

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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WORSHIP at 8:30 and 11:00AM

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024

PRELUDE:

8:30 - "Meditation" from Thais, Jules Massenet (1842-1912);
Negar Afazel, Violin, Jon Barnes, Cello

11:00 - "Amazing Grace" W. Walker (1809-75), Southern Harmony, 1835
"O God Beyond All Praising" Gustav Holst (1874-1934)
Trinity Youth String Ensemble, Negar Afazel & Jon Barnes, Directors

*As the prelude begins, we observe a period of silence
in preparation for worship.*

*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!*

The * indicates when the congregation stands, if able.
Congregational responses are in **bold**.

***WELCOME**

P: Christ is Risen!

C: He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!

P. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin.

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

In your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

***ENTRANCE HYMN** For the Beauty of the Earth **ELW #879**

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

C: And also with you.

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



A - men.

This Is the Feast



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. | Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon-or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***SALUTATION**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: 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.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.

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: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 1

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

God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.

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: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

(Please stand)

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

C: **Glory to you O Lord.**

*GOSPEL: John 17:6-19

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

[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.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY Our Father, by Whose Name **ELW #640**

SERMON

Pr. Ken Johnson

(Please stand)

***CREED** *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

You sanctify us in your truth; your word is truth. Send your church out into the world to spread your love and joy. Embolden all bishops,

pastors, and deacons to be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your creation groans under the strain of pollution. Preserve melting glaciers and dwindling forests. Bolster those who work for climate justice and help us all to be good and faithful stewards of your creation. God of grace,

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your people seek wisdom, understanding, and peace. Guide all those who govern and inspire them to work on behalf of the most vulnerable in our midst. Keep safe first responders, those serving in the military, and those whose duty it is to protect others. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your children need your loving care. Protect them from all harm. Comfort those in any affliction (*especially*). Support those who grieve and bring solace to those near death. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your Spirit lives within us here. Inspire the work of this congregation and unite us as one. Bless all the mothers and mother figures in our midst, console those for whom this day is difficult, and gather us all under the care of your loving wings. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your saints dwell with you in light. Keep us ever thankful for those who have gone before us in faith. Inspire us by their witness. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

***SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(please be seated)

OFFERTORY

During this time, we worship God with our offerings.
There are a variety of gifts and a variety of ways to give!



- If you give electronically, thank you!
- If you would like to give electronically, please scan the QR code to do so.
- If you are led to give through cash or check, simply place your offering in the plate as it passes.

“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Please take a moment to sign the fellowship folders at this time.

Offertory Music: 8:30 - "Andante" G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

11:00 - "Rise Up, My Love" (Song of Songs 2: 10-12),

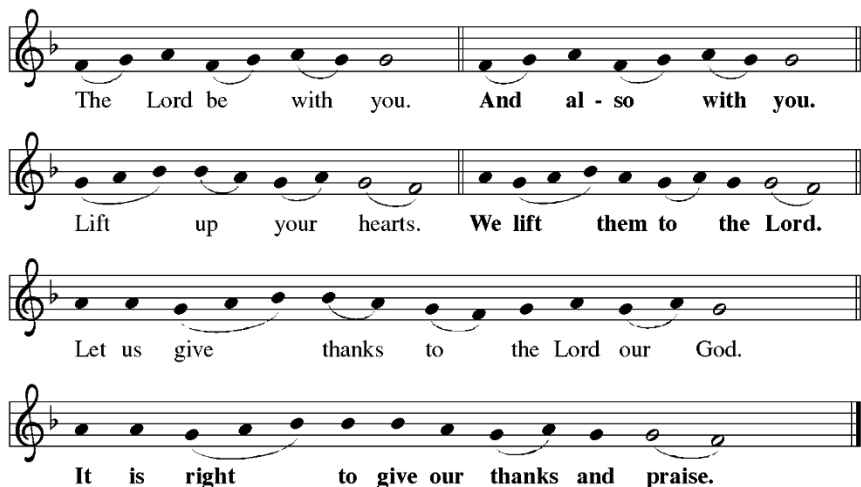
Paul Laubengayer (1946-2010)

