

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 16th & 17th, 2015

Welcome to worship. Our ascended Lord is in heaven, where he sits at the Father's right hand and prays for his church. We invite you to worship with us again!

Communion Announcement

Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Here at Trinity we practice a "close" Communion. God tells us that we are to be properly prepared for the Lord's Supper and that we show a unity in our faith when we go to Communion. Since the Lord's Supper is an expression of our common confession and we wouldn't want to put our guests in the awkward position of confessing beliefs they might not hold to, we ask that only members of the WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) and ELS (Evangelical Lutheran Synod) church come forward. If you have any questions or are interested in membership, please speak with Pastor Pope.

Our Worship

***Order of Service:** "Service of Word and Sacrament" as found in this bulletin or on page 26 in *Christian Worship* if you would like to follow the music there.

*Sunday, we begin with "Holy Baptism", pg. 12 in *Christian Worship*.

HYMN: 735

STAND

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: (Sung) Lord, have mercy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: (Sung) Christ, have mercy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: (Sung) Lord, have mercy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C: (Sung) Amen.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD

C: (Sung) O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth. Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love. You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit; you make us pure and holy in your sight. You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth. O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, you came to live with us; you made your Father known; you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the King of glory; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

M: Let us pray.

M: Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (Sung) Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

First Lesson: Acts 1:15-26 (NIV)

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) ¹⁶ and said,

“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷ he was one of our number and shared in this ministry.”¹⁸ (With the reward he got for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. ¹⁹ Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)²⁰ “For,” said Peter, “it is written in the book of Psalms, “ ‘May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it,’ and, “ ‘May another take his place of leadership.’ ²¹ Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from John’s baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.”²³ So they proposed two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.” ²⁶ Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

PSALM OF THE DAY: 8, on page 67

Second Lesson: 1 John 4:13-21 (NIV)

¹³ We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the

world. ¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. ¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. ¹⁷ In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. ²¹ And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia.
(John 14:18)

C: (Sung) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

STAND

The Gospel: John 17:11-19 (NIV)

¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one. ¹² While I was with

them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. ¹³ “I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

C: (Sung) Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY: 153

Sermon Text: John 17:11-19

THE ASCENDED LORD TEACHES US WHAT FAITH IS . . .

- I. Knowledge
- II. Assent
- III. Confidence

STAND

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

(Saturday)

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.

Or

(Sunday)

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: (Sung) And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: (Sung) We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: (Sung) It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church.

M: Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

C: (Sung) Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory. You are my God, and I will exalt you. I will give you thanks, for you have become my salvation. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: (Sung) Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

C: (Sung) O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: 311

THANKSGIVING

STAND

THANK THE LORD

C: (Sung) Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell everyone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He renews

his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (Sung) Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

C: (Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 175

**After worship is our 3rd weekend of the month door collection. This month it is for the Trinity Family Care Fund.*

Note: if you would like to help in the Nepal earthquake relief effort in addition to prayer, send an offering to our Wisconsin Synod marked, "Christian Aid and Relief – Earthquake Relief", or go to: www.wels.net/get-involved/give-gift



We welcome those visiting us this weekend. If you are a resident of this area and have no church home, we invite you to consider Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, town of Liberty. If you are interested, please speak to the pastor. We pray the blessing of God's Holy Spirit upon his Word, which you have heard with us today. Please worship with us again!

Announcements

Organist

Our organist this weekend is Tammie Nagel. We thank her for beautifying our worship with her organ playing.

Communion Register

Members and guests, please remember to sign the communion register on the left side as you enter the sanctuary.

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers this weekend were put on by Dennis & Kayla Oehldrich. Thank you and we welcome their family today.

Baptism

Congratulations to Dennis & Kayla Oehldrich on the baptism of their infant daughter, Sophie. May the Lord bless you richly and your daughter, who has been brought into God's family in Christ.

Jail Ministry Training Meetings

There will be two upcoming training meetings for male WELS members in the Manitowoc area who are interested in being part of a Bible study rotation at the Manitowoc County Jail. Pastor Phil Merten from Wisconsin Lutheran Institutional Ministries will be the trainer. Interested pastors and laymen: these will be two different sessions, so please come to both, if possible. If you can't make one of them, we can get you the materials to view at home. The training sessions will be:

Saturday, May 23, from 12:30-2:00 pm at our church

Saturday, June 6, from 12:30-2:00 pm at St. John's, Newtonburg

Six area pastors have so far agreed to be part of this rotation. We are looking for at least six more pastors or laymen to also be Bible study leaders. This would be for a 12:30-2:30 pm study at the jail every other Saturday, with male Huber inmates. We may start in late June. If two men would conduct Bible studies each time, this would mean each leader is scheduled once every three months. Any questions, please speak with Pastor Pope.

Delegate Forum – June 9th

The WELS' 63rd biennial convention will be held at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Mich., July 27-30, under the theme "One in Christ." In preparation for this convention, there will be a "Delegate Forum" at Manitowoc Lutheran High School in the commons on Tuesday, June 9 from 7 to 8 PM. All pastors, teachers, and laypeople are invited to hear about the work of our Synod and matters relating to the Synod Convention. God willing, this event will give all in attendance a greater appreciation for God's work through our beloved Synod. Pastor Keith Free, the administrator of the Board for Home Missions, will also give a presentation about some of the WELS mission work around the country, especially the six new home missions authorized this year. Light snacks and beverages will be provided.

Reminders

- There is no Saturday worship May 23. It is the start of the summer schedule, with worship on Sunday, May 24, and Tuesday, May 26.

Calendar of Events

Sat.16th	7:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion
Sun.17th	8:15 a.m. Sunday School 8:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class 9:00 a.m. WCUB Broadcast 9:30 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion
Tues.19th	5:15 p.m. Fellowship Committee 7:00 p.m. Board of Spiritual Affairs
Thur.21st	7:00 p.m. Choir
Sun.24th	8:15 a.m. Adult Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Worship
Tues.26	6:00 p.m. Trinity Ladies Circle 7:00 p.m. Worship
Sat.30th	9:00 a.m. Stewardship Committee

Ushers

May 16th Greg Buechner (Server), Warren Lutze (Server), Steve Pleuss
May 17th Larry Hochkammer (Server), John Smith (Server), Jeff Kasten, Andy Fisher
May 24th Gary Vetter, Elwood Free, Alex Free, David Petersen
May 26th Fred Schnell, Mike Kiesow

Greeters

May 17th David & Clair Petersen family
May 24th Earl & Lois Glaeser

Altar Guild: May – Group 5

Sarah Hackmann, Jennifer Pope, Jean Reindl, Janice Wehausen

Happy Birthday to...

5/17 David Petersen
5/17 Evan Ott
5/18 Mona Hansen
5/19 Elwood Free
5/19 Carson Wasmer
5/20 Ellah Arnold
5/21 Michael Kaufmann
5/21 Ivy Silbernagel
5/24 Al Gulseth
5/24 Jessica Williamson
5/25 Todd Bergmann
5/25 Tenley Evenson
5/26 Tim Petersen

Happy Anniversary to...

5/20 Andy & Jackie Kiesow – 9 Years
5/20 Larry & Amy Hochkammer – 20 Years
5/27 Warren & Pam Lutze – 37 Years

**If you have a May birthday/anniversary that was missed or listed incorrectly please let us know so we can update church records. Thanks!*