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Sunday, May 16, 2021

Call to Worship

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love,
our rock and our redeemer. **Amen.**

God hears us when we cry and draws us close in Jesus Christ.
Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Fountain of living water,
pour out your mercy over us.
Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.
Rebuild what we have ruined
and mend what we have torn.
Wash us in your cleansing flood.
Make us alive in the Spirit
to follow in the way of Jesus,
as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails.
The promise rests on grace:
by the saving love of Jesus Christ,
the wisdom and power of God,

your sins are forgiven, and God remembers them no more.
Journey in the way of Jesus. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: LBW 170 (Green Book) Crown Him With Many Crowns

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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation;
Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, 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 1:15-17, 21-26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Psalm: Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Gospel: Gospel: John 17:6-19

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶"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. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for 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. ⁹I 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. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And 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. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

Message

Hymn: WOV 779 (Blue Book) You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord (*On Eagle's Wings*)

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 Intercession

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

Holy God, in Christ Jesus the joy of the church is made complete. Root the church in your Word and unify us as Christ's body. Send us into the world as your loving people, ready to testify to your Spirit at work. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Mighty God, the world is your handiwork, displaying your creative impulse. Seas teem with life, forests reach up to praise you, and the mystery of life lies deep in the soil. Guard and keep this world for the well-being of all your creatures. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Gracious Sovereign, those who follow your ways are like trees planted near streams of water. Establish the leaders of nations and all in authority in your grace and truth. Strengthen them, so that the people they serve will have abundant life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Generous Savior, you befriend those who are sick, suffering, poor, lonely, outcast, rejected, or sick. Grant healing and love to all in need. Give them tangible signs of your steadfast love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creator God, here in this community we share the gift of praying, learning, and supporting one another. Give us thankful hearts as we claim the gifts that are unique to us and keep us from being envious of others with different gifts. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Saving God, your wonderful promise is the gift of eternal life in Jesus. Through the witness of those who have died in you, strengthen us now in this gift of life. We cherish the memory of your saints. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalen and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal;
you we praise and glorify; you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air.
You created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water.

You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with
grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your
own

And so that also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit,
you called us through the life and death of Jesus.

*In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
spoke the blessing, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: take and eat; this is
my body, given for you. Do this and know that I am with you always.*

*And again, after supper, he took the cup, spoke the blessing, and give 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 and know that I am always with you.*

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Son,
the first-born of your new creation.

We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection.

We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom,
all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this
meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to
love.

Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.

Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree
sharing your bounty with all the world.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen**

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.**

Sharing the Meal

Special Music

Canticle

**Thank the Lord and sing his praise;
tell everyone what God has done.
Let everyone who seeks the Lord,
rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He recalls his promises and leads the people forth with joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Prayer after Communion

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing

Closing Hymn: LBW 245 (Green Book) All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



PRAYER CONCERNS

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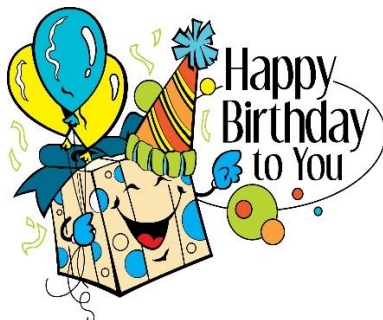
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May 16th Kyleigh Kolos

May 20th Victor Huber

May 22nd John Brady



MEETING NOTICES

- The Mary Martha Circle meets the first Tuesday of each month at 9:30 in Luther Hall. All ladies of the church are invited to come.
- Plates of Love are prepared and delivered on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Preparation begins about 9:30 in the kitchen in Luther Hall. Help is always appreciated. Please call Delores Steen at 361 935-5699 or Betty Dearman at 361 578-5786.

Town Hall Meeting



Town Hall meetings will be held in Luther Hall on Sundays and Wednesdays for you to voice your opinions. Sunday's meeting is from 9:00 AM -10:00AM. Wednesday's meeting will be 7:00PM – 8:00 PM. In addition, a Suggestion Box will be placed in the Narthex.

May 9th and 12th Trinity's History and Mission
May 16th and 19th' Identity of Trinity
May 23rd and 26th Telling the Story of the Future

Why does God Have TLC Here and Now? **Three Questions for May 12 and May 16**

How does Trinity carry out its Mission and Ministry in Christ's name today?

What are the most significant factors shaping Trinity's Mission and Ministry today?

What are we missing in our ministry and mission?



2020 GRADUATE

Kyleigh Kolos graduated in 2020. She is the daughter of Shannon Spree and is attending Our Lady of the Lake in San Antonio on a soccer scholarship. She received 2nd team All-Conference honors for soccer and made the Dean's List for fall 2020.



2021 GRADUATES

Ethan Adcock is the son of Cassie and James Adcock.

Kathryn Dawn Beyer is the daughter of Tommy and Genevieve Beyer. She is graduating from Victoria West High School. Kathryn will attend Texas Lutheran University and major in the pre-med program.

Abigail Brzozowske is the daughter of Paul Brzozowske and Rhonda Brzozowske. Abby is graduating from East High School. She will continue her education at Liberty Academy for two more years. Abby will continue working at Grace Ranch helping to teach horseback riding to young kids.