

May 21, 2023
The Seventh Sunday of Easter



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1 Peter 4:12–13

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Our mission is sharing the saving love of Jesus



AS WE GATHER

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran! We don't like to suffer. In fact, there are times when we feel the slightest pain and we start feeling like we are being persecuted. We would much rather have God shatter those we perceive to be our enemies than deal with anything resembling suffering. When God deals with our "enemies," then, we will sing God's praises. But sometimes life is hard and sometimes it is hard because we are Christians, and our adversary, "the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8). Jesus once said, "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you." (Matthew 5:11–12). This same Jesus prayed for us, that our holy Father would keep us in His name. He knew suffering and is now experiencing glory. When we suffer because of our Christian faith, we share Christ's suffering and because He suffered, died, and rose again, we, too, will share that experience and join Him in His glory.

HYMN

"Christ, the Word of God Incarnate"

LSB 540



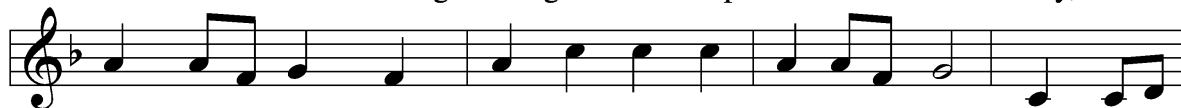
1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of
2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, Food for bod - y,
3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant From the stump of
4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, Watch - ing all Your



A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,
food for soul; Christ, the man - na dai - ly giv - en,
Jes - se's tree; Christ, true vine, You nur - ture branch - es
lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,



Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You
Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the
To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly. Graft us in - to
Nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good



shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our
food of heav - en, Fore - taste of the feast to be; Quench our
You, O Sav - ior; Prune our hearts so we re - main Fruit - ful
Shep - herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of



path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.
thirst with liv - ing wa - ter Spring-ing up e - ter - nal - ly.
branch-es in Your vine - yard Till e - ter - nal life we gain.
God, our shep - herd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice a - lone.

5 Christ, the way that leads unfailing
To the Father's home on high,
Christ, the truth that frees the captive,
Christ, the life that cannot die.
Mediator to the Father,
Sacrifice and great High Priest:
Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions,
There to share Your wedding feast.

△ 6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,
Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
Christ, the life and resurrection,
Christ, the Church's glorious head:
Praise and thanks and adoration
And unending worship be
To the Father and the Spirit
And to You eternally.

INVOCATION *(please stand)*

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Colossians 3:16; Acts 20:28; Hebrews 13:17; Ephesians 4:11–13a*

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

People: **Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood.**

Pastor: Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

People: **And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God.**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father, confident that He will hear and forgive us for Jesus' sake.

People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have not always been proud to bear Your name. At times, we crumble in the face of the trials that come our way. We allow worries and anxieties to crowd out Your caring presence. Keep us in Your name, which You have given us in Baptism, and forgive us our sins for Jesus' sake.**

Pastor: Our God hears our prayers and forgives our sins because of Jesus' perfect life, death, and resurrection. At the command of Christ and through the power of the cross and the empty tomb, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace!

People: **Alleluia! Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 100; antiphon: Psalm 101:1*

Pastor: I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to You, O LORD, I will make music.

People: **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!**

Pastor: Know that the LORD, He is God!

People: **It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

Pastor: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

People: **For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.**


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.

Pastor: I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to You, O LORD, I will make music.

KYRIE

LSB 204



 Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God of glory and Lord of love, You called the Twelve to follow You. When Judas fell, Matthias was called to take His place. In our time, You call pastors to shepherd Your flock. Guide all pastors, by Your Spirit, to walk according to Your will and Your ways; for You are our Savior and Lord, who lives and rules with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING *(sit)*

Acts 1:12–26

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. ¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰“For it is written in the Book of Psalms, “‘May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it’; and “‘Let another take his office.’” ²¹So one of the men 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 men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show 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 numbered with the eleven apostles.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's

sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And “If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?” ¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God’s will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . . . ⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *(please stand)* Romans 6:9; John 14:18

Pastor: Alleluia.

People: **We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.**

Pastor: Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 17:1–11

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. ⁶“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from

you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY *(sit)* “God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets’ Sons” *LSB 682*



1 God of the proph - ets, bless the proph - ets' sons;
 2 A - noint them proph - ets, men who are in - tent
 3 A - noint them priests, strong in - ter - ces - sors they,
 4 A - noint them kings, yes, king - ly kings, O Lord.
 5 Make them a - pos - tles, her - alds of Your cross;



E - li - jah's man - tle o'er E - li - sha cast.
 To be Your wit - ness - es in word and deed,
 For par - don and for love and hope and peace,
 A - noint them with the Spir - it of Your Son.
 Forth let them go to tell the world of grace.



