



Sunday, May 2, 2021

Easter 5/Confirmation

Worship focus: *Celebrate Jesus' Victory:
As we stay connected to him.*

HYMN

167 – “Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense” (verses 1, 2, & 3)
(The “Amen” is sung after the last hymn only.)

**1. Jesus Christ, my sure defense
And my Savior, now is living!
Knowing this, my confidence
Rests upon the hope he's giving,
Though the night of death be fraught
Still with many an anxious thought.**

**2. Jesus, my Redeemer, lives;
I, too, unto life shall waken.
Endless joy my Savior gives;
Shall my courage, then, be shaken?
Shall I fear, or could the head
Rise and leave his members dead?**

**3. No, too closely am I bound
Unto him by hope forever;
Faith's strong hand the rock has found,
Grasped it, and will leave it never.
Even death now cannot part
From its Lord the trusting heart.**

Please stand.

P: 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

P: 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.

P: 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

P: 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: Lord, have mercy.

P: 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: Christ, have mercy.

P: 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: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Amen.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON – Acts 16:11-15

The Gospel of Christ fills a new believer with the desire to serve.

¹¹ From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day on to Neapolis. ¹² From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days. ¹³ On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ One of those listening was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. ¹⁵ When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 67

Spoken responsively

P: May God be gracious to us and bless us

C: and make his face shine upon us;

P: may your ways be known on earth,

C: your salvation among all nations.

P: May the nations be glad and sing for joy,

C: for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

P: Then the land will yield its harvest,

C: and God, our God, will bless us.

P: God will bless us,

C: and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

**ALL: 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.**

SECOND LESSON – 1 John 3:18-24

The Apostle John reminds us that in Christ we have confidence before God and motivation to reflect Christ's love.

¹⁸Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. ¹⁹This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²²and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. Alleluia.

Please stand.

GOSPEL – John 15:1-8

Jesus is the life giving Vine who gives believers the power to produce good fruit.

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. ⁸This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY 440 – “On Eagles’ Wings”

**1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in his shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge,
My rock in whom I trust!"
And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.**

**2. Snares of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under his wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield.
And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.**

**3. For to his angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.
And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.**

SERMON Text: Revelation 2:10-11

¹⁰Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life. ¹¹He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death.

Theme: Be faithful as you live for Christ!

1. Even with Satan in your face.
2. With the prize in your sights.

Please 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.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

Offering plates are near the exits for you to place your thank-offering.

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The Confirmands *May 2, 2021*

Class Verse: Jesus said: "Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life."

(Revelation 2:10)

Class Hymn: "On Eagles' Wings" (Christian Worship 440)

Class Flower: *Daisy*

Class Colors: *Coral and Teal*

The Vow of the Confirmands

The Vow of the Parents

P: These promises of your children do not end your spiritual responsibility to them or for them. These young people will continue to need your direction, guidance, and support. You will be needed in spiritual as well as physical matters of life. Therefore I ask you, will you continue to guide your child to a godly life by your words and actions?

Parents: Yes, I will, with the help of God.

The Vow of the Congregation

P: You have heard the testimony of faith from these young confirmands and fellow believers. What is your response?

C: We are happy to receive these young people into our midst as brothers and sisters in the faith. We promise to aid and assist them and their families in all aspects of their lives, spiritual and physical. We pray God to make us good examples of faith and love, so that our lives might encourage and edify them.

Welcome as Communicant members:

Owen Clarence Achey

Parents: Donald and Shannon (Riley) Achey

Birthday: December 30, 2006

Baptism: December 30, 2006

Sponsors: Pastor Scott and Stephanie Wolfram

Verse: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path" (Psalm 119:105)

Maya Elizabeth Beagle

Parents: Joseph and Leslie (Young) Beagle

Birthday: September 13, 2006

Baptism: November 11, 2006

Sponsor: Justine Bower

Verse: "He replied, 'Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.'" (Luke 11:28)

Mikayla Faith Norway

Parents: George and Ashley (Winebar) Norway

Birthday: July 26, 2007

Baptism: August 12, 2007

Sponsor: Veronica Sherman, Witnesses: Allyson Birk and Aaron Winebar

Verse: "Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life." (Revelations 2:10)

Allison Kay Stuckey

Parents: Nick and Annette (Rader) Stuckey

Birthday: April 21, 2007

Baptism: May 6, 2007

Witness: LuAnn Stuckey

Verse: "For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways" (Psalm 91:11)

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

P: 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. 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 forever and ever.

C: Alleluia! Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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."

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

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



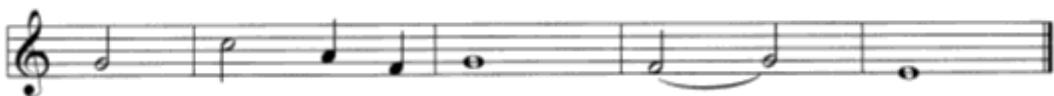
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

Please stand.

P: 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: Amen.

BLESSING

P: 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: Amen.

