# "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself



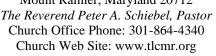
## so that where I am, there you may be also "

John 14:3, NRSV



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#### MAY 7, 2023

#### WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

#### Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Pastor and People of Trinity Lutheran are glad that you are joining us in worship today. We are an "Easter People." As such, we celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death not only one Sunday of the Year, but every Sunday! Jesus Christ is worshipped here as the Living Lord and is seen alive as He comes to us in His Word and Sacraments. We pray that you will discover the same Lord Jesus as you worship with us today.

#### PRAYER UPON ENTERING WORSHIP

Almighty God, Your Son Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of His commandments, and to share His risen life with all the world, for He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### **CONCERNING HOLY COMMUNION**

Lutherans believe that in this Sacrament the very Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are present in, with, and under the physical elements of bread and wine. And this Sacrament is distributed to the Baptized of the Church who believe in the Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, sincerely repent of their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this Holy Meal. Those who are present at this celebration who are baptized, have been instructed in the meaning of this Supper, and believe likewise are welcome to commune with us at this Altar today. Anyone who desires, child or adult, may come forward to receive a blessing.

Persons who have questions about what Lutherans believe or have any spiritual concerns are asked to speak with an Usher so that they can direct you to the Pastor so that you may speak with him before communing.



### The Divine Service of Word and Sacrament in the Season of Easter

Divine Service, Setting One Lutheran Service Book, Page 151ff

¥ In the Name of Jesus Christ ¥

#### **▼** The Preparation **▼**

The Flute & Piano Prelude

"Allegretto" - Albinoni

The Words of Welcome

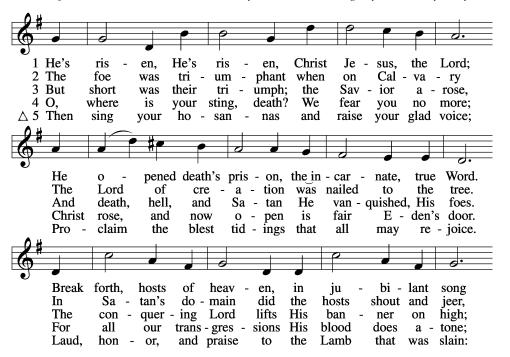
The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 480

"He's Risen, He's Risen"

This Hymn Text and Tune were written by The Reverend Doctor Carl Ferdinand Wilhelm Walther, First President of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, who entered glory on this day, May 7, 1887





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#### The Invocation and Easter Acclamation:

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

- **P** In the Name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **C** The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### The Confession of Sins and Absolution:

- P Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?
- We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

  \*\*Romans 6:3-4\*
- P Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again. The death He died, He died to sin, once for all. The life He lives, He lives to God. Knowing that we have been raised with Christ, let us confess our sins that our lives may be raised and renewed by the power of His forgiveness.

  from Romans 6:9-11

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.



- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### **▼** The Service of the Word **▼**

The Introit of the Day

Psalm 30:1-5; antiphon: Psalm 149:1

- Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!
- I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.
- P O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.
- O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.
- P Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.
- For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

  Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!

#### The Kyrie Eleison:

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



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



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.



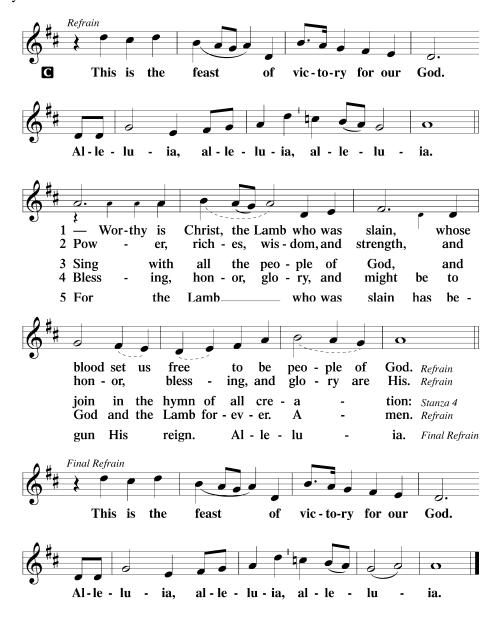
P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.







The Salutation and Collect of the Day:





#### **P** Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Congregation is seated.

#### The First Reading

Acts 6:1-9: 7:2a, 51-60

<sup>1</sup>Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup>And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup>But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." <sup>5</sup>And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup>These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup>And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

<sup>8</sup>And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup>Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. ...

