

THIS IS
HOW WE
Know

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  **MAY 5, 2024**

THIS IS HOW WE KNOW WE HAVE GOD'S LOVE

How can we be confident that God will follow through on all his promises to us? Simple: Jesus lives! If God faithfully fulfilled every ancient word he spoke about Jesus, then not a single word he speaks to us will be forgotten. If he raised the dead to indestructible life, then none of his promises are too big. If he has exalted Jesus in all glory and honor, then he will one day give us glory and honor, too. Our living Savior is the proof we need, and all our confidence rests in him.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son...” Love is what God does, and Jesus perfectly embodied his love in his compassionate care, sacrificial death, and peace-restoring resurrection. Now, he has brought us into his family and given us his Spirit. God pours out the same supernatural power by which he raised Jesus from the dead on us, and he enables us to live a life of radically selfless love. He loves because he is God. We love because he first loved us.

THE MISSION OF TRINITY

*The members of Trinity are joined together in Jesus' love to **worship** our Lord, **grow** in his Word, and **share** it with others.*

WE WILL CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER IN TODAY'S SERVICE.

St. Paul writes that everyone who receives the Lord's Supper must “recognize the body of Christ,” and therefore “ought to examine themselves” (1 Cor. 11:27-29) before eating and drinking. He also writes that it is God's desire that as his people commune, they do so as “one body” (1 Cor. 10:17), “perfectly united in mind and thought” (1 Cor. 1:10). For this reason, Trinity follows the biblical and historic practice of closed (or member) communion. We welcome members of WELS or ELS congregations to commune with us. If you are not a member of a church in fellowship with Trinity, please refrain from communing today. We want nothing more than to receive the Lord's Supper with you, but we want to do so in the unity of faith that Jesus wants for his people (cf. John 17:20-23). We hope that can happen soon! Please speak to our pastor after the service, and he would be happy to further explain our practice and help you work toward full unity with us.

Acknowledgments

Setting Three from Christian Worship

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GATHERING RITE ON HOLY BAPTISM

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.



Bap - tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther,
I claim a place, though weak and low - ly, A - mong your



Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
saints, your cho - sen host, Bur - ied with Christ and dead to



sin. Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.

I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is
born of water and the Spirit.

Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. (John 3:5,6)

Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers
conceived us. (Psalm 51:5)

**But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the
name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. (1
Corinthians 6:11)**



My lov - ing Fa - ther, there you took me To be hence -
My faith - ful Sav - ior, there you let me The fruit of



forth your child and heir.
all your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it, com - fort



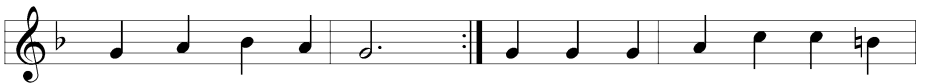
me When threat - 'ning clouds a - round I see.

As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



My faith - ful God, you fail me nev - er; Your pro - mise
Oh, cast me not a - way for - ev - er If words and



sure - ly will en - dure.
deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I come de -



filed; For - give, lift up, re - store your child.

Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (*Ephesians 5:25-27*).

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

(spoken) Amen.

Be seated

The Sacrament of Baptism

Levi Plocher

All that I am and love most dear - ly— Re - ceive it
 Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly, And help me
 all, O Lord, from me.
 your own child to be! Let noth - ing that I am or
 own Serve an - y will but yours a - lone.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Acts 9:36-42

³⁶In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. ³⁷About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. ³⁸Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!"

³⁹Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them. ⁴⁰Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. ⁴²This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 89

I will sing of the LORD's great love forever;
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

I will declare that your love stands firm forever,
that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

The heavens praise your wonders, LORD,
your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

Who is like you, LORD God Almighty?

You, LORD, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,
who walk in the light of your presence, LORD.

They rejoice in your name all day long;
they celebrate your righteousness.

**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.**

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-11,19-21

⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 13:13

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.



But the greatest of these is love.

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Gospel

John 15:9-17

⁹“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷This is my command: Love each other.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

557 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

st. 1: all · st. 2-3: duet · st. 4: all · st. 5: men · st. 6: women · st. 7-8: duet · st. 9-10: all

Sermon

1 John 4:7-11,19-21

First Love First

1. God's love made us live
2. We live to love others

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 in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Offering

The members of Trinity Lutheran Church have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and throughout the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

At this time, we ask both members and guests to fill out the **friendship register** found at the end of each pew. When you've written your information, please pass it to the next person until everyone has had a chance to sign it. Thank you for helping us serve you with the gospel!

Online giving options are available. Scan the QR codes to give an offering on our mobile giving app or in your internet browser.



Mobile



Browser

THE SACRAMENT

As you have the opportunity, take a moment for self-examination before receiving the Sacrament. You may wish to review the "Christian Questions" beginning on page 295 of the hymnal or read through a "Holy Communion" hymn (659-677).



Stand

Preface

CW 199

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 200



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,
heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

...The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

Lamb of God

CW 202

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us, grant us peace.

