



Sunday, May 14, 2023

Easter 6

Theme of the Day:

He Lives and Calls Me to Live for Him

Congregation sings or speaks the bolded text

614 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

CW 614

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Please stand.

P: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

Lord, Have Mercy

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther. We



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on
us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God.

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The Word

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

P: O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; 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.

First Reading

Acts 17:22–31

To the people of Athens St. Paul proclaims that living as the offspring of the one true God means living a life of repentance and obedience.

²²Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you. ²⁴“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. ²⁵And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. ²⁶From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’ ²⁹“Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. ³⁰In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

66C Let All the Earth Sing Out

Psalms 66C

P: Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious.

**C: Praise our God, all peoples,
let the sound of his praise be heard;**

P: he has preserved our lives
and kept our feet from slipping.

P: Come and hear, all you who fear God;
let me tell you what he has done for me.

**C: If I had cherished sin in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened;**

P: but God has surely listened
and has heard my prayer.

**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.**

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Second Reading

1 Peter 3:13–22

St. Peter teaches that love for God means obedience to his commands even if that obedience brings suffering into our lives.

¹³Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” ¹⁵But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. ¹⁷For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the spirit. ¹⁹After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— ²⁰to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14: 15,16

Alleluia. If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 14:15–21

Jesus explains that those who love him will obey his teaching. Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit who gives us the power to live for Christ.

¹⁵“If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

¹⁹Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

Children’s Lesson

557 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice: verses 1-5

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Sermon Text:

1 Peter 3:13-22

Sermon Theme: Christ is exalted!

- 1) To give you a clear conscience**
- 2) To be with you when you apologize**

Please stand.

Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P: Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

C: Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

P: Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

C: Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

P: The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

C: Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

P: Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

C: Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

P: Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

C: Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

P: Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

C: Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Please be seated.

Offering

Friendship Registration

Guests: Please fill out name, address, and phone number.

Members: Please fill out name and any new information.

Check the third box if you intend to commune.

Please, return the booklet to its original location. Thank you!

557 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice: verses 6-10

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Please stand.

P: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Blessing

P: 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.

606 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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Announcements

LUTHER SOCIETY: We will be having a business/planning meeting between services in Mr. Falk's room on May 21st. We'll start around 9:20am. We would like to plan our activities for the next several months so bring your ideas! Donuts and drinks will be provided. We will not be doing an activity this month due to the busy graduation season.

THANK YOU to Jerry Burkholder, Joyce Barge, Dawn Inniger, Cheryl Kretz, Kathy Rettig, and Esther Spaeth for volunteering Monday May 8th in the concession stand. It was greatly appreciated. Also a BIG thanks for all the food donations. This year, with the help of food donations and great volunteers the food concession stand was the best one to date!

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for Mary Ann King, mother of Marilyn Stahl, who underwent hip surgery, and then had a stroke. She has now been sent into hospice. To send cards or words of encouragement to Mary Ann King please send to Doug and Marilyn's home. Contact the office or pastor for the address.

THE FINAL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY for the book 'What's Big Starts Small' will be May 22, 6:30 at the Jenera Park outside shelter. We're finishing up with chapter 10. Bring a snack to share if you'd like and we'll celebrate hopefully the first of many Bible Studies for this group! We hope you enjoyed it! (If rain, it will move to Dawn Curth's house).

SCHOOL CARPET PROJECT UPDATE: As you may recall, a donation was given recently to cover what was thought to be the entire carpet project cost. We thank God for that gift! It may not come as a surprise to some, but to Principal Falck and the people at Diller's in Bluffton it was, the style of carpet we chose had a significant price change. The price also reflects a style of carpet that is higher quality than that that was originally quoted. Because of this and the cost of labor, we actually need around \$1800 more. The flooring provider is still working to secure a better price and provide a discount. If you still desire to provide an extra gift, above and beyond that of your regular giving, please do so in an envelope marked "Carpet Project". If you have questions, contact Principal Falck.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL is starting to plan for the 2023-2024 school year. As we continue to grow we are opening up new opportunities for volunteers at school. Some of the ways to volunteer are recess, lunch room, and in the classroom. We will have many new opportunities for volunteers in the classrooms this year so if you enjoy reading, writing, and arithmetic, now is your chance to pass your love of these subjects onto our students! If you are interested and available, please contact the school office.

OUR SCHOOL IS IN NEED of substitute bus drivers at any time. If you are interested in either position, please contact the school office, Principal Falck, or any school board member.

STUDYING YOUR BIBLE ON YOUR OWN? Adult Bible Class is working through Bible Study skills study on Sunday morning. We will look at basic and advanced skills to help you get more out of reading the Bible. We will continue our discussion on Apparent Contradictions in the Bible and how to understand them. Join us between services for Adult Bible Study!

ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS are needed to run the PowerPoint slides on Sundays for both services, create them prior to the services, or record Sunday morning services. If you are interested in helping with this, please call Pastor Nowak at 419.302.5271 or contact the church secretary at 419.326.4685

SUMMERTIME FUN: SAND, SEASHELLS, AND PICNICS: Our final Mornings with Mommy sessions for the school year are on Monday, May 15 and Tuesday, May 16. You and your children can enjoy summer themed songs, toys, crafts, and activities. Join us in the church basement to play with sand, seashells, and starfish, make a paper plate watermelon, toss beach balls, and go fishing. Register online at tlcjenera.org or call 262-391-7994.

LIMA FOOD BANK: Women's Ministry is volunteering at the West Ohio Food Bank in Lima on **Wednesday, May 24** from 1:00-3:00 PM. Since April is National Volunteer Month, the Food Bank has plenty of help this month, so we will not be going in April as originally planned. On May 24, we will be packing "senior boxes" or "emergency boxes" for the Food Bank to distribute to those in need. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you are able to join us. We will meet in the church parking lot at 12:20 if you want to drive together. The address is 1380 Kibby St. Lima, OH 45802. Questions? Contact Jenny Boehm 262-391-7994.

DAILY LECTIONARY

Easter 6

Sun: Num 3:1-16,39-48, *Num 4:1-8:4*, Lu 14:25-15:10; **Mon:** Num 8:5-26, Lu 15:11-32;

Tue: Num 9:1-23, Lu 16:1-18; **Wed:** Num 10:11-36, Lu 16:19-31;

Thu: Num 11:1-23,31-35, Lu 17:1-19; **Fri:** Num 11:24-29; 12:1-16, Lu 17:20-37;

Sat: Num 13:1-3,17-33, Lu 18:1-17

SUMMER SPIRITUAL GROWTH: Summer Vacation is just around the corner. Even the students at our school are eagerly plotting what fun they will have during the summer. Here at Trinity the staff is looking forward to opportunities for spiritual growth that summer will bring. We hope to highlight them over the few weeks and unveil them throughout our more relaxed summer season.

A. Vacation Bible School - July 23 to 27: Trinity VBS 2023 Edition will be "God's Living Water: Covered in Jesus' Grace." Our lessons will focus on accounts in the Bible that emphasize the soul-quenching grace that surrounds us in Jesus. Focusing on Jesus, the Living Water, this series stretches from creation to the Early Church, as believers bask in the grace of God. Join us July 23-27 from 6-8 pm. Registration is open and can be found at tlcjenera.org.

B. Family Suppers before VBS -- If you have enrolled your children for VBS, you are also welcome to take advantage of our family suppers that will take place before VBS. This gives your family the opportunity to get a small supper and fellowship before VBS, especially if it is crazy to get a supper together as you get off of work and ready for VBS. Once you enroll in VBS, you can expect to receive an email from info@tlcjenera.org. It will invite you to sign up for the meals ahead of time. We have just a couple simple requests. 1) Please sign up ahead of time, so that we can prepare the proper amount of food ahead of time. 2) This is a family meal. At least one parental figure should accompany the children that are eating. (This is not a drop and dash, but an opportunity for fellowship and a small supper with other families.)

C. Parent Encouragement and Fellowship during VBS – We are excited to announce the addition of Parent Encouragement and Fellowship during Vacation Bible School. You will have the opportunity to meet other parents, discuss the truth of God's Word with other parents, and receive mutual encouragement and support as we shepherd the lambs that God has given us. Starting in June, look for an email from info@tlcjenera.org. It will invite you to sign up for Encouragement and Fellowship. Join us and get to know the parents at Vacation Bible School and receive the encouraging Word that God has for parents today as they teach the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord!

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of May 7th)

Total Worship Attendance: 335, Early: 185, Late: 150; Sunday School: 38; Preschool Playtime: 18; Online worship service views for April 30th: 34.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through May 20th are the members of James Heldman's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, May 21st, will be the members of Steve Bormuth's Undershepherd group.

GREETERS today are: Joe & Jean Spaeth – early
Richard & Cheryl Kretz – late

Next Sunday: Dwight & Norma Rader – early
Warren & Marilyn Pratt – late

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (May 14th through May 21st)

TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30; Children's Lesson, Adult and Teen Bible Classes, Sunday School 9:20.

Mon Mornings with Mommy 9:30 & 11:00

Tue Mornings with Mommy 9:30

SUN **Worship 8:00 & 10:30;** Communion, Adult Bible Class, Teen Bible Class, Sunday School 9:20.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Tue 1st & 2nd Grade Field Trip to Providence Metropark; Track Practice 3:30-4:30

Wed Chapel 8:20

Thu Track Practice 3:30-4:30

Fri **NO SCHOOL-** HVL Track Meet

Vanco
Mobile
App



OUR MISSION STATEMENT: *Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to glorify our Triune God as we train, strengthen and nurture ourselves and others through His Word and Sacraments, so that we are enabled by His love to live lives of faith and to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.*