Each age its sol - emn task may claim but once;
 Their hearts a - flame, their lips made el - o - quent,
 That, through their plead - ing, guilt - y sin - ners may
 Theirs not a jew - eled crown, a blood - stained sword;
 In - spired by You, may they count all but loss



Make each one no - bler, strong - er than the last.
 Their eyes a - wake to ev - 'ry hu - man need.
 Find Je - sus' mer - cy and from sin re - lease.
 Theirs, by sweet love, for Christ a king - dom won.
 And stand at last with joy be - fore Your face.

SERMON

(1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11)

APOSTLES' CREED *(please stand)*

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

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We pray with boldness and confidence because we know He hears our prayers because Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: Lord Jesus, You are the Lord of the Church. Watch over all who lead Your people. Shape them to be men and women after God's own heart, fuel them with Your Word and Sacraments, and guide them to walk in Your ways. We pray for our Synod president, for our district president, our regional vice president, our circuit visitor, and the servants of our congregation. Lead them as they lead us, because Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: O Jesus, we pray for all who are suffering trials because of their Christian faith. Comfort them and lead them to rejoice as they share in Your sufferings, that Your glory is revealed, because Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: Holy Father, we grieve the divisions in our families, communities, world, and especially in Your Church. Keep all Your people in Your name, which You have given in the waters of Baptism, and lead us to the unity we will experience fully with You in Your kingdom, because Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: O Great Physician, bind up the broken hearted and heal those who are suffering in heart, soul, strength, and mind. We pray this day for those who are grieving, and ask You to give them comfort as they mourn. We pray this day for those who are suffering from illnesses, Chad, Harlan, Marshall, Teresa, Melissa, Emily, Gary, Elta, and Jim and ask that You heal them according to Your good and gracious will, because Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

OFFERTORY "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

LSB 781, vss. 1, 6



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;

6 And we be - lieve Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be:



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

What - e'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it un - to Thee.

(God continually provides for us. Our giving should reflect our heartfelt cheerfulness that trusts in God. As your faith guides you, let your offering of all your gifts – time, talents, resources – enable us to move forward in the mission Christ has given us.) Rom. 12:1; 2 Cor. 8:1-9, 12; 2 Cor. 9:6-8

LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9–13)

People: 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.

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.

G Amen.

HYMN

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

LSB 525



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;

2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,

3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,

4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave

5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.

A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who
Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown
hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

People: Amen.

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series A Quarter 2.
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IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK,

We pray to our merciful Heavenly Father for:

- ✚ **Healing for all those who are experiencing health issues:** Chad Becktal (Brad Johnson's nephew), Harlan Bohling (father of Eric, Sandy & Becky), Marshall Clark (grandson of Jim & Sharon), Teresa Groth, Melissa Pierpoint, Emily Sheets (Jim & Lori Parrish's niece), Gary Spear, Elta Whitney, Jim Whitney and all those in need.
- ✚ **On-Going Prayers:** Amelia Becker, Greg Brandt (Brother-in-law of Pam Tetrick), Aaron Clark (son of former members), Susan George (Vicki Ackerman's sister), Monique Grotrian (friend of the Lueders' family), Donna Hoadley (Merri Johnson's sister), Connie Humm (Elaina Riley's grandmother), Romelle Humphrey, Maryann Kalkwarf (friend of Lori Parrish), Lora Kuhlmann (Marlene Dietrich's sister-in-law), Merle Kuhlmann (brother of Marlene Dietrich), Patty Mason (Linda Schultz's sister), Elaine Riley (Ken's sister), Hank Schaart (friend of Trinity members), Richard Schultz (Linda's brother), Pam Tetrick, Virginia Wood.
- ✚ **The Friendly Face Program:** Pray that the Holy Spirit will bless this effort by volunteers from Trinity to build caring relationships with the families who bring their children to Kids of HIS Kingdom daycare, and use it to nurture a growing faith-connection with Jesus, their loving Savior.
- ✚ **Those in the armed forces:** Teagan Bogle (Kay & Randy Bogle's grandson), Alex Chase (son of Becky Lueders' friend, Tammy Chase), Aaron Fisk, Trey Hightower (friend of Trinity members), Joshua Llewellyn (Pastor Tim & Keri Llewellyn's son), Rev. Matt Mortenson, Alicia Moyer (relative of Ron Moyer), Chris Pelchat, Austin Penfield, Tyler Penfield, Scott Rathke (Becky Lueders' cousin), Ben Riley (Ken's nephew), Chris Riley (Ken's nephew), Drew Riley (Ken's nephew), Matt Riley (Ken's nephew) and Ted Stutheit.

