

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church** 

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## Sunday, May 5, 2024 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Prelude

Announcements

#### **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

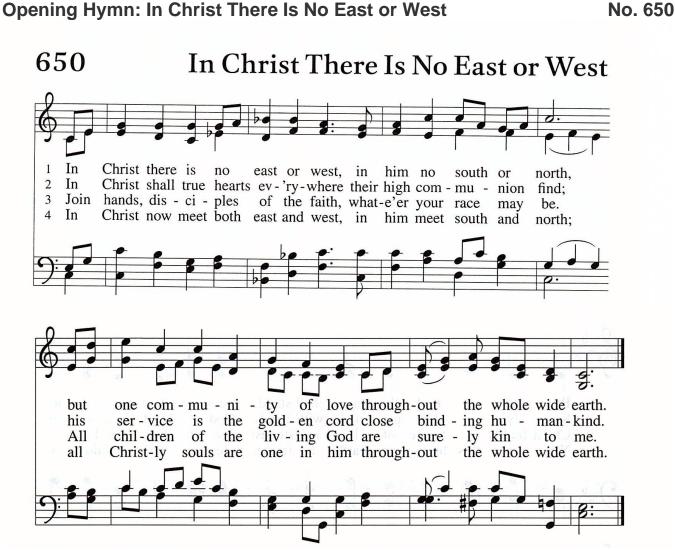
entered your boundless baptismal life.

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.** 

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Text:John Oxenham, 1852-1941,alt. Music: African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh 1866-1949

#### 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.** 

#### This is the Feast





#### **Prayer of the Day**

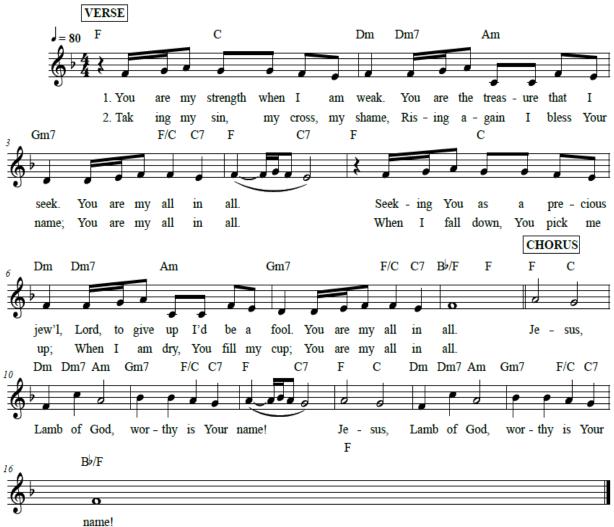
O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Amen.

#### Hymn of the Month: You Are My All in All

#### You Are My All In All





#### First Reading: Acts 10:44-48

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>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, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" <sup>48</sup>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.

#### Psalm 98

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.
<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
<sup>4</sup>Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.
<sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.
<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.
<sup>8</sup>Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

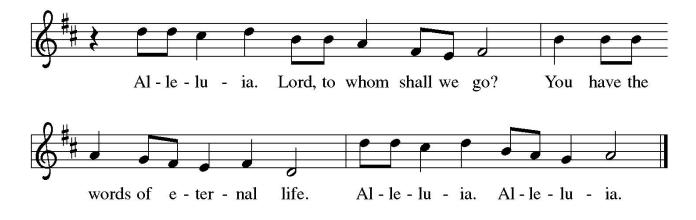
#### Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>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.

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#### **Gospel Acclamation**



#### Gospel: John 15:9-17

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

The gospel of the Lord.	Praise to you, O Christ.	
Children's Message		Cindy Norman
Sermon		Pastor Mike Shelley
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 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**

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, 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, 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 . . .*) God of grace, **hear our prayer.** 

Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation (*ministries may be named*), 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.** 

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us (*especially*). At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table. God of grace, **hear our prayer.** 

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.** 

**Offertory** (Usher please bring the offering to the altar)

#### Offertory Song – Make me a Servant

No. 96



Text and music: Kelly Willard

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#### **Offertory 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.** 

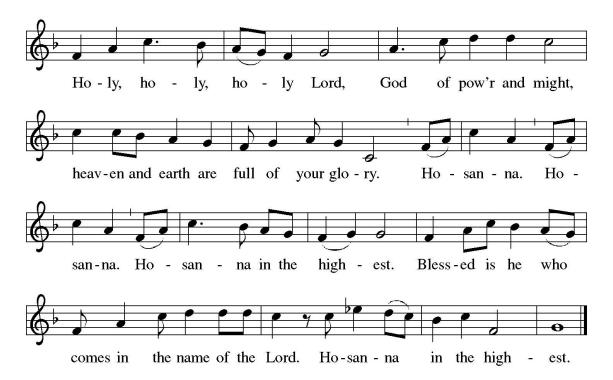
#### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift 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.

