

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 24, 2020

Opening Hymn: "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" vs. 1-4



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New  
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up -  
 3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why  
 4 "You see Him now, as - cend - ing high Up



hymns through - out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia,  
 on the Mount of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia,  
 stand and gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia,  
 to the por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
 al - le - lu - ia! And with His faith - ful fol - l'wers  
 al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior," thus they  
 al - le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall



trod, As - cends un - to the throne of  
 see Their Lord as - cend in maj - es -  
 say; "This is His glo - rious tri - umph  
 see Re - turn - ing in great maj - es -



God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 ty. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 day!" Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 ty." Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**Reading:** Acts 1:1-11

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own 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 and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. (*We pause to extinguish the Pascal Candle.*) <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Hymn:** “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing” vs. 5-6

5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord, And  
△ 6 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, All  
be our fu - ture great re - ward. Al - le - lu - ia,  
praise to You let earth ac - cord: Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Then, throned with You for - ev - er,  
al - le - lu - ia! You are, while end - less a - ges

we run, Shall With praise Your name e - ter - nal -  
ly. one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## Confession and Absolution

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight

**in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C Amen.**

### **Introit**

**P** I will sing of steadfast love and justice;

**C to you, O LORD, I will make music.**

**P** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

**C Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!**

**P** Know that the LORD, he is God!

**C It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

**P** Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

**C Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

**P** For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,

**C and his faithfulness to all generations.**

**P** I will sing of steadfast love and justice;

**C to you, O LORD, I will make music.**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**P** I will sing of steadfast love and justice;

**C to you, O LORD, I will make music.**

### **Kyrie**

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

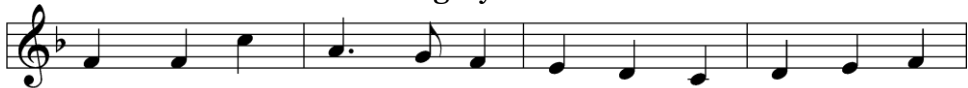
**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

**Hymn: "Praise to the Lord the Almighty"**



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly  
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,  
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -  
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your  
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -  
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly  
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall  
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His  
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is  
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has  
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -  
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.  
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.  
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Old Testament: Ezekiel 24:25-27

<sup>25</sup> “As for you, son of man, surely on the day when I take from them their stronghold, their joy and glory, the delight of their eyes and their soul’s desire, and also their sons and daughters, <sup>26</sup> on that day a fugitive will come to you to report to you the news. <sup>27</sup> On that day your mouth will be opened to the fugitive, and you shall speak and be no longer mute. So you will be a sign to them, and they will know that I am the Lord.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Song: “Open the Eyes of My Heart”

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You, I want to see You (Repeat)

To see You high and lifted up, Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love, As we sing holy, holy, holy.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You, I want to see You (Repeat)

To see You high and lifted up, Shining in the light of Your glory

Pour out Your power and love, As we sing holy, holy, holy. (Repeat)

Holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy

You are holy, holy, holy  
I want to see you. (repeat 2 times)

**Epistle:** Acts 8:26-40

<sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south<sup>Ⓜ</sup> to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. <sup>27</sup> And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup> and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” <sup>30</sup> So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup> And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter  
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he opens not his mouth.


<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup> And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup> Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” <sup>38</sup> And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup> And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

**Ⓟ** This is the Word of the Lord.

**☩** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse



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.

### Holy Gospel: Luke 8:8-12

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>8</sup> And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” <sup>9</sup> And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, <sup>10</sup> he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’ <sup>11</sup> Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. <sup>12</sup> The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### Children’s Message

#### May Memory Verse

“ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you.” Ezekiel  
36:26

**Song:** “Word of God Speak”

I'm finding myself at a loss for words  
And the funny thing is it's okay



The last thing I need is to be heard  
But to hear what You would say

Word of God speak, Would you pour down like rain  
Washing my eyes to see, Your majesty, To be still and know  
That you're in this place  
Please let me stay and rest  
In your holiness, Word of God speak.