THOSE CELEBRATING SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK:

Birthdays: 5/25: Rich Scotter

Baptisms: 5/21: Sadie Chaney, Pat Maddox, Melissa Pierpoint; 5/23: Madison Pingel;

5/25: Doug Lueders; 5/26: Adam Lueders

Anniversaries: 5/22: Jim and Lori Parrish

SUN – 5/21	MON – 5/22	TUE – 5/23	WED – 5/24	THU – 5/25	FRI – 5/26	SAT – 5/27	SUN – 5/28
Outdoor Worship 10:00 AM Worship Meal & fellowship after worship NO Sunday School					6:00 – 8:30 PM Game Night		9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Adult & Children's Sunday School

THE GOSPEL AT WORK

Christ's Servants Today:

Pianist..... Vicki Ackerman

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Our Thankful Response to Christ's Love:

Worship attendance 71

Sunday School attendance

Adult 17

Children/Youth 0/4

Lessons for next Sunday: Numbers 11:24-30; Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39

Adult Bible Study: "Conflict Resolution vs. Reconciliation The ministry of reconciliation is given to the local church and every believer. Each of the studies in this series focuses on a different aspect of the believer's life.



Sunday School 2022-2023:

"Staying on the Right Path"

- The Theme verse is **Psalm 25:4:**
O Lord; teach me your paths." (NIV)
- The Theme Hymns: **"Lead Me, Guide Me" LSB #721,**
Would Guide My Ways" LSB #707

"Show me your ways,

"Oh That the Lord

Youth Group is back in session! All high-schoolers, recent HS grads, and (of course) friends welcome! Please join us for Bible Study and some worthwhile conversation!

Children's Sunday School dismissal time is 11:00 a.m. Parents are asked to collect their children at 11:00. Thank you!



Members, please help us promote enrollment in our preschool. Enrollment brochures are on the table in the narthex, or contact one of the members of Board of Education. Thanks for your help!! Board of Education

Worship Readers Needed! Everyone is welcome! There is a signup sheet on the table in the narthex. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please see Pastor or an Elder.

Please fill out the attendance slip in your pew rack each Sunday to assist the Elders in maintaining an accurate worship record!



Reminder: if you have to use a door key to access the church building, *be certain to relock the door behind you to keep the building secure.*

Announcements May 21, 2023

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Special Voters' Meeting, Monday, June 12, 7:00PM: All Voters please be sure to arrange your calendar so you can be present at an important Special Voters' meeting to discuss decisions concerning the way forward with our Trinity Lutheran Church Preschool. Due to challenging student registrations for the past couple years and loss of teaching staff, we are exploring options for proceeding with the Preschool. Come, bring your ideas and be an active part of the Preschool future.

Game Night, Friday evenings 6:00-8:30 PM: Trinity's Friday night Game Night is now advertised in our community! Please plan to bring your family and join us to welcome our neighbors from around Auburn as they visit our church for this fun, informal activity. Any questions, please contact Tina Berg (402 883-0087).

Summer Sunday School Activities for preschool through 8th grade will be held most Sundays during June and July, depending on availability of a leader. The format will be different from the regular school year with a less structured approach. Hope to see lots of kids checking it out!! Contact Merri Johnson, SS Superintendent (402 274-7011), if you have any questions.

Mark your calendar:

- ✚ **FUNDRAISING GARAGE SALE FRIDAY JUNE 2:** Trinity LWML is hosting a garage sale here at church on FRIDAY, June 2 in conjunction with city-wide garage sales. Proceeds will go to charities and missions. **WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS.** Please **bring your donations to church *starting May 19, and by Thursday June 1.*** Call Merri Johnson at 402-274-7011 if the church is locked. We ask that you bring only clean items in good condition. NO large quantities of books, please. ***Please contact Merri Johnson at 402-274-7011 if you can help set-up on Thursday, June 1 or help with the sale on Friday, June 2!***
- ✚ **VBS July 10-14, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.** Get excited for Vacation Bible School! Our theme this year will be God is With Us: Yesterday, Today, and Forever. Save the date and help us teach the children in our church and local community that God has always been and will always be with us! Whether you are ready to lead or help out, there is a volunteer opportunity for everyone. Sign-up sheets are in the fellowship hall. Please contact Tina Berg with any questions (402) 883-0087.