



## Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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**Sixth Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, May 10th, 2025**

### **Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit gathers us into a community of prayer.*

### **Prelude**

### **Announcements**

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.  
You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation:  
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us.

Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,  
and for making us a new creation.

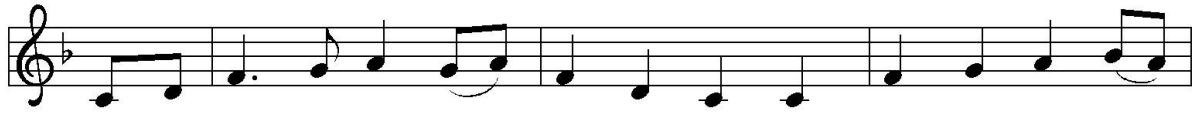
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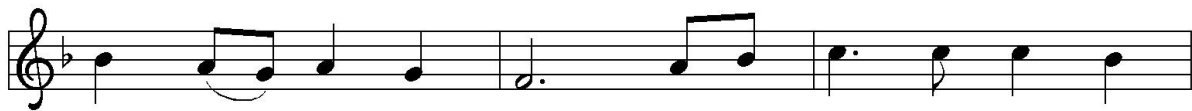
All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 end to fear and dan - ger:  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

## 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.**

The word is near you, **on your lips and in your heart.**

If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord, **and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

Faith comes from what is heard, **and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.**

## Prayer of the Day

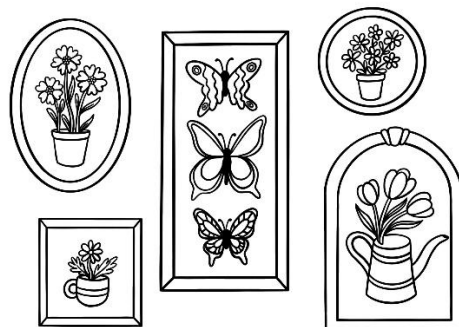
Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Hymn of the Month: Dwell in Me

Dwell in me, dwell in me;  
Word of Jesus, dwell in me.  
Till your face is all I see.  
Word of Jesus, dwell in me.

Breathe on me, breathe on me;  
Holy Spirit, breathe on me.  
Be my passion, set me free.  
Holy Spirit, breathe on me.  
Holy Spirit, breathe on me.

**Word:** *God speaks to us in scripture reading, silence, reflection, and song.*



**God of faithfulness**

## First Reading: Acts 17:22-31

<sup>22</sup> Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we, too, are his offspring.’ <sup>29</sup> “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.” Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm: Psalm 66:8-20

<sup>8</sup> Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

<sup>9</sup> **Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

<sup>10</sup> For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

<sup>11</sup> **You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

<sup>12</sup> You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

<sup>13</sup> **I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows—**

<sup>14</sup> those that I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

<sup>15</sup> **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;  
I will give you oxen and goats.**

<sup>16</sup> Come and listen, all you who believe, I will tell you what God has done for me.

<sup>17</sup> **I called out to God with my mouth and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

<sup>18</sup> If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

<sup>19</sup> **but in truth God has heard me and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

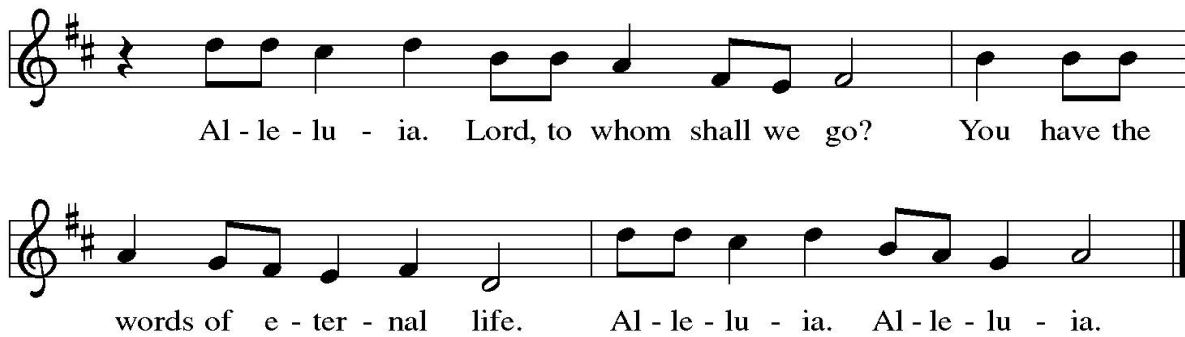
<sup>20</sup> Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.

## Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

<sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

### Gospel Acclamation



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.



## Gospel: John 14:15-21

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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

## Children’s Message

Sermon

Pastor Jen Herrmann

Hymn of the Day: **Come, Thou Almighty King**

No. 408

### Come, Thou Almighty King



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;  
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;  
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear  
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o’er all vic -  
our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy  
in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in  
hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - ’reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.  
ev - ’ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow’r.  
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

## Thanksgiving for the Word:

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

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

## Offertory Song: Blest Be the Tie That Binds

No. 656

### Blest Be the Tie That Binds



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;  
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**Prayer:** *The Holy Spirit prays with us and through us.*

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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 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.**

In Christ Jesus we meet the God who knows our weakness and bears the wounds of the world. Therefore, let us be bold as we pray, trusting that God draws near to those in any kind of need.

