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## **Trinity Lutheran Church**

Sixth Sunday of Easter May 5, 2024

#### TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

304 E. Ferris St. Galesburg, IL 61401

"the welcome place"

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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.

#### + + + GATHERING + + +

**Prelude** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Paul Manz, Kevin Sadowski

#### Welcome & Announcements - Please Sign In

(Stand)

#### **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 official entered your boundless baptismal life.

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 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. **Amen.** 

Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

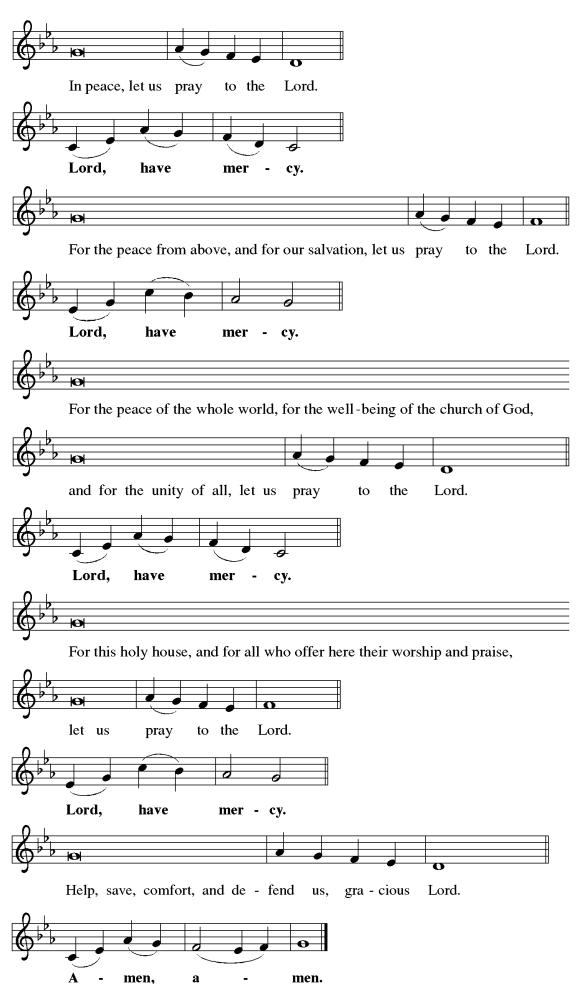
#### Gathering Hymn ELW #836

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

#### 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.** 

## Kyrie





## Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

## And also with you.

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.

Amen.

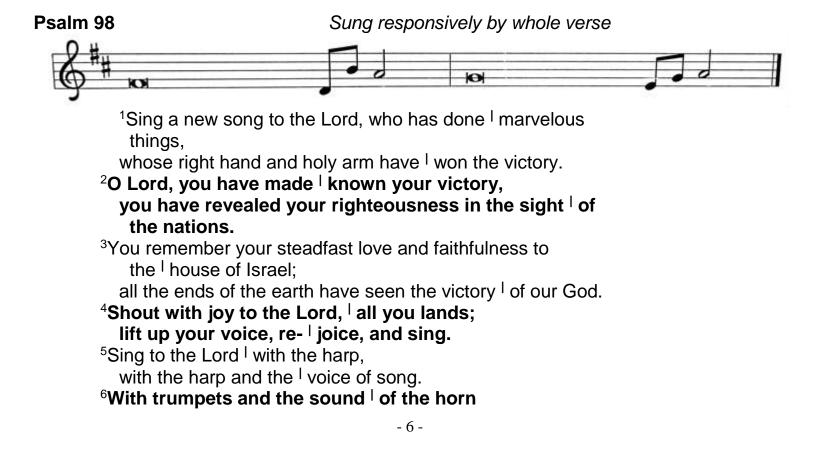
(Sit)

#### + + + WORD + + +

## First Reading Acts 10:44-48

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

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



## shout with joy before the <sup>|</sup> king, the Lord.

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and <sup>1</sup> all that fills it, the world and those who <sup>1</sup> dwell therein.

<sup>8</sup>Let the rivers <sup>|</sup> clap their hands,

# and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to <sup>1</sup> judge the earth.

<sup>9</sup>The Lord will judge the <sup>1</sup> world with righteousness and the peo- <sup>1</sup> ples with equity.

## Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6

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

This 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.

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

#### (Stand) Gospel Acclamation

ELW Setting #1 Gospel Acclamation p.102



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.

**Gospel** John 15:9-17 The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.** 

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I 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. You 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. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

(Sit) Children's Message Sermon

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes

(Stand) Hymn of the Day ELW #631

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

#### **Nicene Creed**

Let us confess our faith in the words of the 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.

