



*Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church*

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*The mission of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is to embody the love of Christ at home-at work-at play-in the community and in the world.*



**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
10:30 a.m. May 21, 2023

**Pastor: Ildiko Rigney- Presiding**  
**Musicians: J4J**  
**Worship Assistant: Loretta Johnson**  
**Ushers & Greeters: Kyle and Gail Brady**  
**Altar Guild: Bruce and Colette Kaiser**  
**May Council: Pat Miller and Bill Rose**

**PRE- GATHERING HYMN: COME TO JESUS**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*The assembly stands. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

In the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{†}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Kneel/Stand    Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage 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**

*The minister stands and addresses the congregation.*

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

## **GATHERING HYMN: WOV # 775 LORD, LISTEN TO YOUR CHILDREN PRAYING**

### **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.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



### **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

### **FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14**

<sup>6</sup>When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.



**PSALM: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35**

<sup>1</sup>Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered;  
let those who hate God flee.

<sup>2</sup>**As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;  
as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

<sup>3</sup>But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;  
let them also be merry and joyful.

<sup>4</sup>**Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds;  
I AM is that name, rejoice before God!**

<sup>5</sup>In your holy habitation, O God,  
you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

<sup>6</sup>**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;  
but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

<sup>7</sup>O God, when you went forth before your people,  
when you marched through the wilderness,

<sup>8</sup>**the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

<sup>9</sup>You sent a bountiful rain, O God;  
you restored your inheritance when it languished.

<sup>10</sup>**Your people found their home in it;  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

<sup>32</sup>Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;  
sing praises to the Lord.

<sup>33</sup>**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;  
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

<sup>34</sup>Ascribe power to God,  
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

<sup>35</sup>**How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,  
giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**



**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

<sup>12</sup>Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. <sup>5:6</sup>Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



The Gospel of our Lord, taken from the 17th Chapter of John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: John 17:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. <sup>6</sup>"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

<sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.



**THE SERMON: PASTOR ILDIKO RIGNEY**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: SPEAK O LORD**

**APOSTLE’S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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  
and is seated at the right hand of Father.**

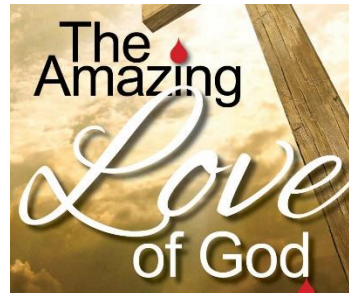
**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**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 INTERCESSION**

**PEACE:**

**OFFERING MUSIC: AMAZING LOVE**



### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Generous God,  
in this meal you offer your very self.  
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.  
In the breaking of this bread  
reveal to us the Risen One.  
In the pouring of this wine  
pour us out in service to the world;  
through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

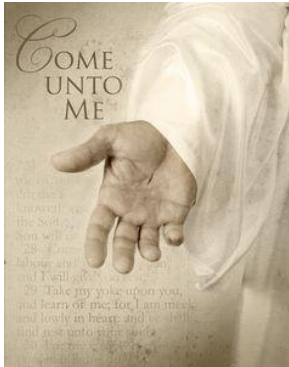
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.



### **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.**





### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and know Christ,  
broken and poured out for you.

*Please come to the table from the side aisle, receive the elements at the altar rail and return down the center aisle.*

### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION: THIS IS MY SONG BECAUSE HE LOVES ME

#### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

**Amen.**

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God,  
in you we live and move and have our being.  
With your word and this meal of grace,  
you have nourished our life together.  
Strengthen us to show your love  
and serve the world in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

#### BLESSING

The God of all,  
who raised ✝ Jesus from the dead,  
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit  
to live in the new creation. **Amen.**

#### SENDING HYMN: GRACE ALONE

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### POSTLUDE: AWESOME GOD

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## Announcements



**SPECIAL PRAYERS:** Bill Rose, Joel Martyn, David, Dee, Dana, Timothy Orsak, Dottie Nixon, Carol Thacker, Katalin Szanto, Richard Chapman, R.L. Montgomery, Jackie Wood, Ryder McGrath, David Irwin, Margie Burnside, Lisa Saucedo, Joy Hoad, Wanda Phillips, Patricia Williams Angerstein, Colt, Peggy Collins, Charity Bennett, A.J. Tejada, Anna Rigney, Troy Hallmark. Janett Scherer, Jeane M., Henry Ramirez, Roger and Linda Sanger, Janett Scherer



**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR:** Flowers on the Altar are in Honor of Gary and Connie Marshall's 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.



**MARK YOU CALENDAR:**

- Monday, May 22- Boy Scout Meeting 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, May 23- LWR Sewing 8:00 am
- Tuesday, May 23- Plates of Love 9:00 am
- Tuesday, May 23- Crime Stoppers 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, May 24- Confirmation for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade 6:15 pm

Helping a Family in need  
You may designate to the Rigney  
Family Benefit Fund  
to help offset medical cost.

**Next Week's Readings May 28:**  
  
**Acts 2:1-21**  
**Ps. 104:24-34, 35b**  
**1 Cor.12:3b-13**  
**John 20:19-23**

**39<sup>th</sup> Annual Luther Fest**  
**Sunday, October 15, 2023**  
**Beginning at 11:00 am**

**Meal: Bar-B-Que Chicken Plate- \$12.00 donation per plate**  
**Live Auction- Meredith Golden**  
**Silent Auction- Brian and Sally Wolter**  
**Placemat Ads- Ralph and Margaret Howard**  
**Cake Walk- Laura Schulz**  
**Pies by the Slice- WELCA**  
**Kids Games- Emilee Vega**

**The Steering Committee meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm in the Parlor.**  
**For more information contact: Larry Clark, Ronnie Stanford or Laura Schulz.**