

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 22, 2022

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

*The congregations' responses are in **bold**.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG *Come and Behold Our God* by Kristen Eby

Shadows flee from the light of Your face,
Babbles cease at Your whispers of grace,
Chaos succumbs to the calm of Your touch,
None else could do so much.

Breathing new life through Your perfect plan,
You sent Your Son to this weary land,
In faithfulness, You still reach out Your hand
To call us to life in You.

(Chorus) Come, follow the Way,
 Turn to the One who turns night to day,
 Place your footsteps where Love has trod,
 Come and behold our God!

Open our eyes to Your wondrous deeds,
Tune our ears to a world in need,
Order our lives to Your rhythm of peace,
Call us to faith in You. *(Chorus)*

(Ending) Come and Behold our God!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Just as God's work of creation never ends,
so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day.
Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.
We give thanks, O God, for the waters of life:
For water to bathe in, water to drink,
For water that gives life to our planet.

We give thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place; for water from our tap, for rain and snow, for rivers and springs.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.

We give you thanks for your salvation through water;
for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters,
for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom,
for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought,
for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land,
for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

We give you thanks for your salvation through water.

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized,
and for all who gather here;
for godparents and baptismal sponsors,
for children and grandchildren,
for our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we have never seen
but to whom we are bound.

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.

We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit;
For our entry into Jesus' death through these waters,
For our new birth into a life of freedom and service,
For our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

We give you thanks, blessed and Holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.

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

Let us pray.

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.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture readings, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15

A reading from Acts.

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When 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, ¹²and 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. ¹³On 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. ¹⁴A 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. ¹⁵When 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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

A reading from Revelation.

¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Come, Thou Almighty King v. 2**Please rise.*

Come, Thou incarnate Word,
Gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend,
Come and Thy people bless
And give Thy Word success
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.
All glory be to the Father,
All glory be to the Son!
All glory be to the Spirit,
The blessed Three in One.

GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²³Jesus 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. ²⁴Whoever 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. ²⁶But 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. ²⁷Peace 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. ²⁸You 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. ²⁹And 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.**SERMON**

Gabrielle Brown, Wartburg Seminary Student

SONG OF THE DAY

Psalm 23

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still still waters.
His goodness restores my soul.

(Chorus) And I will trust in You alone.
 And I will trust in You alone.
 For Your endless mercy follows me.
 Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness.
And He anoints my head with oil.
And my cup it overflows with joy.
I feast on His pure delights. *(Chorus)*

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one.
For You are with me,
And Your rod and staff,
Are the comfort I need to know. *(Chorus)*

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.**

THE PRAYERS

At the end of each petition, the reader will say "God in your mercy", please respond with sung response.

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

PRAYER RESPONSE: *Kyrie Eleison (verse 1)*

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.

Hear our cry and heal our land.

Let kindness lead us to repentance.

Bring us back again.

God of new life...

The prayers conclude:

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Resurrected Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

SHARING THE PEACE

Please greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Please be seated.

OFFERING SONG

Breathe

This is the air I breathe,
This is the air I breathe,
Your holy presence living in me.

This is my daily bread,
This is my daily bread,
Your very Word spoken to me.

(Chorus) And I, I'm desperate for You.
 And I, I'm lost without You.

This is the air I breathe,
This is the air I breathe, Your holy presence living in me.

(Chorus)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Please rise.

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

PREPARING FOR THE TABLE

People of God, People of life, we gather as a holy communion, for a meal that has been shared countless times, in countless places, and in countless ways.

The first time this meal was shared, Jesus was gathered around a table with a ragged collection of people—outcasts, betrayers, the power-hungry, the fragile, lonely, lost.

The first time this meal was celebrated, Jesus promised that it was for all time, that whenever the bread was broken and the wine poured, wherever the story was told around a table, he would be there.

Today we remember the story as it's been told a thousand times over; we eat the bread, and we drink the wine, and we affirm that we all belong at this table and Jesus is here.