#### **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, so 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, so 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 Bev, Jim, Anna Engholm and family, Steve, Elaine, and Jane. 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, especially Harry Engholm. At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table. God of grace,

#### hear our prayer.

We offer to you these prayers as well as those we now name to you either aloud or in our hearts.

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.** 

#### Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

#### + + + MEAL + + +

#### (Sit) Offering

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Scott Hyslop

## (Stand)

#### **Offering Prayer**

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 be with you. And also with you. Life 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;

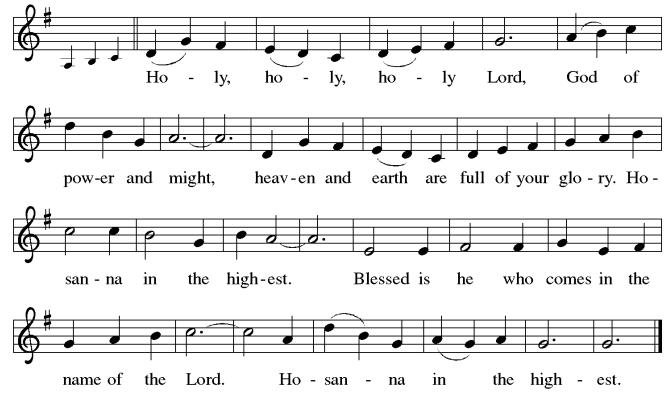
who in dying has destroyed death,

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:



Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness

to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

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.

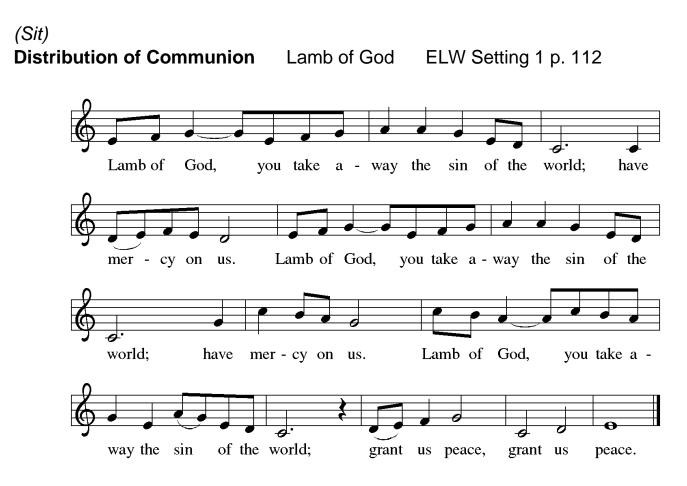
#### The Lord's Prayer

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.

#### Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

All are welcome to receive communion at Trinity Lutheran Church. If you wish to receive you may come forward as dismissed by the usher and come to the altar rail and kneel or stand. Receive the bread. Then you may take a small cup from the tray. Red wine is along the outside and white grape juice is located in the center of the tray. Gluten-free wafers are also available. Place empty cups in the bowls carried by the acolyte. If you prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, you may indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest at the altar rail. Return to your pew by the side aisles.



Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart

J. Wayne Kerr

#### (Stand)

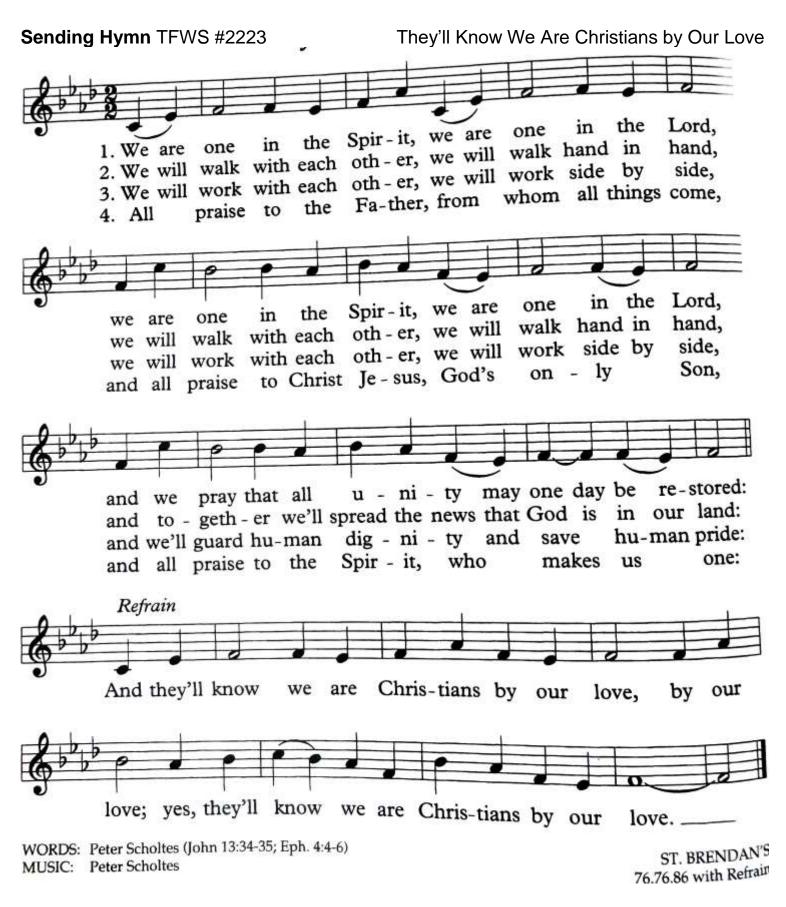
## **Prayer After Communion**

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!



#### Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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## As you leave, please take a moment to greet one another.

## **Worship Participants**

Audio: Norm Tippey Video: Matthew Hutchings Ushers: Erin Crawford, Jen Robinson, Linda Tippey Communion Setup: Jen Robinson Assisting Minister: Sarah Brakenbury Reader: Mary Lou Lindberg Wine Servers: Nick Elders, Hillary Hoffman Acolyte: Cecilia Crawford Acolyte @ the Rail: Emma Helvey Coffee Fellowship: Kristy Johnson, Kathy Bell Closing Duties: Sarah Brakenbury Organist: Bette Mohr Director of Choirs: James Hutchings Pastor: Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes



Today's Altar Flowers were donated by **Mark & Jennifer Holmes**, *In Honor of the upcoming marriage of Graham Holmes and Sally Butzer.* 

Today's Radio Broadcast was sponsored by **Brenda Patterson**, to God be the Glory.

## Announcements

## Happy Cinco De Mayo!

**Feed Wilbur!** Remember all of 2024 we will be celebrating 50 years of the WHA, and we will be doing a donation match at the end of the year!

Coffee Fellowship is immediately after service!

#### Happy Teachers Day-May 7th

Teachers make the world go round, thank you for teaching whether past or present, you've made a difference ③

**Non-Availability Update-** The non-availability that I'd asked for was May-July and we actually needed June-August. Please update the Office with your August non-availability, (Sundays only), there are sheets on the small table on the Narthex or you can call, mail, email, or drop off your non-availability to the office by **May 6**<sup>th</sup>. Sorry for the inconvenience.

**May Birthdays in Tidings-**Please accept my apology, I ran the wrong report, and not all birthdays were included, I will have an updated list in the next edition of Tidings and there's an updated May Birthday List hanging in the Narthex bulletin board.

#### Knox Rootabaga Jazz Fest-May 14th-18th

See the flyer downstairs or in the Narthex Bulletin for details

#### **Current Prayer List:**

If you would like prayers for yourself or your loved one(s) please fill out a salmon-colored form on the bulletin table in the Narthex and drop it in the offering plate or contact the Office directly via phone or email.

Name	Prayer
Bev Powell	Prayers for healing & recovery
Jim Musolf	Prayers for healing, health, & recovery
Anna Engholm & Family	Prayers for comfort & peace w/the passing of her Husband, Harry
Steve	Prayers for healing
Elaine	Prayers for health
Jane	Prayers for health

## **This Week at Trinity**

Sun, May 5	8:45 am 9:30 am 10:30 am	Choir Worship Coffee Fellowship
Mon, May 6	10:00 am Brews & Views Non-Availability Due	
Tues, May 7	9:00 am 6:00 pm	The Tie That Binds Exec. Meeting
Wed, May 8	Exec. Minutes Due	

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes, Pastor, Out-of-office: Friday Cell phone: 618-803-8778 Church Office: Phone 309-343-4191 Hours 8:00 am - 1:00 pm, Monday-Friday 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays; Worship 5:00 pm; Holy Communion Sunday Worship at 9:30 am; Holy Communion Sunday Radio Ministry at 9:30 am on WRAM – 1330 AM, Facebook www.trinitygalesburg.org trinitylutheran@trinitygalesburg.org

#### Vision Statement Developing Disciples – Connecting to Christ

#### Mission Statement Led by the Spirit, we receive Christ's love, share God's forgiving grace, and reach out to welcome, encourage and serve all.

#### Welcome Statement

Members of Trinity Lutheran Church are freed by the Gospel to seek reconciliation and wholeness in a world that is frequently an unloving place. We extend welcome people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, whether believer, doubter, or seeker. In Christ's love we invite you, so that led by the power of the Holy Spirit we will join together to strive for racial equity, justice, peace and love in all the earth.

#### **Our Guiding Principles**

Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior.
We faithfully worship through Word and Sacrament.
We invite and welcome everyone.
We engage all generations in education and ministry.
We serve local and global communities.