

Nurturing a Living Faith with Open Hearts and Serving Hands

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Introduction to the Day

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

6th Week of Easter Wednesday May 28, 2025 6 p.m.



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

"I've Got Peace Like a River" CCLI #2154963 On screen

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Bountiful God,

you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: ACTS 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³ On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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. 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.

GOSPEL: JOHN 14:23-29

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

The holy gospel according to John, chapter 14, beginning with verse 23.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²³ Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵ "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸ You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

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

CHILDREN'S TIME/SERMON

Pastor Mark Narum

HYMN OF THE DAY/OFFERING SONG

"Drawn to the Light"

ELW #593

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

Please pray for James, Terry, Dick, Wendy, Amy, Dennis, Rod, Renae & Hollis.

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.

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

"Hallelujah Is Our Song" CCLI #7004969

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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Camperships

Because we believe in the value of Bible Camp, Trinity Lutheran Church will provide scholarships of half the cost of camp to anyone enrolled in Trinity Church School, Confirmation, or Youth Group attending an ELCA Bible Camp. See Gracia for more info.

Camp of the Cross Summer Camps

Check out the options at Camp of the Cross near Garrison, ND has to offer this summer! There are great options for kids & youth of all ages! Scan the QR Code to go to the Camp of the Cross website.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2025

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

George Hertel - his funeral will be Saturday, June 7th @ 1 p.m. at Trinity. Cathy Hanson - her funeral will be Thursday, July 3rd @ 11:30 a.m. at Trinity.

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM is in memory of Vernon Peterson, Marlene Peterson & Kathleen Matejcek. Given by Eric, Colleen, Isaac & Mia Peterson.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Jim & LaRayne Martel.

UNITED WAY PROJECT - United Way will be collecting wipes and diapers for soon to be and new mothers in our community. Trinity will be a collection site for this project. They are looking for volunteers to help pick up on June 16th. Volunteers can drop off the totes at the United Way office at 515 N 4th St. (across from Trinity). To help with this cause, email rachmarg3@gmail.com or call (701) -255-3601.

MISSION AND OUTREACH PROJECT FOR MAY - The Mission and Outreach Committee invites you to sign up with your family and friends to help one of the following organizations during the month of May:

- Soup Café (www.soupcafe.org/volunteer)
- Ministry on the Margins Food Pantry (www.ministryonthemargins.org/volunteer)
- The Banquet (Text or call 701-220-8809 to sign up)

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!



My thoughts on the scripture and message



THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Wednesday 5-28

2:30 PM - Upstairs Bible Study in Room 212

6 PM - Worship in Sanctuary

6:40 PM - Youth Group

Friday 5-30

SYNOD ASSEMBLY WEEKEND

Sunday 6-1

8:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary

9:35 AM - Bible 101 in Fellowship Hall

10:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary

Monday 6-2

2 PM - Ladies' Bible Study in Conference Room

6 PM - Lutherans in Leather in Parking Lot

9 AM - Quilters in Quilters' Room

5 PM - Worship & Music Committee in Conf. Room

Wednesday 6-4

6 PM - Worship in Sanctuary

6:40 PM - Youth Group