#### 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:

#### Holy, Holy, Holy



Holy, living, and loving God,

we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending Jesus to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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.

Remembering, therefore,

his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,

we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:

carry us in your arms from death to life,

that we may live as your chosen ones,

clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

#### The Lord's Prayer

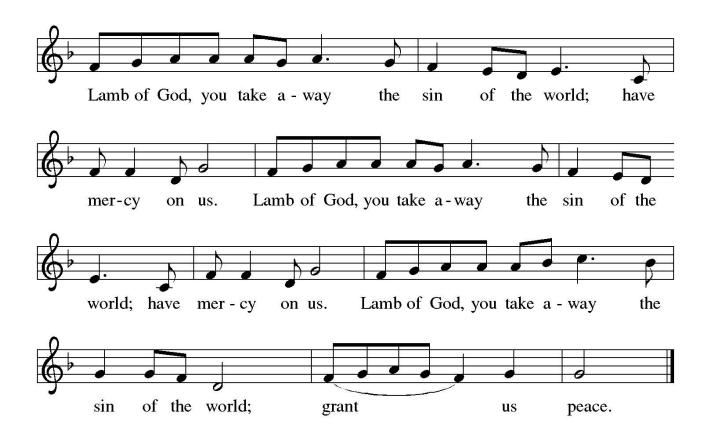
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

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. Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

(Just a reminder that there is grape juice available on the communion trays if you would prefer not to have wine during communion.)

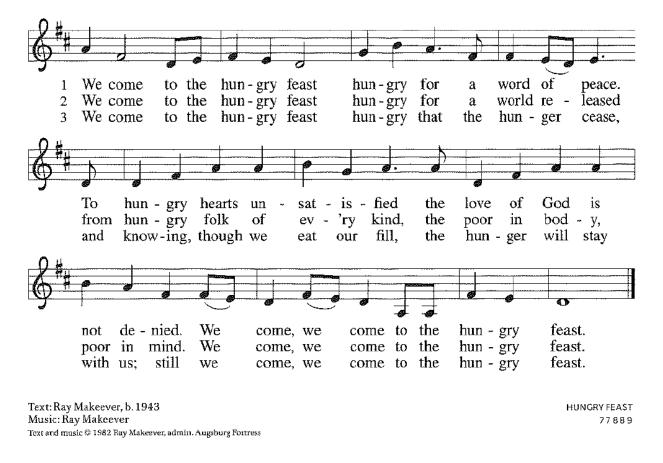


#### Lamb of God



#### Communion Hymn: We Come to the Hungry Feast No. 479

## We Come to the Hungry Feast



#### **Table Blessing**

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

Amen

#### **Prayer after Communion**

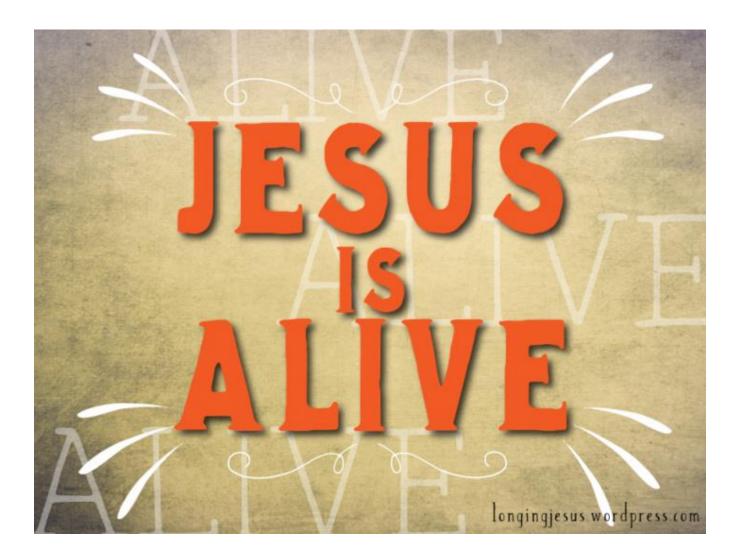
Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.** 