So if we come to this table angry,
Let this bread and wine be our peace.

If we come to this table broken,
Let this bread and wine be our grace.

If we come to this table betrayed,
Let this bread and wine be our wholeness.

If we come to this table in despair,
Let this bread and wine be our life.

For this is a holy table, with food to fill the hungry world and wine to quench thirsty hearts.

Thanks be to God!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

When Jesus ate with his disciples, he took bread, and after blessing it, he broke it and gave it to them saying: "Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, and after giving thanks, passed it to his disciples, 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."

We remember Jesus' death and resurrection, our hope and our life. We break bread and share the one cup.

Thanks be to God!

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your love and teach us to pray.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

*All are welcome to commune at Christ's Holy Supper. We invite everyone to come forward to the altar to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. Come forward by way of the center aisle to receive the elements and return by the outside aisle. **If you cannot come forward** to receive communion but would like to receive it directly from the pastor, please let a greeter know and the pastor will bring communion to you. Gluten-free wafers are available as well. Children and adults who do not receive communion are invited to come forward as they wish to receive a blessing.*

COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God

1 Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 2 Lamb of God, I'm ask - ing you to
 (3) pre - cious blood of Je - sus Christ

sin of the world. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way my sin. I con - fess that
 cleans - es me from sin. The pre - cious blood of

take a - way the sin of the world.
 I've done wrong, I need your help a - gain.
 Je - sus Christ cleans - es me from sin.

Refrain

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have

mer - cy on me. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have

Last time to coda ⊕

mer - cy, have mer - cy on me. 3 The

⊕ Coda

Lord, have mer - cy on me.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Please rise.

The body and blood of our lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his peace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

Amen.

SENDING

The Holy Spirit leads us out into the world.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

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

SENDING SONG *King of Heaven*

Jesus let Your kingdom come here,
Let Your will be done here in us.
Jesus there is no one greater,
You alone are Savior show the world Your love.

(Chorus) King of heaven come down.
King of heaven come now.
Let Your glory reign shining like the day.
King of heaven come.
King of heaven rise up.
Who can stand against us?
You are strong to save in Your mighty name.
King of heaven come.

We are children of Your mercy,
Rescued for Your glory.
We cry Jesus set our hearts towards You.
That ev'ry eye would see You lifted high. *(Chorus)*

King of heaven come.
King of heaven come.
King of heaven come.
Oh King of heaven come. *(repeat)*

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Go in peace to love and serve the lord.
Thanks be to God!

Be sure to pick up your copy of the Sunday News that contains all the news and announcements!

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Masks are Optional. All who enter the church building, no matter your vaccination status, are **strongly recommended** to mask.

Greeters are here to help! If you have questions, need directions, or just want to know why Holy Trinity is a great place to be, just ask a greeter.



The sanctuary is equipped with **Hearing Loop**, an assistive listening device. To hear the worship service through your hearing aid, switch your hearing aid to the T-coil setting. Portable receivers and headsets are available for check out. Just ask a greeter to check one out.

We love having children in worship! If you find you or your child needs a break, head on over to the **nursery**. You will find books, toys, and a changing table. It is just down the hall from the sanctuary.

Do you like coffee and treats? So do we! Join us between services starting at 9:30 am in the Living Faith Center (LFC) just down the hall for a cup of coffee or tea and a treat.

Restrooms are just down the hall, past the nursery. At the end of the hall turn left!

Interested in helping with worship? Go to our website at www.htlcdbq.com and scroll to “Sign-up Sheets”

| 11:00 A.M. | May 22 | May 29 |
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| Set up Communion | | |
| Greeter #1 | | |
| Greeter #2 | | |
| Usher #1 | | |
| Usher #2 | | |
| Reader | | |
| Clean up Communion | | |
| Communion Assistant #1 wine | | |
| Communion Assistant #2 wine | | |
| Communion Assistant #3 bread | | |
| Tech Booth | | |

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