

Nurturing a Living Faith with Open Hearts and Serving Hands

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Introduction to the Day

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

Fifth Week of Easter Wednesday, May 15, 2022 6 p.m.



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

"The Way"

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"He Reigns"

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WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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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.

READING: ACTS 11:1-8

In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "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. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.

Welcome to Worship at Trinity Lutheran

Whether this is your first time worshipping with us, or if you regularly attend, we are very glad we are that you are with us! Today, we gather to worship God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Worship is an act of surrender. It is an acknowledgement that we are creatures, not the creator. It is an admission that all we have is a gift given, not because we deserve it but because we are beloved. It is a time of praise - thanking God for being our God.

If you would like to grow deeper in your relationship with Jesus through Trinity Lutheran let us know - we would love to accompany you on your faith journey.

At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. 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. 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; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. 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.' 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?" 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.

GOSPEL: JOHN 13:31-35

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

The holy gospel according to John, chapter 13.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. 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.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. 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 TIME/SERMON

Pastor Mark Narum

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please pray for Cheryl, Don, Donna, Fran, Gary, Jerry, Jon, Karen, Kim, Mary, Mike, Tom, Cheryl, Connie, Denell, Denise, Annette, Sherrie, Marty, Linda, Louise & Dwight.

SONG/GATHERING OF GIFTS

Music by the Wednesday Church School

OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God,

you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION MUSIC

"You Say"

The Revelators

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

"Rising"

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All the people of God.



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM is in memory of Henry & Amy Wisness, given by Scott & Susan Boehm.

COED SAND VOLLEYBALL - Trinity had a team last summer and would like to put one together again this year. The league plays on Sunday evenings from June 5th - August 14th. If you are 16 and older and are interested in playing, please contact Heather. **Must register by Wednesday, May 25th**.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP - Nicer weather is coming and that means we will be hosting outdoor worships again starting Wednesday, June 1st. Wednesday worship @ 6 p.m. and Sunday worship @ 10:30 a.m. will be moving outdoors depending on the weather's cooperation. Sunday worship @ 8:30 a.m. will remain indoors. Chairs will be available if you don't want to bring your own.

WORK DAY - Your helping hands are needed on May 21st @ 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. We need help creating a new planting space on the eastern side of the property and wiping down the Fellowship Hall and surrounding hallways with TSP in preparation for painting. We also need help cleaning the Church School area. If you are able to help outside, any extra gloves, shovels, or rakes would be helpful. Even if you only have an hour to give - stop by, your help will be a blessing!

SENIOR RECOGNITION - We will be recognizing graduating High School seniors at worship services on Sunday, May 22nd & Wednesday, 25th. Please RSVP to Gracia if you are a senior or have a senior that wishes to be recognized.

DAN'S RECEIPTS - We are still collecting Dan's receipts in the Narthex. Proceeds will go towards Trinity's Children & Youth Programs. Thank you for your help with this fundraiser!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Join us for VBS at Trinity June 5th - 8th @ 5:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. Kids age 4 to grade 5 are welcome! There is no fee for this fun week of games, snacks, crafts, and exploring our faith! Register on our website under 'News & Events' or see Gracia.

VOLUNTEER FOR VBS - All current 6th graders - adults are welcome to help us with VBS this year! We need station leaders, crew leaders, help with snacks, and someone to take some pictures. See Gracia if interested.

COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY - Save the date - join us for a Community Block Party June 15th @ 5:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. There will be free hot dogs & ice cream cones, kids games and outdoor worship @ 6 p.m. Meet your friends and neighbors for a great night! All are welcome!

TRINITY CAMPERSHIPS - Because we believe in the value of Christian Camping, Trinity Lutheran Church will provide scholarships of \$150 to anyone enrolled in Trinity ministries attending Bible Camp this summer. To receive your campership, contact Gracia.

CONNECT GROUPS - Faith and Fellowship

Mondays

Bible Read-Through Group, every Monday @ 7 a.m., Katie's Parlor. Contact Bob Wefald, bobwefald@msn.com. **Ladies Study**, 1st & 3rd Mondays @ 1 p.m. in the Conference Room. Contact Karen Botine, karenbotine@bis.midco.net.

Tuesdays

Quilters, every Tuesday @ 9 a.m. downstairs in the Quilters Room. Contact Cathy Nelson, scknelson@midco.net. GIFTS Bible Study, 4th Tuesday of every month @ 6:30 p.m. in Room 212, or email Pastor Mark for a zoom link.

Wednesdays

Upstairs Video Study, Old to New Testament Study every other Wednesday @ 2:30 p.m. in Room 212. Contact Larry Strand, ljstrand@bis.mideo.net.

Thursdays

Circle Morning Meeting, 3rd Thursday of every month @ 9:30 a.m. in the conference room. Contact Margaret Laib, marg.laib@gmail.com.

Other

Bible Journaling, next meeting is Tuesday, June 21st at Good Shepherd Lutheran @ 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. Contact Gracia. **Handy Men**, create baptism boxes @ various times. Contact Mike Ranum, msranum@bis.midco.net. **Beer & Hymns**, is taking a break for the Summer. Watch here for further information.