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Sunday, May 16, 2021 Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:30 A.M.



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

P: We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. Amen.

*Gathering Hymn......ELW #322

"Oh, Love, How Deep"

- 1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought and fantasy, that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake!
- 2 God sent no angel to our race, of higher or of lower place. but wore the robe of human frame, in Christ our Lord to this world came.
- For us baptized, for us he bore 3 his holy fast and hungered sore; for us temptation sharp he knew; for us the tempter overthrew.

- 4 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his daily works he wrought, by words and signs and actions thus still seeking not himself, but us.
- 5 For us by wickedness betrayed, for us, in crown of thorns arrayed, he bore the shameful cross and death: for us he gave his dying breath.
- For us he rose from death again; 6 for us he went on high to reign; for us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

7 All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad; the Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.

Apostolic Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

P. Let us pray...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.

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—¹⁷ for 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 chosen²⁵ to 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.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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!

²Their 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.

⁴It 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.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Spoken)

P: Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel.....

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th Chapter.

C. Glory to You, O Lord.

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; ⁸ 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. 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 vou 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."

.....John 17:6-19

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's SermonPastor Peggy Suhr-Barkley	¥
Sermon	1
The Apostles Creed	
God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ.	
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.	
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of Heaven and earth.	
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.	
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.	
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.	
He descended into hell. 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 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.	
Offering Hymn	5
"Take My Life, That I May Be", Verses 1, 4 and 6 (Spoker	I)
1. Take my life that I may be concerned I and to these	

- 1 Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray...God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.



Prayers of the Church

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.

A brief silence.

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, especially those we now name before you either silently or aloud. 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.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In your love, we uplift and pray for our Bishop Kurt Kusserow and his assistants; Pastor Peter Aspin and Pastor Melissa Stoller. Keep them strong and centered, especially in these days and times of this pandemic. 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.**

P: Lord, Remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray...

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 and Benediction

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. May the God of life, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn...... ELW #876

"Let the Whole Creation Cry"

- 1 Let the whole creation cry, "*Glory to the Lord on high!*" Heav'n and earth, awake and sing, "*Praise to our almighty king!*" Praise God, angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love; sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice.
- 2 Servants striving for the Lord, prophets burning with the word, those to whom the arts belong add their voices to the song. Pow'rs of knowledge and of law, to the glorious circle draw; all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
- 3 Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem loud and bold, and let children's happy hearts in this worship take their parts; from the north to southern pole let the mighty chorus roll: "Holy, Holy, Holy One; glory be to God alone!"

The Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

- C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- P: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

The Postlude

PARISH NOTES

Serving God's People at the Liturgy:

Ministers	The Members of Trinity
Pastor	Pastor Peggy Suhr-Barkley
Music Director	David Spielvogel, II
Lay Lector	Renee Speaker
Altar Guild	Kim Hunter



The flowers are given today to the Glory of God by Beth Hunter.

Announcements



<u>Confirmation – Pentencost Sunday, next Sunday May 23rd –</u>

Confirmation will take place during our 10:30 worship service. Hannah Davis is our ninth grader who will affirm the faith of the church and be confirmed. Continued blessings to Hannah as she affirms the faith of the church!

Dick and Mae Kyser have moved to be nearer to their daughter. Their new address is Bethany Place, 916 North Street, Fremont, Ohio 43420.

Helping those in Need – We have had several requests from people wanting to help those in need in our communities during this time. In the Ellwood City area the local food pantry is housed at Holy Redeemer Ministerium Social Services, 300 Crescent Avenue, Ellwood City, PA 16117 (724-758-3465). Your monetary donation can either be sent directly to the Food Pantry or sent to the church and the church will forward the money on to the respective Food Pantry. Please in the memo portion of your check write: Food Pantry.





Good Neighbor Team News – We will be accepting monetary donations in May and June for the Yellow Ribbon Girls. Please mark "Yellow Ribbon Girls" on your check to the church.

Lutherlyn's 2021 Summer Camp Schedule runs June 13th through July 29th. They plan to schedule and plan following all American Camp Association and CDC guidelines. Registration has begun. Camperships are available for all who need assistance from both our church and Camp Lutherlyn. Please reach out to

Pastor Peggy if you are interested in a campership. Visit www.lutherly.com/summer to register and for more details or call the church office.

Wurtemburg United Methodist Church is seeking a new janitor. The job takes about ten hours a week and the salary is negotiable. Email the church at wuchurch@zoominternet.net or call the church off at 724-758-9685.

<u>Christ Presbyterian Church is seeking a part-time secretary for Monday through Friday mornings.</u> Basic items and bookkeeping are needed. Anyone interested is asked to call the church at 724-758-4563.

Calvin Presbyterian Church is seeking a full-time Directory of Children's Ministry and Outreach as they

begin a five day after school program for grades 2-4. If you would like more information, please call Trinity's church office as we have the Job Description and compensation information. Those that apply need to have a bachelor's degree and experience in children's or youth ministry, be mature in faith and have a passion for sharing Jesus, a self-starter with initiative and energy, a strong communicator, ability to organize and direct volunteers and able to pass all necessary background checks. They must also be able to affirm the Evangelical Presbyterian Church's "*Essentials of Our Faith*."





<u>The 2021 Flower Chart</u> is hanging in the Educational Wing. Please call or email the church office if you would to reserve a special day.



Giving to the Congregation -

If you are interested in contributing to the mission and ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church the link can be found below. http://www.trinitylutheranellwoodcity.com/site/donate.asp?sec_id=180019417

This Week at Trinity:

Today, Sunday, May 16th

Tuesday, May 18th Thursday, May 20th

Saturday, May 22nd Next Sunday, May 23rd

10:30	In-Person Worship
8:00	AA Group
7:00	Pre-Assembly Caucus via Zoom
6:00-7:30	Rotary
7:00	Women's AA Group
7:00	AA Group
10:30	In-Person Worship with Confirmation
8:00	AA Group

Invite your family, friends, and co-workers to worship with us, as we proclaim the Good News of Christ!