



May 29, 2022

Graduation Sunday/Ascension

Theme of the day: *Power from Heaven marches victorious to the ends of the earth.*

Preservice music

Children's Hand Chime Choir

directed by Nicki von Stein (2nd Service)

OPENING HYMN

167 – "Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"

(The "Amen" is sung after the last hymn only.)

P: O Lord, open my lips

C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

P: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

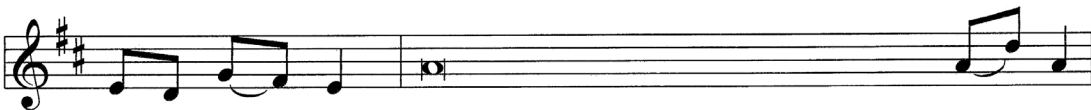
P: The Lord is risen, let us worship him.

OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

(1st service)



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



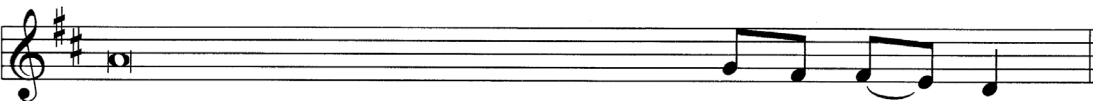
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 47

Christian Worship p. 85 (1st service)

Children's Choir

"Go Forth"

(in place of the Psalm-2nd service)

LESSON – Revelation 19:11-16

St. John sees the ascended Lord as a warrior riding on a white horse fighting against all those who oppose Christ's gospel and his Church.

¹¹ I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. ¹² His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. ¹³ He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. ¹⁴ The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵ Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. ¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Please stand.

GOSPEL – Luke 24:44-53

Before he ascends, Jesus promises to send the disciples power from heaven to carry out his mission.

⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." ⁵⁰ When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵² Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³ And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

SEASONAL RESPONSE

M: The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Death has become swallowed up in victory. Alleluia!

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

171 – "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

SERMON Text: Acts 1:1-11

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.³ After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”⁶ So when they met together, they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”⁷ He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

Theme: Magnify the blessings and mission of Jesus’ ascension!

HYMN 169 – “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

Music during the offering will be provided by the Children’s Hand Chime Choir under the direction of Nicki von Stein. They will be performing “Jesus Loves Me.”
(2nd service)

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!

Class speaker & presentation of diplomas will take place during the second service. The 2021 Class Speaker is Izzy Kretz.

Please stand.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

P: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



C: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord Jesus, King of glory, you ascended far above the heavens and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that at your command and by your power we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

PRAYER FOR GRACE

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

"May the Peace"

(In place of the blessing- 2nd service)

P: Let us praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

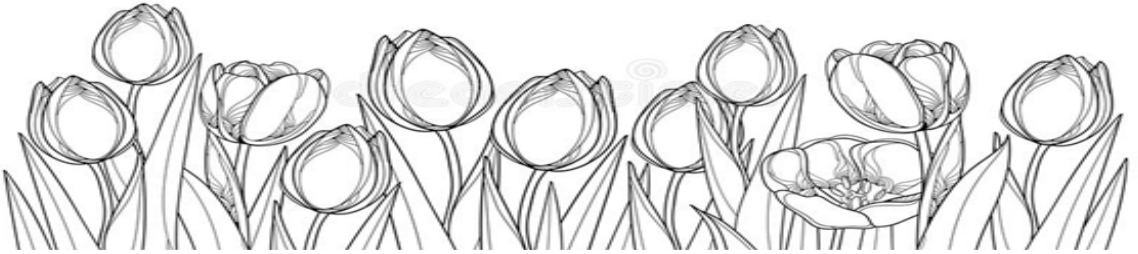
(1st service)

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

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

369 – "Beautiful Savior"



Announcements:

THE HAND CHIME CHOIR today is being led by Nicki von Stein. Members are: Wilber Boehm, Emmalee Norway, Ashlyn Wiles, Miranda Achey, Zach Achey, Bella Norway, Olivia Siefker and Ella Kretz. We thank God for their abilities. We also thank the musicians for using these gifts to beautify our worship.

BEGINNING JUNE 14TH, MIDWEEK SERVICES will return on Tuesday evenings at 7pm. The dates will be June 14th, 21st, 28th, and July 5th. Elders will reevaluate after July 5th.

TEACHERS are still needed for 4 Sundays in July for Sunday School! This would be to teach upper grades 4 through 7. Teaching materials are provided. Please contact Jenny Boehm at 262-391-7994.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL is starting to plan for the 2022-2023 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 or George Norway.

SHARE THE ABUNDANCE! The Outreach Committee is planning a produce give-away this summer. So, if you're planning a garden, why not plant a couple of extra tomatoes, or an extra row of beans? The event is planned for each Sunday July. If your garden does amazingly well this year, why not share? Please bring your produce to the church basement on Sundays. Canned goods and baby formula are also welcome!



GRADUATES: If you are graduating from high school or college this year, please contact the office at 419.326.4685 or tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org by June 12. Please list the date, school, and your future plans (for high school students) or degree (for college students).

