



LUTHERAN CHURCH 1909

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 21, 2023 - 10:00 AM - in the Gym



### 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 her parents anniversary and her brother Tad Ludian's birthday by Lani Ludian.

# SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister and Preaching	Susan Crowell
Assisting Minister	Lindsay Hawkins
Pianist and Choir Director	Julie Florin
Lector	Lisa Rehm
Cantor	Melanie Helling
Prayers	Calvin Harmon
Communion Assistant	Angie McCormack
Acolytes	Ben McCormack Peyton Roth
Children's Worship Activity Leaders	Amanda Cook Chad Brightwell Julie Brightwell
Greeters	Mark Allen Chad Brightwell Julie Brightwell David Nichols Karen Nichols Suzanne Rudisill Dora Welch
Ushers	Danny Fagala Bonnie Farmer Calvin Harmon
Refreshment Hosts	Lani and Russ Wise
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Emily Hager

# GATHERING

PRELUDE

*Shout On!* Arr.  
Joseph M. Martin

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

TEMPLE TALK

Dick Peterson  
Interim Executive Director at NovusWay Ministries

*Please stand as able*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

We confess that we are still uninformed about mental health and how it impacts adults, children, teens, and families.

**At times, because of our lack of knowledge and understanding of mental health we find ourselves separated from our siblings, our families, and ourselves.**

There are lines drawn between us because we attempt to define wholeness and wellness, falsely thinking mental health struggles leave us unworthy.

**Because of our lack of knowledge we live cut off from sources of strength and power that would help us be aware of mental health struggles. This lack of knowledge often makes us feel that we cannot act for ourselves and others. Help us to see ourselves and others as both whole and broken and always fully worthy of your love and care.**

So many events, meetings, and needs call to us, grabbing for our attention, that we find ourselves stretched to a fine, thin line.

**In the face of all this, we continue to seek knowledge and understanding of mental health that will bring liberation and peace to us and those we serve and unite us to action.**

Let us pray.

**O God, our liberation and peace, we seek the power of your Spirit, that we may live in fuller union with you, ourselves, and our siblings with mental illness. Also grant that we may gain courage to love and understand each other. Grant us mercy and forgiveness on this journey. Amen.**

**We are people created, chosen by God.  
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.  
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door  
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.**

**We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.  
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.  
For whatever the need, God is greater indeed:  
endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.**

**We are nourished by water, all living things,  
and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.  
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:  
precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.**

**Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.  
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.  
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be  
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!**

## 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.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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

*Refrain*



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



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

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and opened the door for our healing, wholeness, life, and peace. Help us to trust you, and to trust your love and care for us. Give us the courage to cast all of our anxiety on you because you care for us and you will set our hearts and minds free...free to live, free to love, free to be at peace in our own skin, free to be the beautiful, precious, beloved people you created us to be 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*

## WORD

### FIRST READING

Acts 1:6-14

A reading from Acts.

<sup>6</sup>When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that God has set divine authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When Jesus had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two messengers in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Galileans, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." <sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**



SECOND READING

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

A reading from first Peter.

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed.

<sup>14</sup>If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

<sup>5:6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that you may be exalted in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on God, for God cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your siblings in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, will restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To God be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*Free from Worry*

*Please stand as able*

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.



The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the fourteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus said this, he looked up to heaven and said, “God, the hour has come! Glorify your Only Begotten that I may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>through the authority you’ve given me over all humankind, by bestowing eternal life on all those you gave me. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life: to know you, the only true God, and the one you have sent, Jesus, the Messiah. <sup>4</sup>I have given you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>Now, God, glorify me with your own glory, the glory I had with you before the world began. <sup>6</sup>I have manifested your Name to those you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me; and now they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you’ve entrusted to me does indeed come from you. <sup>8</sup>I entrusted to them the message you entrusted to me, and they received it. They know that I really came from you; they believe it was you who sent me. <sup>9</sup>And it’s for them that I pray— not for the world, but for these you’ve given me— for they are really yours, <sup>10</sup>just as all that belongs to me is yours, and all that belongs to you is mine. It is in them that I have been glorified. <sup>11</sup>I am in the world no more, but while I am coming to you, they are still in the world. God, holy God, protect those whom you have given me with your Name— the Name that you gave me— that they may be one, even as we are one.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

SERMON

*The Burden of Anxiety and God’s Promise of Peace*

*Please stand as able*

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

#843

**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.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

**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

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God of harmony, as you drew your son to your side, you draw us to you and unite us with creation and one another. Weave your church together in a web of mutual love for the sake of the world. As we are one in baptism, so continue creating us as one in mission and in love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