*Please stand as we begin singing “Let the Vineyards”
and the elements are brought forward*

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Offering Song

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

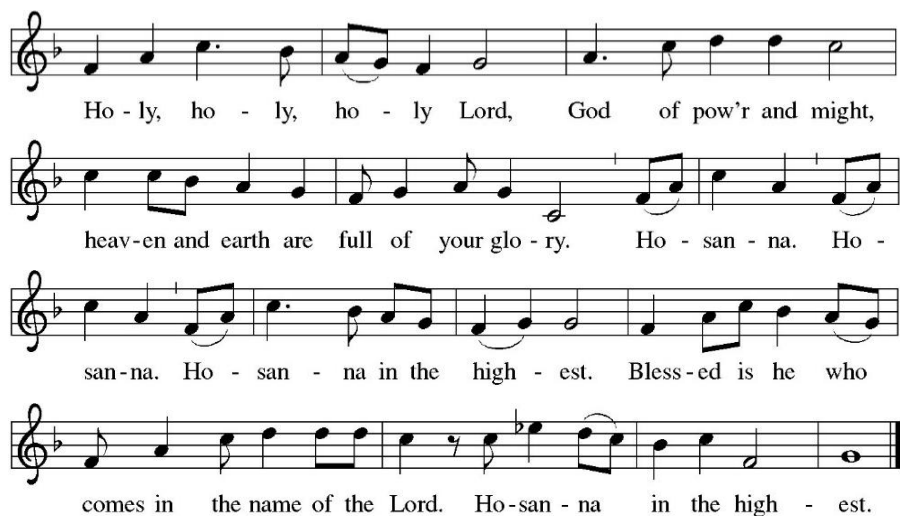
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy God, Mighty Lord, gracious Father...until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Therefore, gracious Father...the great and promised feast.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit...with all your saints in light.

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Join our prayers...now and forever.

C: Amen.

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)

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION by Intinction (dipping the bread into the wine)
*Please come from both sides by the center aisle and return to your seat
by the side aisles.*

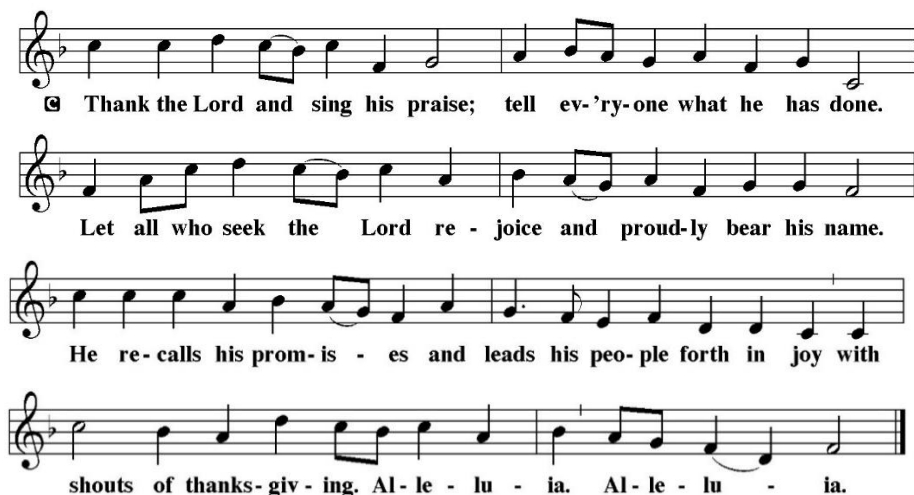
*8:30am Holy Communion by Intinction
Please kneel, if you are able, at the rail.*

*11:00am Holy Communion by Intinction
Those desiring to kneel or pause for prayer at the rail
after communing are invited to do so.*

Communion Music: 8:30 - "Duo des Fleurs" Léo Delibes (1836-91)
11:00 - "Andante" G. F. Handel

(Please stand)

***THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.
He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

***HYMN**

Thine the Amen

ELW #826

***BLESSING** The Three-fold Amen

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: "Maestoso" Johann Erasmus Kinderman (1616-55)

Welcome to Trinity and to this Sabbath time of prayer, praise and thanksgiving.