MORNINGS WITH MOMMY SUMMER PARK PLAY DATES: Bring all your kids/grandkids—both big and small. Join us at the Jenera Park starting at 9:30 on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of June, July, and August. Come when you can. Stay as long as you are able. Enjoy the sunshine and some fresh air. Let your kids play and burn off some energy while you talk with other adults. Our regular Mornings with Mommy program will start again on September 19 and 20. Online registration is open at tlcjenera.org. Pick up theme schedules, play date information, and brochures in the back of church. Questions?-- Contact Jenny Boehm (262)391-7994 or mwmtrinity@tlcjenera.org.

I SPY SALVATION'S STORY: A fallen tower, a basket in a river, a small crown, burning coals...what can it all mean? Young investigators will gather clues, dig into the Bible and put all of the pieces together to unearth God's plan of salvation. With I Spy Salvation's Story, kids will discover Old and New Testament Bible stories that they will never forget. Summer Sunday School begins next Sunday, June 5 from 9:20-10:10 AM. Preschool students and students entering Kindergarten will continue their class in the church basement this summer. Children entering Grades 1-3 will be in the school in the Preschool room and children entering Grades 4-7 will be in the 7-8 grade classroom. Be sure to de-brief your investigator(s) on your way home or during Sunday lunch!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Join us for "The Tree of Life" VBS on **Sunday, July 17 to Thursday, July 21 from 6:00-8:00 PM. (Please note the slight date change because of conflict with the Arlington Festival parade.) Each day of VBS will explore Bible accounts that guide us through the epic story of salvation. Learn how Jesus' cross became the tree of life in which God forgives and gives us everlasting life through five interactive Bible lessons, music, games, crafts, and snacks. Registration is open for children **ages 3-11**. Register online at tlcjenera.org or fill out the registration form in the back of church. Questions—contact Jenny Boehm (262)391-7994 or mwmtrinity@tlcjenera.org.**

Thank you!

Trinity Lutheran Church would like to recognize and thank Barb Stamper for her hard work, time commitment and planning that she has put into the 40+ years of teaching Sunday school. Thank you for bringing Glory to God in serving these little ones.

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Spring LWMS Rally. Whether it was preparing food, donating food, helping with registration, stuffing folders, counting votes, or helping to set up for the rally, it was really appreciated by everyone who attended the rally. A big thank you and God's Blessings to all of you.

Cheryl Kretz

A BUS FUND has been established to replace Bus #6, which is aging poorly. Please consider donating. To do so, please specify "Bus Fund" on your envelope. We thank you for keeping our school children safe!

ABORTION BIBLE STUDY -- On the first and last Sunday of the month of June, Pastor will lead a Bible Study about Abortion. Abortion is one of culture's most complex debates, spilling onto street corners, courtrooms, and social media. But what does the Bible say about this issue, if anything? How should followers of Jesus feel personally about abortion? Especially considering recent cases before the Supreme Court, it is good for us to know what God says about this issue, but also how we can talk about it with others. If you have any questions about this or topics specifically that you would like to discuss, please let Pastor know by emailing him at pastormattn@gmail.com. Or you could write a note and leave it in his mailbox in the church basement.

TLS IS IN NEED of a full-time bus driver 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. If you can only help on certain days or at certain times, please think about it.

CLASSROOM ARRANGEMENTS for 2022-2023: Because we did not receive a graduate to replace Mrs. Baumann, the Board of Education will keep looking to see if there are any other ways to fill the 3rd & 4th grade vacancy. If they should not be able to, they have settled on a plan for next year. The grade splits will remain the same from this year. Mr. von Stein will teach 6th-8th grades and Mrs. Kretz will teach 3rd - 5th grades. Mr. Falck will also be school music director for next year also. When the opportunity to call a new 3rd & 4th grade teacher arrives next October, we plan to do that. God's blessings to all our teachers and leaders that God has given our school.



THE 2022 WELS International Youth Rally will be held at the University of Tennessee from June 28th-July 1st. If you are interested in going please contact Kathy Miles at 419.348.3075, so we may sign up as a group before the end of the month.





*Izzabella Kretz
Abigail Miles
Trenton Siefker*

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.
I do not give to you as the world gives. Do
not let your hearts be troubled
and do not be afraid"*

(John 14:27)

*Join us in congratulating these fine students for a job well done.
God's blessings on their futures!*

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of May 15, 2022)

Total Worship Attendance: 206; Early: 109; Late: 97; Adult Bible Study: 29; Teens: 5, Sunday School 30. On-line worship service views for May 15 were 32.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through June 4 are the members of James Heldman's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, June 4, will be the members of Steve Bormuth's Undershepherd group.

GREETERS today are: Joe & Jean Spaeth – Early Service
John & Esther Spaeth – Late Service
Next Sunday: Joe & Jean Spaeth – Early Service
Gary & Rebecca Mitchell – Late Service

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (May 22 through May 29)

TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30; TLS Graduation; Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20.

TUE Faculty meeting 9:00a.m; School Board 6:00p.m.

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

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.*

