the Lord with my tongue.**
- ¹⁸If I had cherished evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;
- ¹⁹**but in truth God has heard me
and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**
- ²⁰Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing love from me.



**Make a joyful noise
unto God, all ye lands.**

Psalm 66:1, KJV

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav-ing word.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

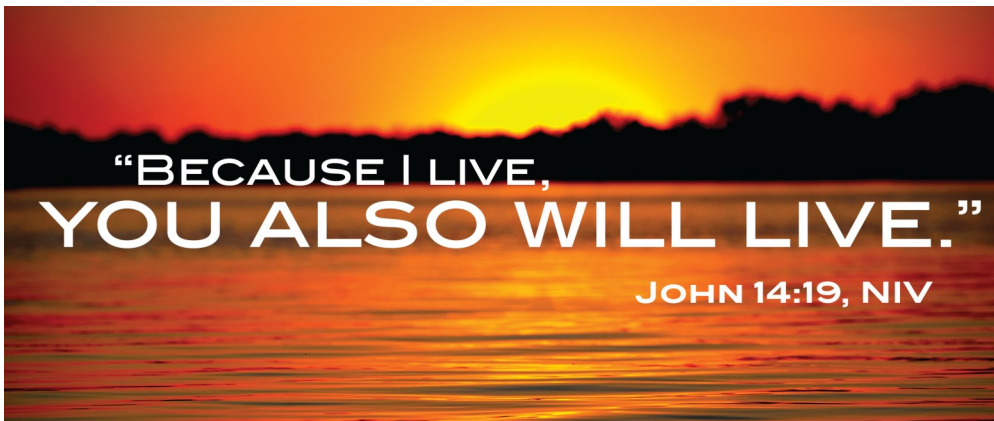
ANTHEM

SERMON

*“A Family Recipe”
Children’s Choir*

Joseph Martin

Pastor Bill Nienstedt



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

Names of family & friends in prayer found on page 17.

A brief silence.

Response following each petition:

L: Hear us, O God.

R: Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you!



OFFERING

*Thank you for your generous and faithful support during these extraordinary times.
Out of an abundance of caution, we are not currently passing the collection plates.
Instead, you may place your offerings in the plates provided
by the door as you enter or exit worship.*

*If you prefer, Trinity offers 5 other ways to give as well:
Text, Mail, Mobile, Automatic Transfer, & Online. Contact the church office for details.*

Create in Me a Clean Heart Offering Song

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

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.**



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and know Christ,
broken and poured out for you.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

All baptized followers of Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table.

Communicants are ushered forward row-by-row.

Please open your hand and the pastor will place the bread in your hand.

Once you have eaten the bread, the communion assistant will offer you a cup of wine.

Please take the cup of wine from the tray.

After drinking the wine, you may return to your seat along the side aisle.

If you prefer, grape juice is available which you may request from the communion assistant.

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

The Day of Resurrection!



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,

the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
Let all the ran - sored num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - crite to God a - lone!

SENDING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE

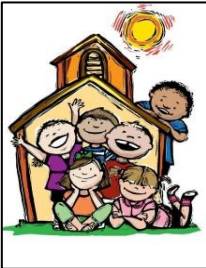
"Thine is the Glory"

Hayes



*The bulletins are sponsored this week to the Glory of God,
and in honor of all the wonderful people of
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
by Merle and Emily Dentler.*

*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and
in loving memory of our Mothers and Grandmothers
by Ken and Sherry Saylor.*



*The children's bulletins are given to the Glory of God,
and in honor of Trinity's children
by Dave and Becky Morningstar.*

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:

Sunday, May 07, 2023: 89

Online views: 84

Next week's Lessons:

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Preacher /Presider Pastor Bill Nienstedt

Organist Robert Eyer Jr.

10 AM

Ushers Dewey Hutsler
Wallace Whitworth

Lector Ruth Cramer

Communion Asst. Joyce McDonald
Erich Vogel

Communion Prep Don Grier

Livestream Team Jason Brown

Nursery Brenda Runshaw
Ken Runshaw

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS



We Pray For

FAMILY & FRIENDS

The family & friends of Richard McCauley	Connie Renshaw	Marlene Fisher
Deb Hile	Bernice Conner	Mary Royce
Bob Kitzmiller	Bob Shannon	Donna Shetter
Dennis Alleman	Doris Kriebel	Phyllis Dusman
Jim Cistone	Shirley Shilling	Floss Sterner
Doug Price	Deb Hutsler	Michele Phillips
Betty Leonard	Sue Lensbower	Curt Stambaugh
Jerry Crist	Thomas Clarke	Cheryl Kelly
Ray Guldin	Brenda Zullinger	Cameron

MEMBERS

Anne Bender	Michaela & Hunter Boock	Stevi Bowman	Ray & Donna Brindle
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*****Names may be added / removed by calling the church office.***

*****Names will normally be removed after 4 weeks.***

OFFERING

Budgeted amount needed: \$8,072.12

Thank You!

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The SpiriTrust Lutheran
Chambersburg Auxiliary**
2023 Membership Drive

Membership Options

Regular	\$1—\$24
Special	\$25
Patron	\$26—\$99
Life Member	\$100 per person
Memorial	\$10 minimum per name
Honorary	\$10 minimum per name

Donation from Life Member



TO JOIN SEE YOUR
CONGREGATION MEMBERSHIP
REPRESENTATIVE



*Last day for World Hunger
Pentecost Dedications is **May 22***



Thursday, May 18, 2023
Ascension Day is the ascent
of Jesus Christ into heaven on
the 40th day after his Resurrection.



**Confirmation
SUNDAY**

5/21/2023

Celebrate with us
after worship in
the Social Hall.



WEAR RED FOR

Pentecost
Sunday, May 28, 2023

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

Sunday - 05/14	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages - Library
	9:00 AM	Confirmation - Cloud 9
	9:00 AM	Scripture & Coffee - Lounge
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>
Monday - 05/15	7-8:30 PM	Boy Troop - Scout Room
Tuesday - 05/16	3:00 PM	Stamp Board - Lounge
	6:30-8:30 PM	Girl Troop Committee Mtg. - Scout Room
Wednesday - 05/17	5:30 PM	Yoga - Social Hall
	7:00 PM	Choir - Sanctuary
Thursday - 05/18	7:00 PM	Grief Share - Lounge <i>Ascension Day</i>
Friday - 05/19	5:30 PM	Discover Dance Works - Social Hall
	6-8 PM	Cub Scouts - Scout Room
	8-10 PM	Girl Troop - Scout Room
Saturday - 05/20	9AM-12PM	Trinity Spring Cleaning
Sunday - 05/21	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages - Library
	9:00 AM	Confirmation - Cloud 9
	9:00 AM	Scripture & Coffee - Lounge
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
	11:15 AM	Reception for Confirmands - Social Hall
	11:15 AM	New Member Class - Lounge <i>Confirmation Sunday</i> <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i>



NEW MEMBER CLASS

Interested in joining Trinity?

A New Member Class will be held

Sunday, May 21 following worship in the Lounge.

Please contact the church office if you are interested.



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Gloria McCauley

Council Secretary

Joyce McDonald

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Denise Barrows

Ray Brindle

Laura Pearce

Evan Sutton

David Wenerd

Wallace Whitworth

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"*