



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 16, 2021 - 10:00 AM



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

As disciples of Christ seeking peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and include all people into the fullness of God's love. We celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this place. All are invited to join this community as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another. All, without exception, are welcome in this place.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of his sister, Frances, and her sister, Lois, by Luther and Sally Boliek.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister & Preaching

Susan Crowell

Pianist

Jim Parham

Cantor

Mark Allen

Lectors

Calvin Harmon
Margaret Roth

Video Direction and Production

Henry Wilcox

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Trio Sonata # 1 in Eb Major: Allegro
J. S. Bach (Premiered May 24, 2020)

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the life beyond all death,
the joy beyond all sorrow, our everlasting home.

Amen.

Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death,
let us come before God who calls us to repentance.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of life,

by the resurrection of your Son you make everything new.

Newness scares us, and we confess to shutting our doors in fear.

We have not listened to voices that challenge us.

We have resisted the Holy Spirit moving us in new directions.

Our hearts are slow to believe your promises.

Forgive us, O God, and renew us to embrace without fear

the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ.

Amen.

People of God: Christ is alive, and death has lost its power.

Through the waters of baptism

you have been born anew by the living word of God.

Know that your sins are forgiven in ✠ Jesus' name

and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you

both now and forever.

Amen.

**Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;
 praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.
 Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease,
 calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.**

**Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word;
 praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword.
 Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand;
 from this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.**

**Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place;
 Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
 Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
 Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.**

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
 who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

A reading from Acts.

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.” ²¹“It is necessary, that one of those who accompanied us all the time that Jesus moved among us²²from the baptism of John until the day Jesus was taken up from us, should be named as witness with us to the 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 chosen²⁵to 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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.

GOSPEL

John 17:6-19

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the seventeenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁶I 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. Abba God, 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.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter,
his the throne; Alleluia! his triumph, his the
victory alone, Hark! The songs of peaceful
Zion thunder like a mighty flood: "Jesus
out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in
sorrow now; Alleluia! he is near us; faith
believes, nor questions how. Though the cloud from sight
received him when the forty days were o'er, shall our
hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?**

**Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our
food, our stay; Alleluia! here the sinful flee to
you from day to day. Intercessor, friend of
sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea where the
songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent
we own; Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your
footstool, heav'n your throne. As within the veil you
entered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.**

**Allelluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter,
his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph, his the
victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful
Zion thunder like a mighty flood: "Jesus
out of ev'ry nation has redeemed us by his blood."**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Gathered in our homes on this seventh Sunday of Easter, let us pray for all who are in need.

For the church we pray, O God: that you raise up the next generation of pastors, deacons, and musicians to serve your people; that you protect believers wherever danger threatens; and that you grant Christians a spirit of unity with all the baptized.

Hear us, God, heavenly parent.

Give us life in your name.

For the earth we pray: that you safeguard the trees and all streams of water; that you preserve the ice at the north and south poles; and that you instruct us in repairing what in your creation we have broken. Hear us, God, plenteous giver.

Give us life in your name.

For peace and justice, we pray: that leaders of nations act with integrity in their decisions; that the poor be respected and supported; that prejudice against people of different color or language or ethnicity or sexual orientation be ended; and that our government use wisely the tax money it gathers. Hear us, God, righteous ruler.

Give us life in your name.

For families, we pray: that families under any stress be strengthened; that immigrant families find acceptance in their new home; that people forced to live away from their families be comforted; and that family members increase in forbearance with one another. Hear us, God, bond of blessing.

Give us life in your name.

For all the sick and suffering, we pray: that you give medical care to all with COVID; that you visit with compassion the people of India; that you sustain those with life-long disability; and that you embrace those we name before you. . . .

Hear us, God, physician and nurse.

Give us life in your name.

For all graduates, we pray, that opportunities for appropriate employment or further education be open to them. For all who cannot benefit from such schooling, especially for women where their education is forbidden, we pray, that you show them a worthy way forward. Hear us, God, teacher of truth.

Give us life in your name.

For ourselves we pray, that despite sorrow or setbacks, we yield the fruitfulness that you intend from us; and that you receive the prayers of our hearts.

Hear us, God, source of peace.

Give us life in your name.

For all who have died in the faith of Christ, we praise you. For Erik of Sweden and for Queen Helena, we thank you. That at our end we join with all the saints in your eternal presence,

Hear us, God, life everlasting.