<sup>2a</sup>And Stephen said: "Brothers and fathers, hear me. ...

<sup>51</sup>"You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup>Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup>you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it."

<sup>54</sup>Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup>But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." <sup>57</sup>But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. <sup>58</sup>Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup>And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

The Epistle 1 Peter 2:2-10

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation— <sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in Scripture:

"Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious,

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

<sup>7</sup>So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone,"

8and

"A stone of stumbling,

and a rock of offense."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

The Trinity Singers

"An Easter Hodie"

The Congregation rises.

The Holy Gospel

John 14:1-14

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup>"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."

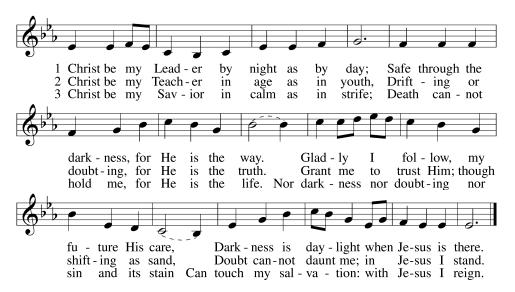
- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.
- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **C** The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### The Congregation is seated.

#### The Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 861

"Christ Be My Leader"



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Tune: Irish

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The Sermon

The Way to the Father's House Text: John 14:1-14

The Congregation rises.



#### The Nicene Creed:

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

#### The Prayer of the Church:

- Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- Let us pray for the Christian Church on earth, that all those who have been brought out of the darkness of unbelief into the light of God's eternal truth by Holy Baptism may ever maintain a steadfast focus on Jesus and His holy cross, receive with true joy the bounty of forgiveness purchased by His blood, and praise the Lamb who triumphed over death and the grave. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Let us pray for the spread of the Gospel in this land and in all places, especially in our Trinity and Mekane Yesus Congregations, that by His Spirit the heavenly Father would embolden His people to speak with clarity the Good News about Jesus, move us to ever welcome the visitor in our midst and unveil the riches of Christ, and that when and where He pleases God would add to the Church those who are being saved. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

| ľ | Let us pray for the proper confession of the Christian faith, that the all-availing work of |
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|   | our mediator Jesus Christ be embraced without reservation, and that by God's Spirit our     |
|   | trust may swell and grow in Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Lord, in Your      |
|   | mercy,                                                                                      |
| C | hear our prayer.                                                                            |
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- Let us pray for the nations of the world, and especially our own nation, that God would grant faithful and compassionate rulers to defend us from evildoers and to promote all that is good and noble in the sight of God. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Let us pray for good education among us and throughout the world, especially in the schools, colleges, and seminaries of our Synod and in the schools of our local communities, that God would lead us to grow in the love of those things which elevate the spirit and are in keeping with the mind of Christ; that the Lord would inspire a thirst for learning in all people, especially in the young, and that teachers would recognize the virtue of their work and be given satisfaction in their vocation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Let us pray for those who are sick, injured, or suffering in any way, especially \_\_\_\_\_\_, that in accordance with God's will they might receive appropriate care, recover from their illness, and be able to look past their present trouble to the peace and joy that Jesus has prepared for all His people. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Let us pray for all those who mourn the death of loved ones, (especially \_\_\_\_\_\_,) that they may be assured that for all those who followed Christ faithfully here on earth, a place has been prepared for them to live in the eternal joys of heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Let us pray for \_\_\_\_\_ and all those who rejoice in the boundless goodness of the Lord, that they may give thanks in all things and continually rely upon the Lord, the giver of every good and perfect gift. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Let us pray for all the people and concerns that have been committed to our prayers, especially \_\_\_\_\_ and all those we name before the Lord in the silence of our hearts... We pray that the Lord will indeed hear these prayers and grant them all according to His good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- Let us pray for all those who commune at the Lord's Table this day, that as we receive Christ's Body and Blood for the strengthening of our faith and the forgiveness of our sins, we may be strengthened to live our lives following the One who is our Way, Truth, and Life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Let us give thanks to the Lord for Carl Ferdinand Wilhelm Walther, Job, Cyril and Methodius, and all those who have gone on before us in the faith of the Risen Lord. Confident in their faith, we too trust in the promises of God by which they lived, and following their example, we pray to the Lord that we too may have the same faith as theirs and come finally to share in the eternal joys of the Father's house. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

#### The Sharing of the Peace:

- The Risen Christ came and stood among His disciples and said, "Peace be with you." Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia. The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** And also with you.

