



Sunday, July 10, 2022

Pentecost 5

Theme of the Day: Focused love finds a neighbor rather than avoiding one.

OPENING HYMN

491 – “O Master of the Loving Heart”
(The “Amen” is sung after the last hymn only.)

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: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are placed below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span multiple notes.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

The musical score for 'Amen' is written on a single staff in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The melody consists of a single phrase of four notes: a quarter note, a half note, a quarter note, and a half note, all beamed together. The lyrics 'A - men.' are placed below the staff.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON – Ruth 1:1-19a

The LORD moves a Moabite woman named Ruth to care for her widowed mother-in-law, even though it meant leaving her people, her country, and her way of life behind.

¹ In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. ² The man's name was Elimelek, his wife's name Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there. ³ Now Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴ They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, ⁵ both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband. ⁶ When she heard in Moab that the Lord had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, Naomi and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. ⁷ With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah. ⁸ Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the Lord show kindness to you, as you have shown to your dead and to me. ⁹ May the Lord grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband." Then she kissed them and they wept aloud ¹⁰ and said to her, "We will go back with you to your people." ¹¹ But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? ¹² Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons— ¹³ would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the Lord's hand has gone out against me!" ¹⁴ At this they wept again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵ "Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her." ¹⁶ But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. ¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me." ¹⁸ When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her. ¹⁹ So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they arrived in Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them, and the women exclaimed, "Can this be Naomi?"

SECOND LESSON – Galatians 5: 1, 13-25

Christ has freed us for a life of humble service and love.

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not allow anyone to put the yoke of slavery on you again. ¹³ After all, brothers, you were called to freedom. Only do not use your freedom as a starting point for your sinful flesh. Rather, serve one another through love. ¹⁴ In fact, the whole law is summed up in this one statement: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵ But if you keep on biting and devouring one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶ What I am saying is this: Walk by the spirit, and you will not carry out what the sinful flesh desires. ¹⁷ For the sinful flesh desires what is contrary to the spirit, and the spirit what is contrary to the sinful flesh. In fact, these two continually oppose one another, so that you do not continue to do these things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the spirit, you are not under the control of the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the sinful flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, complete lack of restraint, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, hatred, discord, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissensions, heresies, ²¹ envy, murders, drunkenness, orgies, and things similar to these. I warn you, just as I also warned you before, that those who continue to do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the spirit, let us also walk in step with it.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” Alleluia. (Galatians 4:6)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand.

GOSPEL – Luke 10:25-37

In a well-known parable, Jesus teaches us how one loves their neighbor.

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?” ²⁷ He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” ²⁸ “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.” ²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came to where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’” ³⁶ “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” ³⁷ The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

HYMN OF THE DAY 521 – “Lord of Nations, Grant Me Grace”

SERMON Text: Galatians 5: 1, 13-24

Theme: Let us walk in Christ's freedom!

- 1) Freedom from sin
- 2) Freedom to serve

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.**

Please be seated.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

FRIENDSHIP REGISTRATION

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

Members: Please fill out name and any new information.

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

Installation of Mr. Jeffrey Falck, Mrs. Karena Falck, and Mrs. Heather Kretz
(2nd service, 1st service please continue with Hymn 546.)

EXHORTATION TO THE TEACHERS-ELECT

PROMISES BY THE TEACHERS-ELECT

EXHORTATION TO THE CONGREGATION

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, you have heard the solemn promise given by the teachers you have called. I urge you, therefore, to receive them with joy and to keep in mind always what the Word of God expects of you as members of this congregation: Work together with them for our Lord's kingdom so that by your works of service the Body of Christ might be built up. Help them by your word and example in teaching the young, remembering how the Scriptures urge you to bring up your children in the training and instruction of the Lord. Pray for them continually, that their ministry among you may be greatly blessed and that they may have a cheerful spirit in all their duties. Honor and love them, as the apostle Peter urges, "Live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble."

PROMISES BY THE CONGREGATION

P: I now ask you, in the presence of God:

Are you willing to receive them as servants of Christ? Will you show them love and honor, and support them with your gifts and prayer? If so, answer: we will, and we ask God to help us.

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

P: The almighty and merciful God strengthen and assist you always.

The pastor addresses the students.

P: Students of Trinity Lutheran School, Jesus our Savior has promised eternal life to those who trust in him. Show your love to Jesus by cheerfully obeying your teachers, so that you benefit from their instruction, especially as they teach you God's saving Word. Give them honor and respect, so that their work will be a joy for them and an eternal blessing to you.

INSTALLATION

PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

Gracious and most merciful Lord, we thank you for providing faithful teachers to your Church to proclaim your holy gospel among us. Grant your blessing upon Jeffrey Falck, Karena Falk, and Heather Kretz that by their labors your lambs may be fed and your people strengthened and sustained in the saving faith, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN 546 – "Lord Jesus, You Have Come"

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Eternal Father, your Word is a lamp for our feet and a light to our path. You inspired the Scriptures for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that your servants might be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

C: Lead us to love your Word more and more and to receive your message with great eagerness.

