

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

PRELUDE: "Beautiful Savior" setting by Gregory Hamilton (b.1959)

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

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.

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** O God beyond All Praising **ELW #880**

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.



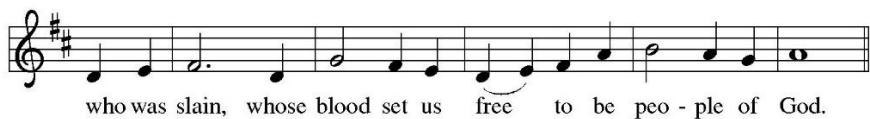
Lord, have mer - cy.

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



A - men.

This Is the Feast



Refrain



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: 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.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Acts 10:44-48

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

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

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 98

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

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

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

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

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

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

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

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

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

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

⁶This 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: 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 15:9-17

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

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

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I 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. ¹⁶You 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. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

Vicar Megan Floyd

*(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.

Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. (*We pray especially for*) God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation, that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us. At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table. 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.

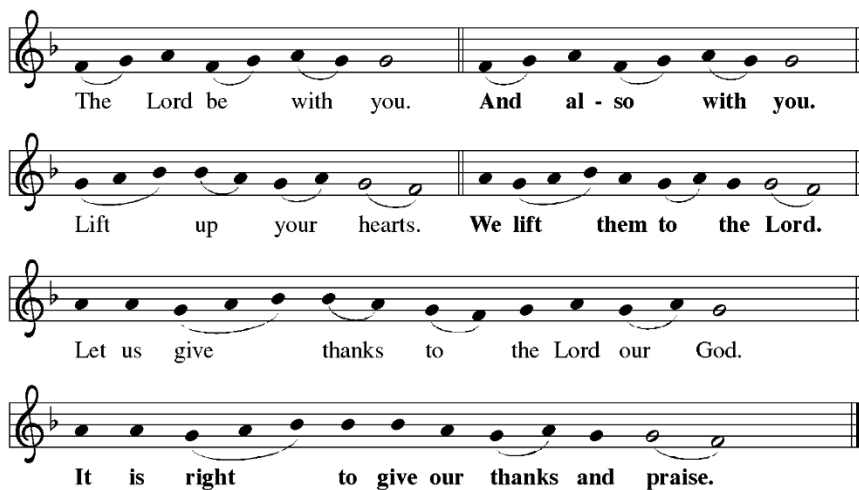
Offertory Music: 8:30 a.m. - "Adagio" Arcangelo Corelli (1653-1713)
11:00 a.m. - "I Will Bow" Frederick Chatfield (b.1950)

*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

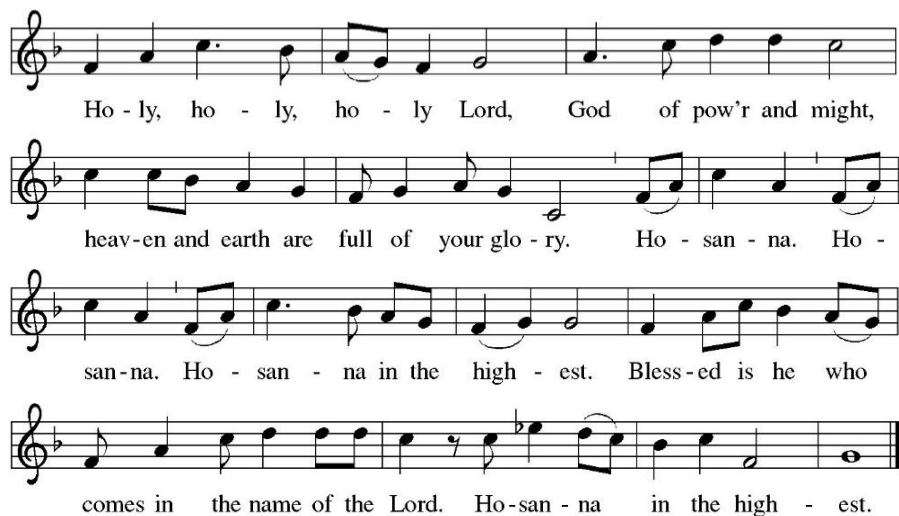


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***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 a.m. - "Crusaders' Hymn"
Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842, setting by Larry Shackley,
Debbie Harding, Piano
11:00 a.m. - "Adagio" Arcangelo Corelli (1653-1713)

(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** Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW #836

***BLESSING** The Three-fold Amen

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Chorale: "Sing to the Lord a New Song"

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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: Karn Erlandson, Julie Peterson

WELCOME TEAM: 8:30 Paula Sportel, Debbie Harding
11:00 Karen Jachym, Pat Mason

LECTORS: 8:30 Jen Gatz
11:00 Julie Peterson

ACOLYTES: 8:30 Jaxon & Avner Grubaugh
11:00 Elyse Albertson, Emma Zimmermann

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

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Bill Sherrod in honor of Judy's 80th birthday on May 1st; and by Pr. Ken and Mary Johnson in memory of Clara Mellum, on her birthday May 3rd.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Wed	May 1	Men's Bible Study 7
Fri	May 3	Funeral for Barb Hogg 11
Sun	May 5	Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 11:00 Choir 9:25 Sunday School Classes 9:45 Parent small group 10 Church Council 12:15 Youth Horseback Riding 12:15 VASA 2-5
Mon	May 6	Prayer Shawl 10
Wed	May 8	Ladies Lunch 11:30
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 Sons of Norway 2-5

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



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!!



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!

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!

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!

Ladies Luncheon The May Ladies Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 18 at 11:30 at Latitude 42 in Oshtemo (6101 West Main St.). We hope to have a large group of old friends and new for some fun and fellowship. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall!

The TLC Prayer Shawl Ministry meets May 6 at 10am We gather the first Monday of each month in the lounge at 10:00 to receive and pray over completed shawls, encourage one another as we work on new shawls, reflect on the gratitude of prayer shawl recipients, and, yes, socialize! Don't know how to knit or crochet? Here's your chance to learn—instruction will be provided! If you would like more information, please call Sidney Mueller at (269)806-0023.

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.

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.

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!