**Nursery is available for children 5 years and younger at each service.
The nursery is located on the near the south side entrance.*

OUR STAFF AT TRINITY:

Rev. Ken Johnson	Pastor
Rev. Jake Lehman	Outreach Pastor
Vicar Megan Floyd	Intern
Nathan Mattson	Organist/Director of Music
Katie Grubaugh	Office Administrator
Heidi Albertson	Dir. of Family & Youth Ministry
Terri Schmidt	Bookkeeper
Margaret Stevenson	Hospitality Host
Bob Koenes	Custodian
Dr. William Musselman	Organist/Director Emeritus

ALTAR GUILD: Joyce Magerlein, Holly Wohlfert

WELCOME TEAM: 8:30 Dave & Jeannie Grubaugh
11:00 Keith & Julie Peterson

LECTORS: 8:30 Arlen Gullickson
11:00 Heidi Albertson

ACOLYTES: 8:30 Nolan & Avery Fowler
11:00 Kaitlyn Albertson

PRAYER CONCERNS: Ruth Krueger, Debbie Roach, Matt Jaeky, Sylvia Reekers, Beth Latshaw, Cliff Davidson, Sandy Eschelbach, Linda Ward, David Mason, Jo Ellen Lampos, Nick Karasch, Darcey Stevens, Jo Brinker, Vicky Phillips, Rob Broad, Sandy Neal, Robyn Cassell.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Jeannie and Dave Grubaugh in honor of our Mothers.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Sun May 12 Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 11:00
Choir 9:25
Sunday School Classes 9:45
Infant/Toddler small group 10
- Wed May 15 Men's Bible Study 7am
SWELL mtg. 11
- Thu May 16 Meeting of the Men 5-6:30
- Sat May 18 Church Work Day 10-4
- Sun May 19 Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 11:00
Choir 9:25
Last Day of Sunday School Classes 9:45
Plant Exchange
Family Ministry 12:30-2
Sons of Norway 2-5



WORK DAY
at the
CHURCH

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITY – TIME AND TALENT

The Stewardship and Finance and the

Facilities committees are looking for several volunteers to perform a small number of indoor repair, maintenance, housekeeping and, weather permitting, general outdoor clean-up projects to our church and its grounds. This event is scheduled for Saturday, May 18 from 10:00 to 4:00. The projects to be completed this day include replacing light bulbs in the sanctuary, removing pews and floor adjustments to the choir loft, installing window air conditioners in various rooms, setting up the benches in our beautiful courtyard, and moving the planters to the parking lot. All required tools and equipment will be provided. If you have any questions please contact Shaun Wright (269-364-5486, swright@heskzoo.com) or Steven Morris (269.569.4226, sleddog76@hotmail.com).

And remember, "Many hands make light work." Nehemiah 3.



Children's Sunday School wraps up May 19 with our annual end of the year party. Parents and friends are invited to join us for songs, games, and treats in the courtyard at 9:45. We will also celebrate the 5th grade students who are moving on to Confirmation Class next year!

Trinity Youth Fundraiser

Come one, come all

and order your new
Trinity t-shirts and
sweatshirts!!



They are available in four vibrant and beautiful colors. The youth will be taking orders May 12th, 19th, and 26th.
Delivery will be in June.

Don't miss out! Get yours today!!