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Be seated

Distribution

In order to receive communion today, we ask that worshipers be able to check all of the following boxes:

- I repent of all my sins, holding nothing back from God (1 John 1:9).
- I believe that Jesus took away my sins when he died for me on the cross (John 3:16; 1 John 3:5).
- I believe that in communion I receive Jesus' true body and blood along with the bread and the wine (Mt. 26:26-27; 1 Cor. 10:16).
- I have made a statement of my agreement with all the teachings of this church family and its church body (WELS), as I have learned to know them through their Catechism or Foundations Class.

If you are not able to check all these boxes today but would like to commune with us in the future, please speak to our pastor after the service. He would love to help make that happen!

Distribution Hymns

728 *This Is My Will*

523 *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

Amen.

Seasonal Closing Hymn

451 *See, What a Morning*

TRINITY NEWS

CRUISIN' ON PINE & 99: We will once again host a pork chop stand at the biweekly roll-in, starting **May 9th** – this Thursday! A sign-up sheet is on the Narthex bulletin board for helping with cash register, food service, set-up, and grilling. It would be wonderful if school and church families could each take 1 time during the Summer to help on an event day from 5-8 pm. Direct questions to Larry Bruegger at 507-420-9195.

ACSENSION DEVOTIONAL SERVICE: Set time aside on May 9th at 6:30 pm for the Ascension of our Lord.

NEW DAY PREGNANCY BABY BOTTLES: *There are 4 left!* Help support at-risk mothers! Please take a baby bottle from the narthex, fill it with coins, and return it by June 1st. We will send in your donation to New Day Pregnancy Center.

TRINITY SOCCER BIBLE CAMP CORRECTED DATES: This year's camp will be held July 16-18 from 5:30-7:30 pm. You need to register by July 1 to receive a camp shirt. Go to www.trinitynicollet.org to register.

TRINITY DIRECTORY: The Trinity Directory password has changed on the website due to hacker activity. We had to make it stronger so if you need the password, please call the office. We are not going to send out an email with it, just to be safe.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY RESCHEDULE: We will attempt our spring Highway 14 ditch clean up again on May 10th and 11th. **5pm on the 10th, and 9am on the 11th.** Please come and help if you are able!

AREA NEWS

MLC FORUM CHILDREN'S THEATRE: ALICE IN WONDERLAND: Saturday, May 4, 3:00 & 7:00 PM. Join us on May 4 for Martin Luther College children's theatre production of *Alice in Wonderland!* In this endearing version of Lewis Carroll's memorable story, Alice's quest to find the Queen's missing tarts leads her through a maze of incredible and suspenseful adventures, along with familiar characters and events from the classic story. Tickets are \$3 for all attendees and will be sold at the door only, beginning 30 minutes before each show time. Visit mlc-wels.edu/forum for more information.

AREA ASCENSION SERVICE & GRILL-OUT: Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Mankato is holding an Ascension Day service on Thursday, May 9th at 6:30pm. Starting at 5pm you are invited to a community grill out, where a free will donation will be collected for the "Connections" homeless shelter in Mankato. Join with brothers and sisters in Christ to rejoice in the one who prepares a place for us in the Father's kingdom of glory!

OWLS MEETING: Our local MN Valley Chapter 13 OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors) will be traveling to Madelia for a noon meal at the La Plaza Fiesta Mexican Restaurant on **Wednesday, May 15**. Each person will order their own meal, with part of it covered by Thrivent Action Team money. Following the meal, we will walk/drive to The Greenhouse at Total Landscape for a tour. Those who are willing to drive or want a ride should meet at 11:15 AM at the St. Paul's Church, New Ulm, parking lot. Contact Myron Fluegge at flueggemtj@hotmail.com or call 507-359-2424 by Monday noon, May 13 if you plan to attend. Hope you are interested.

NORSELAND LUTHERAN CHURCH will serve the annual "Syttende Mai Smørgåsbord" on **Saturday, May 18**. Serving will be from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. Cost for the meal is \$17.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ages 6-12, and 5 and under eat free. Tickets are available at the door.

WELS NIGHT AT THE BREWERS: Road tripping to WI.? Join WELS members at a baseball game on Fri., July 12, 2024. The Brewers take on the Washington Nationals at 7:10 pm. Tickets are \$10-\$23. Go to brewers.com/wels to order yours.

THE 2024 NATIONAL WORSHIP CONFERENCE will be in Kenosha, WI, **July 30-August 2, 2024**. This conference is for any WELS member who has an interest in *what* we do in worship and *why* we do it. Its goal is to exhibit excellent gospel-centered worship in various styles, enrich attendees' appreciation for worship, and energize church members to use their gifts at their home congregations. For more information, visit welsworshipconference.net. Indicate interest to Pastor Plocher.



May 2024

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
April 28 9 am Worship 10:45 Kids in Christ & Bible Class 6:00 pm TNT Pickleball/hoopfire	29 6 pm Worship 7 pm Bible Study	30 3:15 Faculty	May 1 3:30 pm NPS Catechism 7:00 pm Foundations	2 1:30 pm Ladies Guild 7:00 pm Board of Ed	3 8:00 am TLS Chapel 6 pm TLS Entertainment Night	4
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