As your Spirit hovered over the waters of creation, so your Spirit hovers over all that you have made. Bless the water that sustains the planet and grant wisdom to use it wisely. We thank you for locally harvested produce, especially locally produced strawberries, blueberries, and peaches coming into season for our enjoyment. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You empower your people with the fire of your Spirit. Challenge politicians and all in leadership to allow teachers to teach messages of peace and justice. Grant leadership the wisdom to speak publicly against legislation proposing that our educators are not equipped to discern the educational needs of their students. Gift teachers with the stamina to continue their good work in these next weeks leading to Summer break. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You care for all your people. Show your steadfast love to those suffering isolation, especially exiles, refugees, or prisoners. Break the chains of all held fast by systemic oppression of any kind. Continue making a way for immigrants, the queer community, people of color, abuse victims, and all others to whom the world turns a deaf ear. Comfort all who are afraid or suffering from illness or grief, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Through children, you give us a glimpse of your kin-dom. Continue to bless and strengthen new endeavors of faith formation for children in this place. Bring forth creative and compassionate adult leaders and grant us all the ability to ensure both worship and children's faith formation accomplish nothing less than making children feel loved, valued, and included. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks that humankind serves as your body in the world, stewarding your abundant gifts. Guide this congregation's leaders as they seek your will. We pray for our pastors, staff, and council as they continue to navigate leadership in a post-pandemic world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You care deeply for our mental and emotional well-being. Give us the courage to face our mental health challenges and open us today to the many ways you are already working in our midst. Help us to identify our own mental health struggles and give us courage and wisdom in the face of ignorance and stigma. Inspire us as we seek to overcome fear, acquire knowledge, and advocate for compassionate and enlightened treatment and services for all people. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You raise your saints to new life in Christ. We give you thanks for all your saints who have given us glimpses of your redeeming love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ is with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.*

*Please be seated*

MEAL

OFFERING

*I Come with Joy*  
setting by Jim Parham

Adult Choir

*Please stand as able*

OFFERING HYMN

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

#674

**Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

*Refrain*

***Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound! Repeat***

**Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. *Refrain***

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'ry where! *Refrain***

Let us pray, Generous God,  
**in this meal you offer your very self.**  
**We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.**  
**In the breaking of this bread**  
**reveal to us the Risen One.**  
**In the pouring of this wine**  
**pour us out in service to the world;**  
**through Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.

**And also with you.**

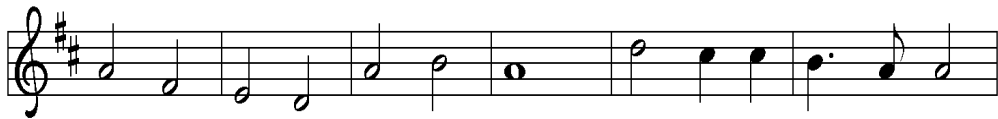
Lift up your hearts.

**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:



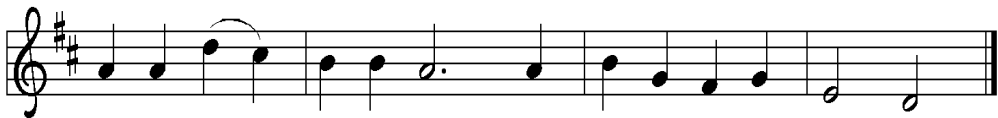
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we await the day when Jesus shall return  
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.  
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

**Amen.**

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,  
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup  
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.  
Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

**Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,  
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,  
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, 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.**

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Please be seated*

## 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 will come forward to receive a wafer  
and a small cup of wine.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

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, grant us peace.

**We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single great commission compels us from above  
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.**

**We all are called for service, to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,  
so ev'ry folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.**

**Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.**

*Bread of Life from Heaven*

#474

*Refrain*

***Bread of life from heaven, your blood and body given,  
we eat this bread and drink this cup until you come again.***

**Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice; giving  
thanks, hungry ones, gather round. Eat, all of you, and be  
satisfied; in Christ's presence the loaves will abound. *Refrain***

**Seek not the food that will pass away; set your  
hearts on the food that endures. Come, learn the true and the  
living way, that the fullness of life may be yours. *Refrain***

**Love as the one who, in love for you, gave himself  
for the life of the world. Come to the one who is  
food for you, that your hunger and thirst be no more. *Refrain***

**Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your  
home in the lifegiving Word. Know only Christ, Holy  
One of God, and believe in the truth you have heard. *Refrain***

**Drink of this cup and declare his death; eat this  
bread and believe Easter morn; trust his return and, with  
ev'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are reborn. *Refrain***



**Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees.**

*Refrain*

***When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.***

**Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
Let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain***

**Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain***

*Rise, O Sun of Righteousness*

#657

**Rise, O Sun of righteousness; with your  
might creation bless. Shine upon your church today,  
showing all your gentle way. Have mercy, Lord.**

**Rouse our hearts from slumber deep; may your  
word within us leap. Give us voices to proclaim  
praises to your holy name. Have mercy, Lord.**

**Gather in your scattered flock; give us  
water from the rock. Bless the unity we share  
in our shepherd's loving care. Have mercy, Lord.**

**Burst the bars of stubborn pride; make the  
heav'nly pathway wide. Raise us up from sin and death  
with your Spirit's living breath. Have mercy, Lord.**

**Honor, praise and glory be to the  
holy Trinity! May your gracious will be done:  
make us one, as you are one. Have mercy, Lord.**

*Please stand as able*

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God,  
in you we live and move and have our being.  
With your word and this meal of grace,  
you have nourished our life together.  
Strengthen us to show your love  
and serve the world in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of all,  
who raised + Jesus from the dead,  
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit  
to live in the new creation.

SENDING HYMN

*Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

#383

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.  
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.**

**Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.  
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.  
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.**

**Christ is risen! Earth and heaven never more shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna, ev'ryone!**

## DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.  
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

Joysong  
by Mark Hayes

*Everyone is invited to gather in the back corner of the Gym  
following worship for refreshments and fellowship.*

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