

Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA

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May 15, 2022

Fifth 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

Opening Hymn: *Now the Green Blade Rises

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***Prayer of the Day**

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (booklet)
Remi Susanna Rolstad

Special Music: Choir – *What a Friend by Jack Schrader*

Recognition of BSA Troop 7 Lutheran Religious Emblem Recipient
Charles Tempski

Psalm: Psalm 148

- ¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;
praise God | in the heights.
- ²**Praise the LORD, | all you angels;
sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.**
- ³Praise the LORD, | sun and moon;
sing praise, all you | shining stars.
- ⁴**Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens,
and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**
- ⁵Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
who commanded, and they | were created,
- ⁶**who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,
giving them a law that shall not | pass away.**
- ⁷Praise the LORD | from the earth,
you sea monsters | and all deeps;
- ⁸**fire and hail, | snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;**
- ⁹mountains | and all hills,
fruit trees | and all cedars;
- ¹⁰**wild beasts | and all cattle,
creeping things and | flying birds;**
- ¹¹sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,
princes and all rulers | of the world;
- ¹²**young | men and maidens,
old and | young together.**

¹³Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and heaven.

¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for
all | faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near
the LORD. | Hallelujah!**

New Testament Reading: Acts 11:1-18

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

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.

Loving God, lead us to follow your Spirit, rather than our own prejudices or desires, as the church cares for one another. Open us to perceive your gifts in those we least expect. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Inspire us to praise you through the beauty and majesty of the natural world around us. Urge us toward more deliberate care of the world you have made. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Humble the rulers of nations before your splendor. Direct them to the people who need their attention most, and turn them from the temptation to hoard wealth or power. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress. As Christ enters our deepest suffering, remain with those experiencing despair and great need. 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.**

Direct our Stephen Ministry. Grant us the leaders we need and guide this ministry into Your will. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Place holy love at the center of all our relationships and communities. By your love heal us, convict us, and renew us. Bring an end to racism in our churches and communities. Let everyone know your goodness by the love we show one another. 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 – *“You shall not oppress your neighbor, nor rob him. The wages of a hired man are not to remain with you all night until morning.”* (Leviticus 19:13)



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***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: *The Day of Resurrection!

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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 8, 2022 – 106

For May 1, 2022:

General fund giving, including Simply Giving, is \$5204.52

Designated fund giving, including Simply Giving, is \$138.00

Sunday, May 15, 2022

9:00 a.m.:

Reader – Charles Tempski

Ushers - Mark Baltz, Paul Amundson, and Chuck Amundson

Music - Accompanist: Adell Morton **Special Music:** Choir

Coffee Fellowship – Charles Tempski

Altar Team – Month of May: Judy Schure & Judy Bernett

Flower Pick Up –Month of May: Gary & Carol Haskins

Money Counters – May 16 – Carol Thorsen – Nancy Oswald – Gail Baltz

Food Pantry – May 18 – Anita Jensen & Donna Boland

Sunday, May 22, 2022

9:00 a.m.:

Reader – SHS graduates

Ushers - Alice Olson, Paul Amundson, and Chuck Amundson

Music - Accompanist: Worship Team

Coffee Fellowship – Milestone Ministry

Altar Team – Month of May: Judy Schure & Judy Bernett

Flower Pick Up –Month of May: Gary & Carol Haskins

Money Counters – May 23 – Alton Ask – Audrey Zebell – Bill McClain

Food Pantry – May 24 (Tuesday Evening) – Debbie Page & Brittany Michalski

May 25 – Julie Erickson & Karen Hernandez

Sunday, May 29, 2022

9:00 a.m.:

Reader – Brittany Michalski

Ushers - Alice Olson, Paul Amundson, and Chuck Amundson

Music - Accompanist: Adell Morton

Coffee Fellowship – Karen Edwards

Altar Team – Month of May: Judy Schure & Judy Bernett

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