



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 12, 2024 - 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 honor and memory of all mothers by Bonnie Farmer.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister and Preaching	Susan Crowell
Assisting Minister	Patrick Preacher
Pianist and Choir Director	Jim Parham
Lector	Margaret Roth
Prayers	Jonathan Preacher
Communion Assistant	Deirdre Hixson
Cantor	Bob and Sheryl Schirmer
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Children's Worship Activity Leaders	Debbie Farstad Anne Harmon Lara Wannemacher
Nursery	Karen Craig
Praying for Possibilities	Terry Morgan
Greeters Ushers	Mark Allen Anne Harmon Deirdre Hixson Lani Ludian Jane Mortenson Lyle Mortenson Steve Boguski Bonnie Farmer
Fellowship Hosts	Calvin Harmon David Potts Parish Life
Video Audio	Henry Wilcox Gregg Alley

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Concerto No. 3 for Clarinet: Allegro Moderato by Carl Stamitz Jenna Mast, clarinet

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

Please stand as able

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian eunuch entered your boundless baptismal life and grace.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We confess all that we have done and left undone, knowing that at the foot of the cross and by the empty tomb, our sins are forgiven. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia! "I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold. I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the living Lord to whom you now belong.If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun."

"In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun. When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise."

"I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold."

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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of grace, welcome, belonging, and inclusion, you call us to be the church in the world, not to destroy the world, but to transform the world with your love. Give us the strength and wisdom to resist the status quo, to refrain from going along to get along, to refuse to settle for the world as it is in all of its brokenness and injustice. Give us the courage and power to do great things for God, to create a safe, just, and equitable world for all in the name of Jesus who gave his life for the life of the world and every single human being on the planet.

Amen.

Please be seated

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." ²¹So one of those 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.

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**



 $^1{\rm Happy}$ 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!

²Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,

and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night. R

- ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither;
- everything they I do shall prosper.
- ⁴It 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.
- ⁶For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,
 - but the way of the wicked shall ${\mbox{{\tiny |}}}$ be destroyed. R

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that God has testified to God's Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made God a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning God's Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in God's 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.

The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

The World's Message...God's Message

Please stand as able



#172

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the seventeenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus prayed: ⁶⁴I 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 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.**

Please be seated

SERMON

In the World, but NOT of the World

Please stand as able

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.

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.

We pray for the church and all ministers of the gospel, that the Spirit will empower them to be your witnesses throughout the earth. Keep all teachers of the faith and missionaries under your care. Guide them to proclaim your inclusive word to the world. As you have made Christ the head of the church and named the church as Christ's body, guide us to live into the wholeness of the body of Christ, set free to love and serve the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the well-being of creation and for all your creatures: for zoos, nature preserves, and conservation organizations, for endangered species, and for those who work to protect all that you have made. Bless the animals of the Greenville Zoo so that the tortoises, red pandas, lemurs, giraffes and all the animals may live in ways that allow them to thrive, protect their species, and grant us the ability to wonder in awe at your creation. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations and those who govern: for all countries, regions, and people in crisis or at war. Grant strength and resilience to civilians who are caught in the crossfires of war. Shelter them from harm and make your presence known in their dark hours. Bring your peace on earth, in our homes, and in our hearts. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all in any need: for exiles, refugees, and those fleeing war and poverty, for those who suffer from individual and institutionalized racism, and for the queer community as they continue to face legislation targeting their well-being. Be with those who grieve, and with those near death. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for this congregation and for its concerns: for worship guests, for those who are absent, for the homebound, and for those who travel. Enliven our faith and invigorate our mission as servants of the gospel. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We pray for all those in our family of faith who are graduating: Bless our graduates as they begin new chapters of their lives. Guide them with your wisdom, inspire them with your truth, and fill them with your grace. We pray that Carlie, Emma Grace, Nate, Ben, Peyton, Abby, and Adyson will always feel your presence, seek your purpose, and let the light of your love shine through them in all that they do. Help them to know they are and always will be worthy of your love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those who celebrate Mother's Day: for parents, mentors, guides, and all the diverse expressions of parenthood that enrich our community and shape our understanding of love. We give thanks for the selfless sacrifices, unwavering support, and boundless affection that is present in all who embody the spirit of motherhood, regardless of gender identity, or traditional roles. Bless those who may not fit conventional labels, but who nonetheless shape the lives of those they love with tenderness and care. Strengthen us with the bonds of your motherly love which unites us all. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving for all the faithful departed who now rest in you. Following the example of all those who have died in the faith, strengthen us to share your good news in the world. 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.**

Please be seated

BLESSING OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

We invite our high school graduates to come and gather with us at the baptismal font.

