

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 Week of Easter May 8th, 2024 6 p.m.



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

"Our God Is Here" CCLI #4511377 On screen

WELCOME

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

OPENING SONG "Shout to the Lord" ELW #821

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.

GOSPEL: JOHN 15:9-17

Philip Seifert, reader

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.

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY/OFFERING

"Beautiful Savior"

ELW #838

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 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 the 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 THE PEOPLE

Hands for prayer, hands for care and giving, hands to fold, hands to hold on tight. Hands to touch, hands in such thanksgiving, hands to praise, hands to raise on high. Hands for Prayer, *refrain*Marsh Drege

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

Hands for prayer, hands for care and giving, hands to fold, hands to hold on tight. Hands to touch, hands in such thanksgiving, hands to praise, hands to raise on high.

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

"Wonderful Merciful Savior" CCLI #106879 On screen

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

"May the God of Hope Go With Us

ACS #984

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024

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

- Lois Seelye, her funeral will be at Trinity on Thursday, May 9th @ 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.

LOAVES & FISHES - We will be filling bags for our Loaves & Fishes Ministry TONIGHT. Please join us in the Quilters' Room after worship to help. Thank you for your support of this ministry!

LEND A HAND - Lend a hand will meet this Thursday, May 9^{th} @ 9 a.m. to do some yard work, edging of the sidewalks, Flower garden work and other outside stuff. John does not think they will need any tree trimming done this spring... Scott and Susan Boehm will lead the flower expedition. If we need Saturday, May 11^{th} , as an extra day, we will use that day also.

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 narrum@trinitybismarck.com

ONLINE GIVING - Giving has never been easier! Open your camera on your phone and scan the QR code. It will take you right to Trinity's online giving site. You can choose to give via credit card or bank account. Try it out today!

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

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

10:30 AM - Funeral for Lois Seelye in Sanctuary

5 PM - Executive Committee in Conference Room

Saturday 5-11

9:30 AM - Support Group for Parents of Children Struggling

Mental Health Issues in Conference Room

11 AM - Funeral for Jeannette Radig in Sanctuary

Sunday 5-12

8:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary

9:30 AM - Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

10:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary

3 PM - Mother's Day Concert by DPM in Community Center

Tuesday 5-14

9 AM - Quilters in Quilters' Room

5:30 PM - Bible Journaling at Good Shepherd

Wednesday 5-15

2:30 PM - Upstairs Video Study in Room 212

5 PM - Meal in Fellowship Hall

6 PM - Worship in Sanctuary

