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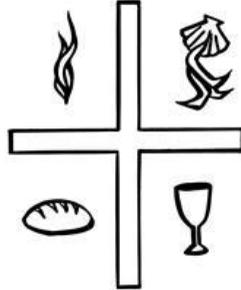
Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary & live-streaming

Live streaming on Facebook and YouTube (Trinity LutheranSparta)

Our worship service will also be recorded and will be available on our website

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Order of Worship

Prelude
Welcome

***Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn: *Gather Us In

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***Prayer of the Day**

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Psalm: Psalm 97

¹The LORD reigns; let the | earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the | isles be glad.

²**Clouds and darkness sur- | round the LORD,
righteousness and justice are the foundations | of God's throne.**

³Fire goes be- | fore the LORD,
burning up enemies on | every side.

**4Lightnings light | up the world;
the earth | sees and trembles.**

**5The mountains | melt like wax
before the Lord of | all the earth.**

**6The heavens declare your righteous- | ness, O LORD,
and all the peoples | see your glory.**

**7Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight | in false gods!
Bow down before the LORD, | all you gods.**

**8Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Ju- | dah rejoice,
because of your judg- | ments, O LORD.**

**9For you are the LORD, most high over | all the earth;
you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.**

10You who love the | LORD, hate evil!

**God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the
hand | of the wicked.**

**11Light dawns | for the righteous,
and joy for the hon- | est of heart.**

**12Rejoice in the | LORD, you righteous,
and give thanks to God's | holy name.**

New Testament Reading: Acts 1:1-11

1 In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach **2** until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. **3** After his suffering^[a] he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. **4** While staying^[b] with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; **5** for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with^[c] the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” **7** He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. **8** 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.”⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.¹¹ 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.”

Sermon

***Apostles’ Creed**

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***Prayers of Intercession**

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.

A brief silence.

Holy God, make your people one as you and your Son are one. Extend the gifts we have been given by your Spirit to all people, especially those experiencing division or questioning your love. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort all who dwell in shock and grief, O God. Bring strength and peace to all who mourn this day. Put an end to violent attacks, racial hatred, and war. Protect the innocent. Bind the wounds of those who grieve. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Keep in our minds on this Memorial Day Weekend those who have died in service to our country. May we honor them by seeking peaceful solutions to the conflicts that arise among nations and peoples. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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** Symbol indicates a time when the congregation stands*

Grant freedom to all who are overwhelmed by chronic illness, depression, or constant worry. Open them to receive health and salvation in Christ Jesus through the Spirit's gift of faith. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant wisdom, patience and joy to our call committee, council members, and all church leaders. May the fruit of Your spirit be present with them every day. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Unite us with the saints who have died and been raised in Jesus. Train us to wait with eager longing for Christ to come again, even as we sense his presence with us now. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

***Sharing of the Peace**

Offering – *“If a man borrows anything from his neighbor, and it is injured or dies while its owner is not with it, he shall make full restitution.”* (Exodus 22:14)



Thank you for your continued support of Trinity's ongoing mission to serve the people of God in our community and the world. Your offering can be placed in the offering plate in the narthex as you leave. You may also mail it in, leave it in the lockbox outside the main door or use one of the electronic means available. Scan the QR code to donate now to Trinity's General Fund. Thank you!

***Offering Prayer**

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

***Great Thanksgiving (spoken)**

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***Preface**

***Holy, holy, holy Lord (sung)**

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Words of Institution

***The Lord's Prayer**

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Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ dwells with us here.

All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

Communion

***Prayer after Communion**

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.**

***Blessing**

God, the Author of life,

Christ, the living Cornerstone,

and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,

✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: *This Little Light of Mine

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***Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

Attendance for Sunday, May 22, 2022 – 139

For May 15, 2022:

General fund giving, including Simply Giving, is \$2943.90

Designated fund giving, including Simply Giving, is \$1306.00

Sunday, May 29, 2022

9:00 a.m.:

Reader – Brittany Michalski

Ushers - Paul & Chuck Amundson, Mark Baltz, Alice Olson

Music - Accompanist: Adell Morton

Altar Team – Month of June: Mary Herrman

Coffee Fellowship – Karen Edwards

Flower Pick Up –Month of June: Carol Thorsen

Money Counters – May 31 (Tuesday) – Carol Thorsen – Adell Morton –
Brenda Degenhardt

Food Pantry – June 1 – Dennis & Carol Glaman

Sunday, June 5, 2022

9:00 a.m.:

Reader – Joel Opprieht

Ushers - Paul & Chuck Amundson, Mark Baltz, Alice Olson

Music - Accompanist: Adell Morton

Altar Team – Month of June: Mary Herrman

Coffee Fellowship – Call Committee

Flower Pick Up –Month of June: Carol Thorsen

Money Counters – June 6 – JoEllen Siver-Alice Olson-Gary Peterson

Food Pantry – June 8 – Rita Bernette and JoEllen Siver

Sunday, June 12, 2022

9:00 a.m.:

Reader – Jack Miller

Ushers - Paul & Chuck Amundson, Mark Baltz, Alice Olson

Music - Accompanist: Adell Morton

Altar Team – Month of June: Mary Herrman

Coffee Fellowship – Opportunity to serve

Flower Pick Up –Month of June: Carol Thorsen

Money Counters – June 13 – Carol Glaman-Gary Peterson-Maryann Bolstad

Food Pantry – June 15 – Mary Herrman and Judy Bernett