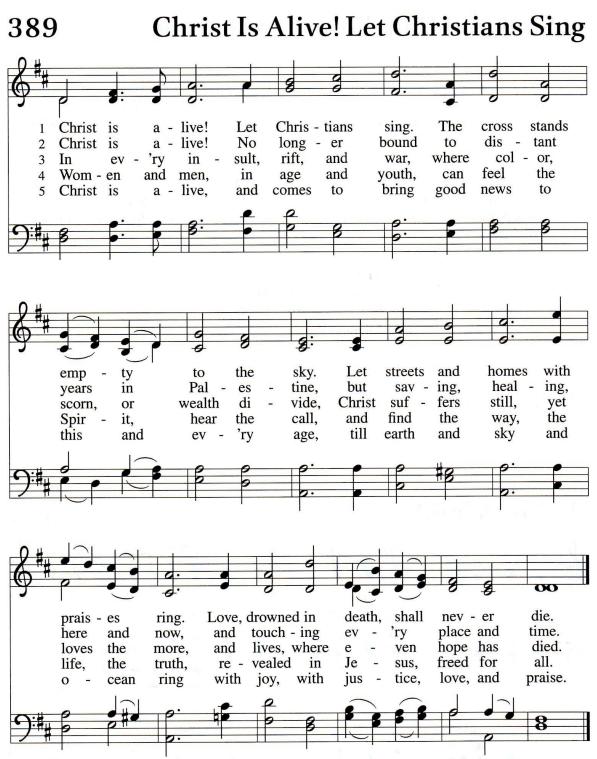
#### Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!** The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always. **Amen.** 

#### **Closing Hymn: Christ is Alive! Let Christans Sing**

No. 389





#### Dismissal.

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

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#### AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00	
Pastor: Lectors: Communion Assistant: Usher: Acolyte:	Pastor Mike Shelley Guy Miller Guy Miller Greg Norman & Roy Patterson Carlie Wiedenheft
At 10:30	
Pastor: Lectors: Communion Assistant: Usher: Acolyte:	Pastor Mike Shelley Cathy Wobser Gayle Thompson Gary Lieb & Ken Schenk Mason Russell
May Altar Care:	Pat Wiedenheft and Carrie Killingsworth

#### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

To all affected by the war in Israel and Ukraine; for all directly or indirectly effected by earthquakes, tornadoes, and flooding, Covid, Mass Shootings happening nationwide; FAITH members, including, Ruby Stierhoff; the people of St. Peter, Norwalk, and their pastor, Ann Marshall; the ministry of Luther Home of Mercy in Williston, serving people with developmental disabilities.

#### Pastor Jen can be contacted at 419-822-7630 or jen.herrmann@gmail.com

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God in celebration of Pat Wiedenheft's birthday on May 7 from her children and grandchildren.

**THE MEMORIAL FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God by Craig & Betsy Stierhoff in celebration of Craig's birthday on May 2 and their 28<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 4.

**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 Lutheran Disaster Response. **LOOSE CHECKS** will support our Current Expenses Fund unless designated otherwise on the check memo line.

#### This Week at Trinity

TODAY	Communion Service Sunday School	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:15 am
WEDNESDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	7:00 pm
SATURDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	11:00 am
SUNDAY	Service of Word & Prayer Sunday School JAM Session	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:15 am 9:30 am

#### ATTENDANCE

APRIL 28 = 58 + 24 = 82

#### **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS**

General Fund - \$2,445.00 Building Improvements - \$225.00

**THE YOUNG AT HEART** are planning on attending the Firelands Chorus Concert on Friday, May 17. The concert begins at 7:30 pm. The doors open at 7:00 pm. They plan to meet at Zion Lutheran Church. If you need transportation, please call the church office and they will arrange transportation for you.

**THE YOUNG AT HEART** are scheduled for a "cruise" on The Mystic Belle in Vermilion, Ohio on Wednesday, June 12 at 2:00 pm. This is the cruise they were rained out of last August. They will meet at the church at 1:00 pm on that day and carpool to Vermilion. The cruise is limited to 22 people. Watch for the signup sheet on the Young at Heart bulletin board.

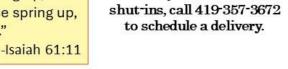


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"As the earth brings forth its shoots, and a garden makes its seeds spring up, so will the Lord God make justice spring up, and praise before all nations."



Delivery is available for