## **Silent Prayer**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

God of new life, you call us through the waters of baptism to be in relationship with you and one another. Guide the church and its leaders to proclaim Christ's righteousness throughout the world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You create the world and all that is in it. Shelter budding plants and young animals, provide unpolluted habitats and clean water, and raise up stewards for the environment. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You set civil servants in the places where we live. Instill truth and equity among judges and lawyers, gentleness and courage among first responders, and peace among leaders of towns and nations. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You provide comfort in times of trouble. Heal those who are sick, shelter any who are unhoused, feed those undernourished, and accompany and console all who are lonely, bereaved, anxious, or ill. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You are love and you desire that we love one another. As a mother hen cares for her chicks, bless all who provide motherly care in our lives, and inspire us to care for one another. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of new life, your steadfast love endures forever. Inspire us by the example of the faithful departed, who clung to your promises of life, forgiveness of sins, and salvation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

*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; 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.**

### **Sending**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### **Blessing**

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,  
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,  
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,  
✝ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn: I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

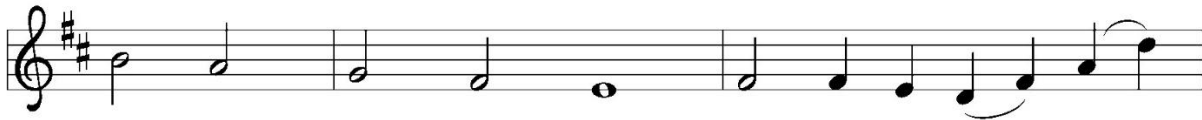
**No. 619**



# I Know That My Redeemer Lives!



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives to bless me with his love;  
he lives to plead for me above;  
he lives my hungry soul to feed;  
he lives to help in time of need.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
he lives, and I shall conquer death;  
he lives my mansion to prepare;  
he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
he lives and loves me to the end;  
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;  
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
what joy this blest assurance gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00...

Pastor:	Pastor Jen Herrmann
Lectors:	Russ Stephens
Usher:	Sally Warner & Guy Miller
Acolyte:	Zane Warner

At 10:30...

Pastor:	Pastor Jen Herrmann
Lectors:	Candy Beatty
Usher:	Chrissy Nielsen & Bill Bertsch
Acolyte:	

May Altar Care: Pat Wiedenheft & Carrie Killingsworth

## PRAYER CONCERNS

For peace in Iran and surrounding countries; FAITH members, including Patsy Troike; The Center ministry in providing activities & services for Sandusky youth; the students, faculties, and staff of ELCA colleges & seminaries.

**Pastor Jen can be contacted at 419-822-7630 or [jen.herrmann@gmail.com](mailto:jen.herrmann@gmail.com)**

**Offering plates** are in the entryways by the bulletins. If you forgot to leave your offering, an usher or pastor can help you find them after the service.

**ATTENDANCE:** 47 + 18 = 65

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS:

**General Fund** -- \$4,557.300

**Building Improvements** -- \$515.00

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God from Mark & Carrie Wiedenheft & family in honor of Pat's birthday.

**THE MEMORIAL FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God by Mike & Maree Markley in celebration of our children's birthdays: Kyle -- May 7<sup>th</sup>, Lauren -- May 13<sup>th</sup>; granddaughter Ruby's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

## This Week at Trinity

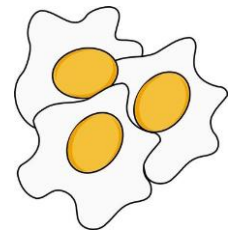
TODAY	Service of Word & Prayer Sunday School JAM Session	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:15 am 9:15am
TUESDAY	Bible Study Worship & Music Mtg.	10:00am 11:00am
WEDNESDAY	“We All Belong” (Narcotics Anon.)	7:00 pm
SUNDAY	Communion Service Sunday School	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:15 am

**HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY** to all our mothers, grandmothers, aunts and all mother figures! The Congregational Life committee would like to give you a special gift to help you celebrate your special day. Please be sure to stop by the table at the front of the Sanctuary and pick out a candle to take home. These candles come in many scents and were happily made for you by the following ladies: Candy Beatty, Barb Sessler, Denise Casanova, Cathy Wobser, and Sally Warner. We hope you think of your Faith Family here at Trinity every time you use it!



Music & Worship Committee is going to **meet Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am** following Bible Study.

Zane and Noah Warner have some happy chickens who are laying an abundance of eggs, and the boys are offering them to you. These are free range chickens but do get a handful of feed in the morning. Unwashed egg instructions are included. If you would like to donate, please put it in the envelope on the wall by the eggs. There is no charge for these eggs. Zane and Noah are giving all the donations to Back to the Wild.



Are you interested in playing one or two songs on the chimes? Practice will take place on certain **Sundays from 9:10-10:10am**. Prior music knowledge is not necessary, and all ages are invited. Please see Adele if interested.

The church parking lot is due for maintenance. Please consider adding an offering to the Building Fund (which includes the grounds) to help offset this cost. Your support of the missions, ministries, and maintenance of the church is always appreciated.