The Congregation is seated.

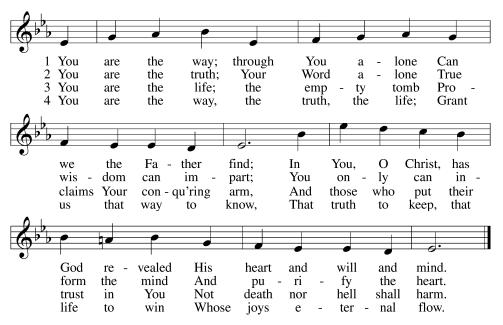


#### **▼** The Service of the Sacrament **▼**

The Hymn of Preparation

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 526

"You Are the Way; through You Alone"



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The Congregation rises.

The Preface Dialogue:

**P** The Lord be with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



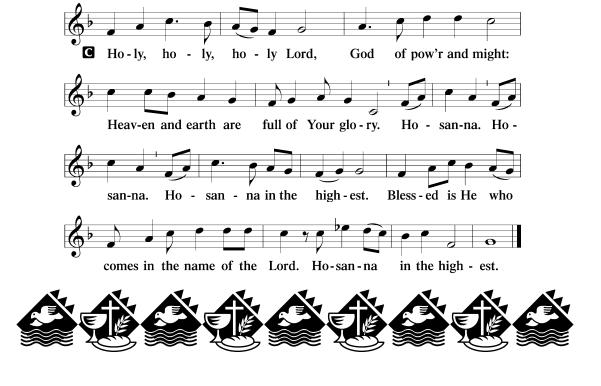
**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

#### The Sanctus:



#### The Prayer of Thanksgiving:

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His Body and His Blood on the cross. Gathered in the Name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His Body and drink His Blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### The Words of Our Lord:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My He Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

#### The Proclamation of Christ and the Lord's Prayer:

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

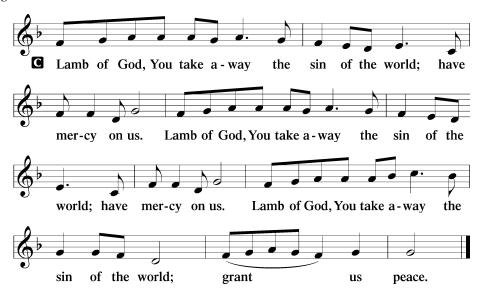
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### The *Pax Domini*:

**P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always.



#### The Agnus Dei:



The Congregation is seated.

#### The Distribution of Holy Communion

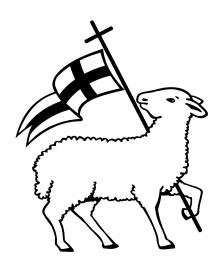
Holy Communion is celebrated in this place in the joyful confidence that Jesus Christ Himself comes to us to give us in bread and wine His very Body and Blood to offer to us the forgiveness of sins. All Baptized Christians who have been instructed in the meaning of this Sacrament and confess with us Christ's Real Presence in this Holy Meal are welcome to commune with us at this Altar. A fuller explanation of what Lutherans believe concerning Holy Communion may be found on page one of this worship folder.

Holy Communion is distributed to the congregation at the chancel rail. Please follow the direction of the ushers to make your way to the Altar. You may kneel or stand as you feel comfortable. The Sacrament is distributed in the following manner...Please extend your hand to the assistant to receive the Body of Christ. Christ's Blood may be received in one of three ways, using that which you feel most comfortable: 1) individual cups containing wine and white grape juice will be offered by the Pastor, 2) intinction: dipping the bread lightly into the chalice held by the Pastor, or 3) drinking from the chalice. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Music During the Distribution:

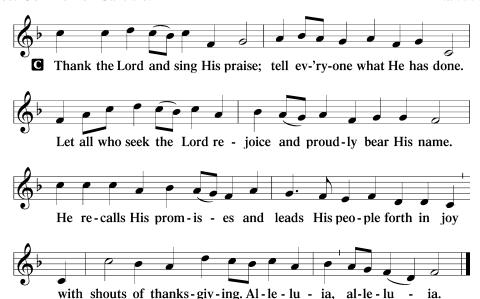
The Trinity Singers: "Alleluia! Alleluia!"

The Congregation rises.