Carlie Balck	Peyton Roth
Emma Grace Haines	Abby Sease
Nate Hybl	Adyson Woodward
Ben McCormack	

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.

Please stand as able

Let us pray. Gracious God, we praise you for blessing us and claiming us as your own. We thank you for Carlie, Emma Grace, Nate, Ben, Peyton, Abby, and Adyson 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; boldness to change the world for the good of all, 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 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

Easter from Five Mystical Songs by R. Vaughan Williams Text by George Herbert Bob Schirmer, baritone

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise, Without delays, Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise With him mayest rise: That, as his death calcined thee to dust, His life may make thee gold, and much more, Just. Rise heart; thy Lord is risen.

Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part With all thy art, The cross taught all wood to resound his name Who bore the same. His stretch-ed sinews taught all strings, what key Is best to celebrate this most high day.

Consort, both heart and lute, and twist a song Pleasant and long; Or since all music is but three parts vied, And multiplied; O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part, And make up our defects with this sweet art.

Please stand as able

Offering Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! (verses 1 and 4) #385

Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our king! To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord, the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Let us pray, Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen. GREAT THANKSGIVING

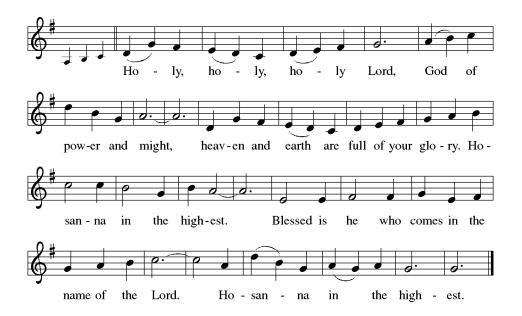
The Lord is with you. **And also with you.**

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:



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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, 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!

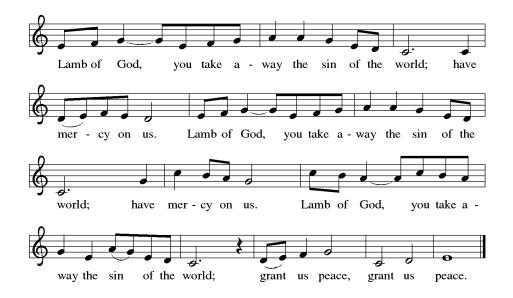
Please be seated

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.

At the direction of the ushers, worshippers are invited to move to the front of the center aisle to dip the bread into the wine to receive Communion by intinction.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



Planted	by Stream	s of Living	Water
by Jim Parham			

Handbell Choir

Concerto No. 3 for Clarinet: *Romanza* Jenna Mast, clarinet by Carl Stamitz

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

#523

Refrain

Let us go now to the banquet, to the feast of the universe. The table's set and a place is waiting; come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.

I will rise in the early morning; the community's waiting for me. With a spring in my step I'm walking with my friends and my family. *Refrain*

God invites all the poor and hungry to the banquet of justice and good where the harvest will not be hoarded so that no one will lack for food. *Refrain*

May we build such a place among us where all people are equal in love. God has called us to work together and to share ev'rything we have. *Refrain*

Be Thou with Me Si by J. S. Bach

Sheryl Schirmer, soprano

One Bread, One Body

#496

Refrain

One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing which we bless, and we, though many throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. Refrain

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. Refrain

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all. Refrain

You Are Holy

You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more than we ever understand. You are always at hand. Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming here to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

> You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present. Let the cosmos praise you, Lord! Sing hosanna in the highest! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!

> > Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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*

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

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always. **Amen.**

#674

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

DISMISSAL

Go in peace.

Resist the urge to settle for the status quo, to simply do the reasonable, expected thing when you have the power to do a bold, great thing for God and God's people. You are in the world, but you are not of the world.

Savor the love and belonging of this place and be sent into the world as beacons of love and light for all.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Everyone is invited to gather in the back corner of the Gym following worship for refreshments in celebration of our High School Seniors.

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