HYMN

446 – “I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus” (verses 1, 2, & 4)

**1. I am trusting you, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only you,
Trusting you for full salvation,
Free and true.**

**2. I am trusting you for pardon;
At your feet I bow,
For your grace and tender mercy
Trusting now.**

**4. I am trusting you to guide me;
You alone shall lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying
All my need. Amen.**



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GREETERS

today are:

Barb Roidt & Ruth Marquart – Early Service
Charlotte Brown – Late Service

Next Sunday:

Joe & Jean Spaeth – Early Service
Joyce Beach & Loretta Jansen – Late Service

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of April 25, 2021)

Total Worship Attendance: 191; Early: 98; Late: 198; Adult Bible Study: 21; Teen Bible Study: 2.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through May 8 are the members of Clark Inniger's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, May 9 will be the members of Ron Bower's Undershepherd group.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (May 2 through May 9)

TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30; Confirmation; Communion; No Bible classes- Examination between services.

MON Mornings with Mommy 9:30; School Board meeting 6:00.

TUE Mornings with Mommy 9:30.

WED On-Line Catechism 6:30.

SAT Elders 10:00a.m.

SUN **Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30;** Children's Lesson; Adult Bible Study; Teen Bible Study 9:20.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

MON Faculty meeting 3:30.

WED Chapel 8:20.

HOLY COMMUNION: The Bible teaches us that Holy Communion is a public demonstration of participants' united confession of the Bible's teachings (1 Cor. 10:17). Since we strive to follow all that the Bible teaches, we believe that members of this congregation or the WELS or ELS synod are united in the true teaching and may commune together. All guests should speak with a pastor before Communion, to first determine if unity of faith exists. We're eager to establish a unity of faith and to declare this oneness at Communion with you.

CONFIRMATION DAY for our Trinity 8th grade confirmands will take place in the late service **today**. Examination of the confirmands will be in the sanctuary between services.

A FREE-WILL OFFERING will be collected on May 16th in honor of Mr. Sam Koepsell, 7th and 8th grade teacher, who is leaving Trinity School at the end of the school year. Thank you, Mr. Koepsell, for all the passion you've shown for our school throughout this most difficult year!

thank you!

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK takes place May 3rd through May 7th. It's been a difficult year for our Trinity teachers and staff. Everyone has taken on extra duties and made extra effort to make this abnormal year more normal for our students. Let's show them some love! Let's let them know that they are valued and truly appreciated. Pray for them, drop them a line or a card, or send a treat, showing them our thoughts and appreciation for all they do.

FLOWERS, BIRDS, AND MOTHER'S DAY: Join us to celebrate springtime and mothers on Monday, May 3 or Tuesday, May 4, from 9:30-10:30. Bring your infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and kindergartners to explore educational and fun activities together at Mornings with Mommy. Make a bird feeder, water flowers, sort feathers, and build a bouquet. Register online at tlcjenera.org or call 262-391-7994.



Our school is in desperate need of full time bus drivers to drive morning and afternoon routes each school day throughout the school year. We are also in need of substitute bus drivers. If you are interested in either position, please contact the school office or any school board member. Drivers need not be a Trinity member, so if you know of someone who may be interested, please share with them.

TUESDAY EVENING SERVICES: Trinity Elders are looking for feedback regarding our summertime midweek services. Please contact any elder with your thoughts. Elders are Ray Curth, Jamey Rausch, Bill Hull, Dan Webb, Gordon Nessler, and Ron Bower. You may also email the school at tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org or Pastor Nowak at pastormattn@gmail.com.

PLEASE PRAY for Dorothy Beach, who is ill. Keep her in your prayers, as well as all of our members who are hospitalized, homebound or in nursing homes.

PRESCHOOL POSITION in Findlay: Immanuel's Preschool Director, Becky Lange, will be leaving, as her husband, Rev. Paul Lange, accepted a Call to Wisconsin. We are looking for a local person who has an education degree and is a WELS or ELS member to take on this part-time position. If you may be interested, please call our office at 419.422.8209 for more information.

THE HANCOCK HISTORICAL MUSEUM is planning an exhibit in June on the history of the Famous Dove and its passengers which was shipwrecked off the Virginia Coast in September of 1831. They are inviting people who have photos, documents or items relating to the passengers of the Dove, to share them for the exhibit by donation, loan or allowing the museum staff to scan papers or photos. You may take the items to the Museum at 422 West Sandusky Street, Findlay and ask for Lauren Pepple Etler, or call her at 419-889-4716 to arrange a meeting.

LADIES AID Survey sheets can be found in the narthex. Members, please fill one out and return it by July. You may place them in the basket on the table. If you prefer, you can also fill it out on line and return to the school office (tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org) via email. Just contact the office and one will be sent to you!

PRESCHOOL PLAYTIME: Do your kids need a place to get some energy out? Join us for a FREE open gym for all preschool aged children in the school gym on Monday, May 10 from 10:00-11:00 AM. We will have balls to play with, ride-on toys, mats to crawl/roll around on, a mini-trampoline, infant toys, and lots of space to run around and play.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School lesson packets for three-year-olds, containing lessons 26-30 are available for pick up in the narthex on the left side of the Sunday School table. Students in Preschool through eighth grade may find lessons-on-video at nph.net/ss-at-home. Lesson packets that go with the videos are on the table in the narthex. The Bible lesson for today/this week is #3, "Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead." May God bless us and our children as we hear and read these lessons from the Bible.

GRADUATES: If you are graduating from high school or college this year, please contact the secretary at 419-326-4685 or tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org by June 15. Please list the date, school, and your future plans (for high school students) or degree (for college students).





*Trinity Lutheran School Confirmation
Sunday, the Second of May,
Two thousand and twenty-one*

Owen Clarence Achey

Maya Elizabeth Beagle

Mikayla Faith Norway

Allison Kay Stuckey