*Please use the QR Code to see more detailed
Announcements and the upcoming weekly calendar!*



Women's Retreat! Please save the date: Saturday, August 10, 2024, from 9 AM – 4 PM. Trinity is hosting a women's retreat with facilitator Kara Haug. Kara is highly skilled at leading healthy and loving conversations on womanhood and our relationships with ourselves, others, and God. Her goal is to help us change the narrative of negative stories we believe about ourselves and reframe them into God's positive, loving vision for us. If you'd like to learn more about Kara Haug, please visit her website: www.reframingourstories.com

SCRIP Gift Card Table - we would like to remind Trinity members and friends to think of purchasing a few cards to have on hand for teacher gifts, Mother's Day and Father's Day, or graduations not that far off, and Amazon works for almost everyone! We encourage you to stop by and look over our retailer list so you can be part of those helping us help others!

Meeting of the Men - Meeting of the men is an "informal, come as you are, when you can" kind of get together with no agenda, just good conversation and a great opportunity to get to know one other guys who call Trinity home! We typically meet on the Third Thursday of each month and this month is no different, so look for us at the Old Dog Tavern on Thursday May 16 from 5-6:30.

Men's Retreat- Sign up and Save the Date! This fall we'll be heading north again for the Men's Retreat at Camp Arcadia on the beautiful shores of Lake Michigan! The retreat runs from Sept 27-29 with options for coming up early to take advantage of fall in northern Michigan! This is always a great opportunity to get away to relax and connect with other guys from Trinity and beyond! Trinity will be covering your deposit, so cost of registration is just \$163 with options to pay a little more if you'd like a private bath (\$35) or an extra night (\$62). To register, or for more information, go to: <https://camp-arcadia.com/attend-arcadia/mens-retreat/>

Be sure to register for the "Arcadia Men's Retreat with Chad Bird". If you have any questions, contact the Camp Arcadia office staff.

Plant Swap Sunday May 19 after both services! Join us to swap advice, seeds, and plants with other plant enthusiasts! Bring a pest-free, healthy indoor houseplant or outdoor garden plant or two (or more!) for trade; they can be potted, cuttings, or bare root--as long as you're prepared to part with them! You do not have to be a plant expert to participate; plant swaps are a fantastic way to learn more about plants both inside and out!

Helping Hands Needed at Quilters!! No sewing required, please come and help with this project if you are looking for a place to volunteer and some conversation and coffee. The next meeting will be May 23 at 9am. For information, contact Teri at tkoretsky44@yahoo.com or at 269-567-4238.

Men's Bible Study - We will meet on Wed May 1, 15 and 29. We will be serving a light breakfast each time. We meet @ 7:00 AM, and try to finish around 8:00 AM. All are welcome. "No experience necessary". We're just a group of men trying to apply what we read in Scripture to our present lives and to hopefully become a light for others.

Rebecca Circle Looking for a chance to participate monthly in a women's small group meeting for Bible study? Rebecca Circle is an excellent chance to make some new acquaintances while studying God's word. The next Circle meeting will be at Trinity on Wednesday, May 22 at 10am.



Sign up for Fellowship Time and Altar Flowers!

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall and help share God's love for our community! Individuals, families,

and groups are encouraged to provide flowers or host fellowship time for the coming months. This is a great way to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, or other special events. *(And if you enjoy baking, we're always happy for help to stock our freezer for Sundays that might not have a fellowship host!)* *Altar flowers are \$ 20 per bouquet and should be ordered one week in advance.

Call or email the church office or sign up in the Fellowship Hall one week in advance if you wish to put altar flowers on for a Sunday.

Trinity Lutheran Church – Kalamazoo

August 7, 14, 21 6:00-8pm

2 Timothy 4:7-8



Exercise Your Faith

OLYMPICS

Join us for a family-style VBS with
dinner, games, crafts & songs



Trinity Lutheran Church sends out weekly emails to update our congregation on upcoming events, ongoing projects, volunteer opportunities, changes to our schedule, and links to our online services.

Sign up with our QR code for the most up to date information available!