



*Nurturing a Living Faith
with Open Hearts
and Serving Hands*

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Introduction to the Day

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

**6th Sunday of Easter
May 5th, 2024
8:30 a.m.**



ALL CREATION SINGS

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

OPENING HYMN "I Come with Joy" ELW #482

GREETING
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE ACS pg. 12
**O Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy.
O Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy.
Have mercy, O Lord. Have mercy, O Lord.**

**Welcome to
Worship at Trinity
Lutheran**

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

The church is not a building – it is you, the people. So "church," thanks for showing up today. If you look around what you will see are imperfect people. Some with smiles, some with broken hearts, some with secrets they are ashamed to share... and yet all of us together are the "church."

We are thankful you are here. Through God's Holy Spirit we pray you hear a word of grace and hope today.

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!**

**To God be glory forever! To God be glory forever!
Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!
Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!
Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!
Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

FIRST READING: ACTS 10:44-48

Bob Wefald, reader

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 98

(Please read responsively.)

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

²**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 5:1-6

God’s children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God’s commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

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

⁶This 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia. Christ is risen, ris’n indeed.**

GOSPEL: JOHN 15:9-17

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

The holy gospel according to John, chapter 15, beginning with verse 9.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

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

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

CHILDREN’S TIME/SERMON

Pastor Mark Narum

HYMN OF THE DAY

“In Christ there is No East or West”

ELW #650

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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please pray for James, Ellen, Morgan, Tom, Denell, Terry, Michelle and Leona.

OFFERING/OFFERING MUSIC

“The Trumpet Sound, the Angels Sing”
Verse 1

ELW #531

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy God,

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

COMMUNION SONG

“Lamb of God”

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**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
Grant us your peace. Amen.**

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.**

SENDING SONG

“Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

ELW #389

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

WE EXTEND OUR CONGREGATION’S SYMPATHY to the families of:

- Alice Arnts, her funeral was at Bismarck Funeral Home on Friday, May 3rd @ 10:30 a.m.
- Brent Gatzke, his funeral was at Trinity on Friday, May 3rd @ 11 a.m.
- Alan Hervey, his funeral was at Trinity on Saturday, May 4th @ 10:30 a.m.
- Jeannette Radig, her funeral will be at Trinity on Saturday, May 11th @ 11 a.m.

Please keep their families in your prayers.

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM is in memory of R. Ray Herr for his birthday, May 5th, 1945. Given by his wife, Dianne Herr.

ALTAR FLOWERS are in loving memory of Ray & Bernita Wolf; Willard & Eldora Dunn. Given by Rich & Mary Dunn.

RUMMAGE SALE - Thank you to everyone who helped out with making this sale a huge success once again! We were able to raise a total of \$6,000 that will go towards the Trinity Youth attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans and to our youth ministry program.

KNITTERS NEEDED - If you are a knitter looking for a project or two – please considering making prayer shawls. Pastor Mark and Pastor Martha would love to have a supply of prayer shawls to share with members of Trinity who are facing difficulties in life. Contact the office if you interested.

MOTHER’S DAY CONCERT - Dakota Pro Musica is presenting their 4th annual Mother's Day concert on Sunday, May 12th @ 3 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bismarck. The concert "My Favorite Things" will celebrate moms and some of the things they love like coffee, flowers, family, and themselves! The concert has no admission cost but a freewill donation will be accepted.

CANOE/KAYAK SUMMER TRIP - There is still room on this summer’s Canoe/Kayak adventure down the Missouri. We will leave the morning of Thursday, July 25th, and arrive in Bismarck on the afternoon of July 27th. The cost is only \$50. To register, email Pastor Mark at narum@trinitybismarck.com

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SCAN ME

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday 5-5

- 8:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary
- 11:30 AM - Tamale Making Class in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday 5-7

- 9 AM - Quilters in Quilters’ Room
- 5 PM - Worship & Music Committee
- 5:15 PM - Altar Guild Committee in Room 212
- 5:30 PM - Community Builders Comm. in Conf. Room

Wednesday 5-8

- 5 PM - Meal in Fellowship Hall
- 6 PM - Worship in Sanctuary

Thursday 5-9

- 9 AM - Lend a Hand in Fellowship Hall
- 5 PM - Executive Committee in Conference Room

Saturday 5-4

- 9:30 AM - Support Group for Parents of Children Struggling with Mental Health Issues in Conf. Room
- 11 AM - Funeral for Jeannette Radig in Sanctuary

Sunday 5-12

- 8:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary
- 11:30 AM - Mother’s Day Concert in Community Center