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Trinity Lutheran Church Sixth Sunday of Easter May 17, 2020 **TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

304 E. Ferris St. Galesburg, IL 61401

"the welcome place"

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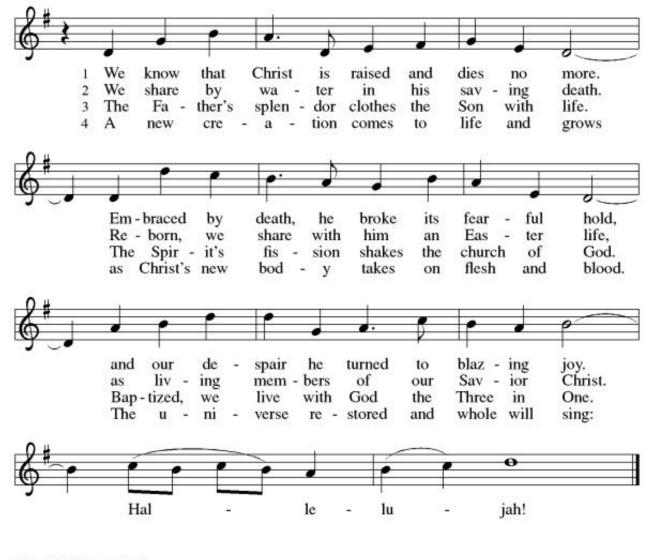
Prelude

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Gathering Hymn #449"We Know That Christ Is Raised"

We Know That Christ Is Raised



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Blessing of the Meal

Holy and Living God,

Holy and Living God [continue to repeat the next lines in this way]

We gather in your name... invited by Jesus... bound together with your Spirit... in union with each other...

Feed our bodies and our spirits... with your comforting presence... so that we might be your comfort to others...

Bless this food... and break open our hearts... Bless this drink... and pour out your love... Amen...

Kyrie p. 138



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Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Children's Message

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First Reading Acts 17:22-31

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals' life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.' ²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Psalm 66:8-20

⁸Bless our | God, you peoples;

let the sound of | praise be heard.

⁹Our God has kept us a- | mong the living and has not allowed our | feet to slip.

¹⁰For you, O God, have | tested us;

you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

¹¹You brought us in- | to the net;

you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.

¹²You let people ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water,

but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.

¹³I will enter your house | with burnt offerings and will pay | you my vows—

¹⁴those that I promised | with my lips

and spoke with my mouth when I | was in trouble.

¹⁵I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the | smoke of rams;

I will give you ox- | en and goats.

¹⁶Come and listen, all you | who believe, and I will tell you what God has | done for me.
¹⁷I called out to God | with my mouth, and praised the Lord | with my tongue.
¹⁸If I had cherished evil | in my heart, the Lord would | not have heard me;
¹⁹but in truth | God has heard me and has attended to the sound | of my prayer.
²⁰Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer, nor withheld unfailing | love from me.

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

(Stand)



Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

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Gospel

The holy gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

John 14:15-21

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Sit) Sermon

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

(Stand)

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering

(Stand)

Offering Prayer

Merciful God,

Our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Feed us again at this table for service in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ.

Amen.

Special Music "Hilaritas"

Buckner

Prayers of Intercession

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Abiding God, you have revealed yourself to us in the form of your Son, Jesus Christ. Embolden your church, as your followers, to reveal your love to everyone in our speaking and in our living. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You are the creator of heaven and earth. Revitalize the health of oceans, rivers, lakes, springs, glaciers, and other bodies of water that give life to your creatures. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You call all people of the world your children. Judge the nations justly, show mercy to the oppressed, and speak truth to power through your prophets. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You come near to us when we are lost, and you hear our distress. We pray for those who suffer in any way especially Jane, Ian, Ken, Marcy Charlotte, Bob, Rosie, Robb Charles, Carolina, Sandy, Patti, Jon, Jan, Kim, Helen, Eric, Larry, Kyle, Larry, Thad, Lyle, Billie, Tom, Warren, Gail, Beth, Robin, Lynn, Laura, Katie, Chuck, Richard, Jim, Ryan, Sharon, and Dick. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Your commands are good and merciful. Give us courage to take hold of our baptismal promises to work for justice, advocate for the voiceless, and free the oppressed and imprisoned in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

You remain with us always, O God, and your kingdom has no end. We remember the saints who have gone before us. Unite us forever in your final victory over death. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

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Announcements

Blessing

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Recessional Hymn #857"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Dismissal

Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

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