Give us life in your name.

In the joy of the resurrection, in hope for the gift of your Spirit, we raise these prayers to you, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

We gather at the baptismal font to honor:

Liam Forde

Annie Ives

Natalie McElhinny

Ian Milionis

Will Mosher

Stefani Robinson

Ryan Sease

Emmie Wannemacher

Mac Wannemacher

Owen Wannemacher

Lance Wilcox

Your graduation from high school reflects hard work and dedication, and we are delighted to share in your accomplishments. This is a very significant milestone in your life.

As we recognize and celebrate this milestone in your lives, we gather here at the baptismal font as a reminder of who and whose you are. When you were baptized, you were claimed by God. God's gracious love was poured out on you and you became God's precious children.

As you continue in this baptismal journey of faith, be mindful of these words of Scripture:

Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Jeremiah 29:11

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Ephesians 6:10

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to God in heaven. Matthew 5:16

As you celebrate your achievements and prepare to begin new endeavors, we invite you to be mindful of your grounding in faith and of God's call upon your life.

As a token of our love and our hopes for you, we are gifting you with Trinity blankets. May they give you comfort and warmth on long trips and late nights. May they help you remember your place in this community of faith. May they remind you, that no matter how far away from us you are, you are always wrapped in God's warm and loving embrace.

Let us pray. Gracious God, we praise you for blessing us and claiming us as your own. We thank you for Liam, Annie, Natalie, Ian, Will, Stefani, Ryan, Emmie, Mac, Owen, and Lance, and for the blessing they are to us. Be with them as they begin this new journey in life. Give them wisdom and discernment in decision-making; courage in the face of challenge; strength to confront temptation; comfort in distress; and the peace that comes with the knowledge that you will never let them go. We ask this blessing upon each of them, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Peace be with you.

☒ **Peace be with you.**

*Worshippers are invited to use their phones to text now or make a call later today
to extend a message of peace to someone you love and care about.*

OFFERING AND ANTHEM

*Online giving is available by texting TLCGIVE to 73256,
or by following the link on the homepage of the website, www.trinitylutheran.ws.
Offering may also be mailed to the Church Office at 421 North Main St., Greenville, SC 29601.*

Christ Has Arisen (Mfurahini, haleluya)

Tanzanian Folk Tune, Text: Bernard Kyamanywa, tr. Howard S. Olsen (ELW 364)

OFFERTORY HYMN

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

#535

Refrain

***Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness.
Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness.***

**Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger. *refrain***

**Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel. *refrain***

Let us pray. God of love,
**you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.
Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;
for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin,
who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.
O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.
O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.
O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly,
O God our strength and our song,
you show us a vision of a tree of life
with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.
Grant us such life,
the life of the Father to the Son,
the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,
life in you, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

COMMUNION

All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Anyone preferring not to receive the wine may receive only the bread, completely trusting that the full benefit of communion — Christ's grace and forgiveness — may be found in either the bread or wine.

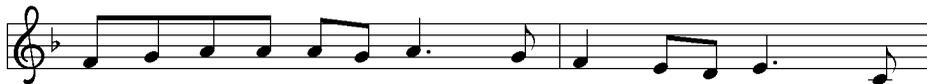
Worshippers who gather with family at home are invited to share the bread and wine with each other using these words spoken directly to each person,

"The body of Christ given for you," and "The blood of Christ shed for you."

Worshippers who are gathering with the community from their individual homes are invited to receive the bread and wine while saying these words,

"The body of Christ given for me," and "The blood of Christ shed for me."

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION



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.

**Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race,
you our head, who, throned in glory, for your own will ever plead:
fill us with your love and pity, heal our wrong, and help our need.**

**As you, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
we but stewards of your bounty held in solemn trust will be.**

**Come, O Christ and reign among us, King of love and Prince of peace;
hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease.**

**By your patient years of toiling, by your silent hours of pain,
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, stem our selfish greed of gain.**

**Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race:
by your praying, by your willing that your people should be one,
grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition: here on earth your will be done.**

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

Amen.

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.

SENDING

BLESSING

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

The God of life,

Creator, ✚ Redeemer, and Sanctifier,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Thine Is the Glory

#376

(Verse 1)

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.
Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!**

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness
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