I'm finding myself in the midst of You  
Beyond the music, beyond the noise  
All that I need is to be with You  
And in the quiet, I hear Your voice

Word of God speak, Would you pour down like rain  
Washing my eyes to see, Your majesty, To be still and know  
That you're in this place  
Please let me stay and rest  
In your holiness, Word of God speak.

I'm finding myself at a loss for words  
And the funny thing is it's okay

## **Sermon**

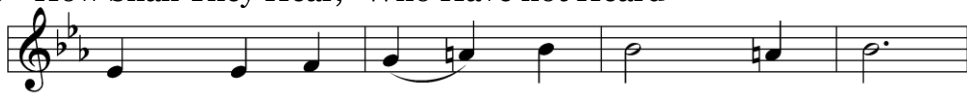
### **Apostles' Creed**

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

## Time of Offering

### Song: "How Shall They Hear," Who Have not Heard



1 "How shall they hear," who have not heard  
2 "To all the world," to ev - 'ry place,  
3 "Whom shall I send?" Who hears the call,  
4 "Lord, here am I:" Your fire im - part  
5 Spir - it of love, with - in us move:



News of a Lord who loved and came;  
Neigh - bors and friends and far - off lands,  
Con - stant in prayer, through toil and pain,  
To this poor cold self - cen - tered soul;  
Spir - it of truth, in pow'r come down!



Nor known His rec - on - cil - ing word,  
Preach the good news of sav - ing grace;  
Tell - ing of One who died for all,  
Touch but my lips, my hands, my heart,  
So shall they hear and find and prove



Nor learned to trust a Sav - ior's name?  
Go while the great com - mis - sion stands.  
To bring a lost world home a - gain?  
And make a world for Christ my goal.  
Christ is their life, their joy, their crown.

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## Offering Prayer

### Lord's Prayer

### Collect for the Word

**P** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of your Holy Word, we may

embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### **Benediction**

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C Amen.**

### **Closing Song: “Hear Our Praises”**

May our homes be filled with dancing  
May our streets be filled with joy.  
May injustice bow to Jesus  
As the people turn to pray.

From the mountains to the valleys  
Hear our praises rise to You,  
From the heavens to the nations  
Hear our singing fill the air.

May Your light shine in the darkness  
As we walk before the cross  
May Your glory fill the whole earth  
As the water o'er seas.

From the mountains to the valleys  
Hear our praises rise to You,  
From the heavens to the nations  
Hear our singing fill the air.

From the mountains to the valleys  
Hear our praises rise to You,  
From the heavens to the nations  
Hear our singing fill the air.

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# CONNECT...

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## Romans 12:1-2

In light of the mercies of God, we have golden opportunities to offer ourselves, body and soul, as living sacrifices to God. We do this by being transformed, not by the patterns of the world, but the renewing of our minds.

Hi everyone. We hope you are earnestly and daily in God's Word. It is the only light for our current world. Trinity is contemplating when and how we might worship together. We are sorting through some basic question, like "why do we worship?" "Why together, verses online?" And maybe even "What's gonna happen next?" or "When will it be safe?" Loaded questions. Our answers, for life and the life of this congregation are held in Paul's advice: offering our bodies as living sacrifices and being transformed by the renewal of our minds. We need to make decisions, we need to act in ministry. We need to figure out again what the church is "here for" and the impact we have. But to all of this, we need two things:

1. You

2. You to be in His Word

Your leadership will be giving more information soon as to our approach to worship, but we invite you to share feedback with us. We also invite you to gather in virtual ways to read, mark, learn and chew on the Word of God with fellow members. I guess I have a third thing to add: *Prayer*.

Please keep us pastors and

### God's Text for this Week:

Monday	Ezekiel 35:1-36:38
Tuesday	Ezekiel 37:1-39:29
Wednesday	Ezekiel 40:1-42:20
Thursday	Ezekiel 43:1-27
Friday	Ezekiel 44:1-31
Saturday	Ezekiel 45:1-46:26

leaders in yours. Pray for God's wisdom to His church and His mercy upon the world and all communities. Please pray that the Lord conform us to His most gracious good, pleasing and perfect will.