The Post-Communion Canticle:

Thank the Lord



#### The Post-Communion Collect:

**P** Let us pray.

We give You thanks, almighty and merciful God, that You have refreshed us with Your Holy Sacrament; and we beseech You to pour out upon our hearts the Spirit of Your love, and to unite in peace those whom You have fed with the true Paschal Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### The Benediction:

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



#### The Dismissal:

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **C** The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P Go in peace to love and to serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
- C Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

The Hymn to Depart

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 478

"The Day of Resurrection"



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The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

"The Day of Resurrection"

▼ To God Be All Praise and Glory! ▼

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The Worship Assistant Paul Ritter

The Flutist Susan Kennedy
The Choir The Trinity Singers

The Parish Musician Skip Hall

#### NOTES AND NEWS

The Floral Arrangement on the Altar today has been given to the Glory of God in honor of Gus Kruelle's birthday by his children: Linda, Pat, Kathy, and Dale.

COVID UPDATE ... The wearing of masks while in the church building remains optional, and you are free to wear or not wear them as you choose, or as your personal needs determine. We ask, in love for one another, that everyone continue to observe our "Stay Safe Rules" as posted at the church entrances. Thank you all for your continued patience and loving concern for our Trinity Family during this time.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS ... Copies of the Lutheran Service Book in Large Print are available for use during worship for those who may have need of them. You may find them on the literature table at the rear of the sanctuary, and please return them there following the service.

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THE LUTHERAN HOUR ... A brand-new violin needs to mature through time and use. The same goes for followers of Christ. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, May 14, 2023, for this message from Lutheran Hour Speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "Reason to Hope", locally on WFAX 1220 AM or 100.7 FM at 11:00 AM and 10:00 PM, as well as at 5:00 AM and 6:00 PM on Saturdays. If you are out of the radio station's range you may listen online to WFAX worldwide at WFAX.com. The Lutheran Hour can also be heard online on KFUO.org on Sundays at 12:30 PM and 5:00 PM. For more information on this media ministry, or to listen to messages on demand, visit the Lutheran Hour Ministries website at lhm.org, under "Media" and "The Lutheran Hour".

OUR PRAYER LIST ... We are pleased to have an active ministry of prayer among us, attested by the weekly "O Christ, Hear Us" page in the bulletin, inviting us all to remember these persons and needs in our prayer during worship at Trinity and in our own personal prayers during the week. We kindly ask you to also help us keep this list current and up to date by letting us know of any changes or deletions which need to be made. To do this please contact Pastor or the church office with a note that can be placed in the offering basket at church, or with an email.

ALTAR FLOWERS ... The flower chart for 2022 is available for you to donate floral arrangements to adorn the Lord's Altar in honor of special occasions or in memory of loved ones. The chart can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. The donation for a single arrangement is \$30.00. If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email (trinity-elc-office@verizon.net).

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS ... In our weekly Prayer of the Church, the final petition is dedicated to all of the Faithful Departed who are now with the Lord and a part of the Church Triumphant. As a part of this remembrance, we recall by name the saints who are on the calendar of Feasts, Festivals, and Commemorations of our church and remembered during the current week. Some have asked for more information about these saints; so, biographies for each saint, along with a prayer and suggested Scripture readings, are now available for you on our church website.

#### THIS WEEK'S FEAST AND COMMEMORATIONS...

May 7 **Carl Ferdinand Wilhelm Walther**, Pastor & Theologian

May 9 Job, Old Testament Saint

May 11 **Cyril and Methodius**, Missionaries to the Slavs

Visit <a href="http://tlcmr.org/worship/celebrating-the-saints/">http://tlcmr.org/worship/celebrating-the-saints/</a> where you can learn more about the cycle of saints' days on the church calendar and find the biographies for each saint listed by month.



COMPASSION CENTER NEWS... Our Compassion Center is open and is once again serving members of our community with their needs for food and clothing. Please see the full page announcement in the bulletin for more information. If you are able to volunteer during the Center's open hours, please contact Elma. Thank you all for your continued help and support and prayers.

In an effort to keep the cupboards full at the Compassion Center during this time of great need in our community we will continue to need your generous donations of food. All non-perishable foods are welcome, and especially needed items include:

Peanut Butter; Pasta; Pasta Sauce; Macaroni & Cheese; Canned Tuna and Chicken; Canned Fruit; Soup.

There is also a need for diapers, especially sizes 4, 5, and 6.

Donations can be dropped off at the Center during Center hours. And you can also leave your donations at church, and we will make sure that it is delivered to the Compassion Center. Thank you for your loving and generous support.

