

# Sunday, May 15, 2022 Fifth Sunday of Easter

# Announcements

# Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come. We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood: You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst: cleanse our hearts: wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb,

be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

Amen.



# Greeting

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, the love of Christ that guards our hearts and minds, and the joy and consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

### And also with you.

# Kyrie



#### This is the Feast





# Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

# First Reading: Acts 11:1-18

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed

animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup>But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' <sup>9</sup>But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' <sup>10</sup>This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. <sup>11</sup>At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. <sup>12</sup>The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup>He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' <sup>15</sup>And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup>And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>17</sup>If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" <sup>18</sup>When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

# Psalm 148

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights. <sup>2</sup>Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven. <sup>3</sup>Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars. <sup>4</sup>Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. <sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created, <sup>6</sup>who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away. <sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth. you sea monsters and all deeps: <sup>8</sup>fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will; <sup>9</sup>mountains and all hills. fruit trees and all cedars: <sup>10</sup>wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds;

<sup>11</sup>sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;

# <sup>12</sup>young men and maidens,

old and young together.

<sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD,

whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven.

<sup>14</sup>The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants,

the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!

# Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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



### Gospel: John 13:31-35

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

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

No. 631





### **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 was descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge to the living and dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

# **Prayers of Intercession**

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

Loving God, lead us to follow your Spirit, rather than our own prejudices or desires, as the church cares for one another. Open us to perceive your gifts in those we least expect. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Inspire us to praise you through the beauty and majesty of the natural world around us (*local natural areas may be named*). Urge us toward more deliberate care of the world you have made. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Humble the rulers of nations before your splendor. Direct them to the people who need their attention most, and turn them from the temptation to hoard wealth or power. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress (*especially*). As Christ enters our deepest suffering, remain with those experiencing despair and great need. God, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

Place holy love at the center of all our relationships and communities. By your love heal us, convict us, and renew us. Bring an end to racism in our churches and communities. Let everyone know your goodness by the love we show one another. God, in your mercy,

### hear our prayer.

Give us a place in the diverse company of your beloved saints. Teach us the value of each person's identity, and bless us with a shared identity as your children, kindred of Christ. God, in your mercy,

# hear our prayer.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.** 



# The Meal

# Preface

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

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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. 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 forever. Amen.

All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

# Communion

Lamb of God



Communion Hymn: Where Charity and Love Prevail No. 359





#### **Table Blessing**

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen** 

#### Song after Communion: Now Lord



# **Prayer after Communion**

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.** 

# Blessing

# **Closing Hymn: Blest Be the Tie That Binds**

No. 656





Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt. Music: Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

DENNIS SM

love;

bear,

free;

prayers;

### Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Go in peace. Tell what God has done. Thanks be to God.

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# AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00... Interim Pastor: Past Lectors: Carr Communion Assistant: Carr Usher: Guy

Pastor Cathy Schibler Carrie Wiedenheft Carrie Wiedenheft Guy Miller

At 10:30
Interim Pastor:
Lectors:
Communion Assistant:
Usher:

Pastor Cathy Schibler Cathy Wobser Cathy Wobser Gary Lieb

May Altar Care Pat Wiedenheft and Carrie Killingsworth

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God by Fred Wobser in loving memory of his and Mary Ann's 68<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 15.

# **PRAYER CONCERNS**

For all directly or indirectly effected by the Ukraine Crisis; FAITH members, including; Viola Liptok; our brothers and sisters in Christ in the congregations of the Sandusky area; law enforcement officers of the greater Sandusky area.

# ATTENDANCE

**MAY 8**: 56 + 25 = 81

**DONATIONS TO OUR "PENNY JUG"** support the global relief and habilitation efforts of ELCA World Hunger, a mission of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

**THIS MORNING'S LOOSE CASH OFFERING** (money not in an envelope or given without other designation) benefits our Current Expenses Fund. **LOOSE CHECKS** will support our Current Expenses Fund unless designated otherwise on the check memo line.

### This Week at Trinity

TODAY	Communion Sunday Services Sunday School	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:00 am
WEDNESDAY	Crossroads Meal Worship & Music Mtg "We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	1:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm
THURSDAY	Council Meeting	7:00 pm
FRIDAY	Carol on Vacation	Office Closed
SATURDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	11:00 am
SUNDAY	Worship Services Sunday School	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:00 am

# Upcoming events at Trinity...Save the dates and let's put some fellowship back in our congregation

**FATHER/SON/DAUGHTER BANQUET** is being planned for June 25 at 6:00 pm. This is open to fathers/grandfathers and their sons or daughters even if those loved ones aren't here to come with you, come and honor them anyhow. There is a program being planned and the current meal will be: Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Brownies, Ice Cream, Lemonade, Juice Box. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the educational wing so we can plan appropriately.

**MOVIE NIGHT OUT** is being planned for July 21 at 8:00 pm. Admission will be a can of food. Bring a friend, bring a snack, chair, bug spray, banket. More details to come.

**GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS PROJECT** in August we will be collecting gently used or new shoes for Funds2orgs.com. The more shoes we collect the more money we raise for Trinity. So, start saving those shoes now. More details to come.

**SUNDAY, MAY 29** with be a regular Sunday with normal worship times. NO one service that day.