In Jesus Name,  
Pastor Hinz

### Trinity's Community Assistance Fund

During the Covid-19 crisis, many individuals and families have immediate needs that they are unable to meet. Trinity has the ability to assist financially through the Community Assistance Fund. These funds can go directly to help with gas, groceries, bills and immediate needs of those most impacted during this difficult time. Please contact Pastor Hinz (320-815-2779), Pastor Beck (320-249-4012) or John Alstrup (612-839-9490), Trinity's Community Assistance Coordinator. All requests will be treated confidentially.

This fund is available to our congregation, but also to our community at large. Are you aware of a neighbor or friend who is struggling? This is an opportunity to reach out and

### For your prayers--

+We pray for Del Johnson (mother of Allan Johnson), and Kellie Fischer (daughter of Neal Hanson). May our Lord strengthen them.

+Jim Bump, Jim Truenow, Jeff Cziok, Mona Hanson, Roy Peterson, Millie Ripplinger (sister of Delores Volkens), Rachelle Dohrman, Mark Thompson, Bob Nordquist and Sonja Carlberg (sister-in-law of Jan Sorell) as they continue their cancer treatment and care.

The families of Keith Bjorklund and Rita Kampa (Mother of Wayne Kulzer) at their passing.

### +Families as we go through our membership:

Allan & Kathy Schlueter; Jeffrey & Aubrey Schlueter; Jill Schlueter; Justin Schlueter; Lynn & Carol Schlueter; Andrew Schmid; Anthony Schmid; Dana Schmid; Paul Schmidkunz; Delano Schultz; Doreen, Denise & Danielle Schultz; Dave, Kim, Emma & Brendan Schwartz.

provide them with the information to contact the Community Assistance Fund at Trinity.

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**Greeting time:** Log in early for preservice conversation with others! 7:45 AM on Sunday!

**For Your Information:**

There will be **NO** Vacation Bible School this summer. Pray for everyone's health and safety.

**God Loves Cheerful Givers**

St. Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 9:7, "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." We give thanks for all the cheerful givers at Trinity who are continuing to faithfully participate with their offerings during this time of stay at home due to the coronavirus. All expenses are being met in a timely way because of your offerings. Truly God is the greatest Giver of all. How wonderful it is when His children reflect His love and giving in their lives.

**2020 Graduates at Trinity Lutheran Church**



**Amanda Petersen**

Tech High School  
Organizations: HOSA (health organizations), National Honor Society, gymnastics, CNA  
I plan to attend NDSU to major in nursing.

**Gavin Fuchs**

Is planning for after high school are to attend the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. He is accepted into the School of Biological Sciences and will be pursuing a major in Neuroscience with minors in Pharmacology and Spanish. He would like to attend medical school after his undergraduate work is complete. Gavin is the Class of 2020 Valedictorian. Some other of his activities and accomplishments include: Student Council, Class Treasurer, DECA, Minnesota Honor Society, Cross Country, Track, Math League.

**Isaiah Novak**

Thanks for putting this together for our seniors. Isaiah joined the Army National Guard in November 2019. He plans to complete his basic training at Fort Jackson this fall, followed by his AIT training at Fort Benning. Once all of his training is complete, he plans to attend SCTC for welding or automotive. He graduates from Foley High School on May 30th.

**Madysen Boettcher**

Mady plans to attend the College of Saint Benedict. While in High School, she played volleyball and softball. She was All-Conference in softball in 2019. She was also the boy's hockey team manager.

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**Brandon Hejhal**

Brandon is attending St Cloud Technical and Community College this fall. He has been accepted into an Engineering program. He hopes to transfer to U of M or St Cloud State after his freshman year at SCTC to continue his degree in Engineering.

**May 24**  
8:00am Worship  
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**MONDAY**  
*Memorial Day* 

**TUESDAY**  
6:30pm Life With God  
(online Zoom)

**May 31**  
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