Center Hours: Mondays & Tuesdays: 10 AM – 4 PM

Wednesdays: 10 AM – 2 PM

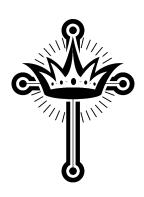
Elma Pervaiz, Coordinator, LMS Compassion Center, Hyattsville, MD

Center Phone Number: 301-277-2302, ext. 23

#### PREPARING FOR THE COMING WEEK ...

The Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 14, 2023

Scripture Readings: Acts 17:16-31; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21



#### PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 7 – 14

May Be Subject to Change

Today The Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM Bible Study

9:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion

(at church in person and via Facebook Live)

10:45 AM Trinity Singers Rehearsal

12:00 PM EECMYM Worship (at church in person)

1:00-4:00 PM CROP Walk at Lake Artemesia

**Monday** 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open **Tuesday** 9:00 AM—Noon Church Office Open

9:30 AM—1:00 PM Circuit 7 Professional Church Workers

Meeting at Trinity

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open

**Wednesday** 9:00 AM—Noon Church Office Open

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Compassion Center Open

**Thursday** 9:00 AM—Noon Church Office Open

Next Sunday The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

8:30 AM Bible Study

9:30 AM Worship Service with Holy Communion

(at church in person and via Facebook Live)

12:00 PM EECMYM Worship (at church in person)

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#### **CHURCH STATISTICS**

Sunday, April 30, 2023 Worship Attendance: 20; Communed: 20.





#### **♥** O Christ, Hear Us! ♥

#### Intercessions for the Week of May 7, 2023

#### **Prayers for Continued Healing and Help**

For Members of Our Trinity Family:

John, Diane, Julie & Kenny, Elizabeth, Joseph, Diane, John Tyler, Waymond, Alan, August, David, Ernie, Paul, Art & Shirley, and Angela

#### For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:

Luke, grandson of Charlie & Jean; Betty, mother of Helen;

Susan, relative of Gus & Betty; Joe, friend of Cullen; Britnany, niece of Lynda;

Juliet, mother of Ras-I; Linda, daughter of Gus & Betty;

Dennis & Caron, former Concordia School Teachers; Jari, former Concordia Teacher;

Catelyn, step-granddaughter of Ernie; Nathan, son of Art; Helen, aunt of Judy;

Bernie, friend of Trinity; Randy, friend of Pepper; Sally, SED Staff;

Robin, daughter of Vincent & Tracy; George, friend of Dave & Joyce;

Danny, friend of Dave & Joyce; Hudson, son of Brendan; Paul III, grandson of Paul;

Ralph, uncle of Vincent & Tracy; Gary & Cynthia, friends of Kim;

Sharon, mother of George; Ray, relative of Kim; Craig, friend of the Praticos

All those affected by or who are in fear of the Coronavirus Outbreak.

For our Medical Community, First Responders, and other Workers who aid us in this time.

#### Thanksgivings and Blessings

Eric & Abrak Royal. Jimmie & Joyce Mayo, and Sam & Judy Welch, who celebrate their wedding anniversaries this week.

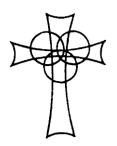
For Oliver Grayson Varona, infant son born to David & Lisbeth Varona, on April 24th.

#### We Keep In Our Prayers

- **♥** Our Trinity family, our ministries, and our mission.
- ♣ Pastor Gugssa Biru and the people of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus in Maryland.
- ★ For the Lord to continue to move the hearts of our Trinity Members to a deeper realization of our part in His mission to the world and to be Ablaze! with a desire to tell the Good News about Jesus with those whom we come into contact in our lives.

- For the work of our Compassion Center, for Elma Pervaiz, our center coordinator, and for Redeemer Lutheran and the Lutheran Mission Society, our mission partners.
- Our government leaders, and for the members of our armed forces.
- For peace and justice among the residents of our nation's cities and towns where there is unrest from fear and distrust.
- For an end to racism and bigotry in our nation and world.
- For all those still affected and recovering from the effects of natural disasters.
- For our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer persecution for the faith and Name of Jesus, even to the point of shedding their blood.
- For peace in our world, especially in those places that are affected by war, oppression, or acts of terror.
- For all those we know who are sick, who grieve, and who are in any need of prayer.





#### Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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#### Sunday Mornings:

Adult Bible Study – 8:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion – 9:30 AM

Worship Services are livestreamed on Facebook Live For more information, please visit the church website.

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