P: You have given us your Word that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing we may have life in his name. Enable us to see the wonders of your love in Christ from the beginning to the end of your holy book.

C: Help us to see Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

P: Work in all your people, especially in parents, the resolve and patience to teach little children the simple truths about the Savior who loves them. Walk with us as we take our children to the manger, the cross, and the empty tomb. Let them find Jesus in stories, songs, and prayers.

C: Move us to bring up our children in the training and instructions of the Lord.

P: Provide wisdom and commitment to teachers who train our young people in Sunday Schools and youth Bible classes. Deepen their knowledge of your Word as they prepare and share the lessons they teach. Move them to model a sincere devotion to the Scriptures.

C: Lead us to plan for and support the Christian training of children.

We thank you for enabling our congregations to provide education for our children. We know our schools are your special blessing, and we pray for the resolve to establish and maintain standards of excellence in all aspects of education. Move us to be generous in our offerings so that teachers may teach and students may learn in fitting surroundings.

C: Lead us to provide Christian schools that reflect the immensity of your love.

P: Bless the schools and teachers who prepare public ministers of the gospel for service in our churches and around the world. Lead teachers and professors to be faithful to your Word and provide insights that enable them to pass on your truth to their students. Ignite the zeal of young men and women to be willing and eager to share the truths of Scripture with others. Move us to support with our prayers and gifts the schools our synod has established.

C: We pray that you send workers in your harvest fields.

P: Work in us that we may find the lasting value of growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ. Lead us to be faithful in our personal study of the Scriptures and in participating in the regular Bible classes. Rid us of all thoughts that Christian education ends in our youth. Make us life-long students of your precious Word.

C: Lead us to believe that at every age your Word remains a lamp for our feet and a light to our path.

P: Even when we are old and gray, lead us to meditate on your decrees that we may delight in your wonderful deeds.

C: Do good to your servants, Lord, according to your Word. Amen.

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.

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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.



CLOSING HYMN

611 – “For the Fruit of His Creation”



Announcements:

CHILDREN'S LESSON: Please encourage your children ages Pre-school through 4th grade to come quietly to the front when invited.

CAN'T MAKE CHURCH ON SUNDAY? Midweek services continue this Tuesday evening, July 12th, at 7pm. Elders have agreed to continue these services through September 6th. Join us!

INSTALLATION – The installation of new school faculty members will take place today during second service. Mr. Jeffrey Falck will be installed as our new school principal, along with Mrs. Karena Falck as 1st and 2nd grade teacher. Heather Kretz has accepted our call to teach 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades and will be formally installed as well. Please show each of them your thanks and support! There will be a potluck following the service. Bring a hot and cold dish to share. Table service and cold drinks will be provided.

"THE CASE OF THE MISSING SCROLL: KING JOSIAH" will be investigated today by students in Summer Sunday School. Grades 1-7 will meet in the school at 9:20 AM to learn how Josiah, who became King of Judah when he was eight years old, used a long-lost scroll, which was found in the Temple when it was being rebuilt, to bring God's people back to Him. Students will search for clues to see how an old, forgotten scroll, was a part of God's plan for our salvation. You can read about Good King Josiah in 2 Kings 22-23.

LUTHER SOCIETY MEMBERS...we will be meeting today after the installation potluck and travel to the Stahl's house near Lima for swimming and a devotion. Please bring your swimming gear including a towel. We will carpool/caravan after the potluck and end our meeting at 5pm. A snack will be provided. The address is 3145 N Cool Rd, Lima, OH 45801. We will return to church around 5:30pm. See you then!

SHARE THE ABUNDANCE! The Outreach Committee is planning a produce give-away. Starting date for this has been delayed due to availability of veggies. Beginning Sunday, July 24th and running through August, you may bring your extra produce to the church basement on Sundays. If your garden does amazingly well this year, why not share? Canned goods and baby formula are also welcome!

VBS SNACKS NEEDED: Can you donate food for our Vacation Bible School? Sign-up sheets are in the back of church and in basement. Not able to be at church this week or did you forget to sign up? Email Jenny Boehm at mwmtrinity@tlcjenera.org to see what you can still donate. Please bring all donations to the school kitchen by 11:00 AM on Sunday, July 17. Any questions on size or quantity, call or text Lauren Siefker at (419) 615-5991.

WHO'S READY FOR SOME ICE CREAM? The Outreach Committee is hosting their annual ice cream social in conjunction with VBS. This event will take place on Thursday, July 21 at 7:30 pm. Join us for some great fellowship, fun and entertainment. And ICE CREAM! (There's a rumor going around that there might be a water balloon fight. Fun to watch even if you don't participate.)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! We'd like to honor Julaine Boehm with a card shower. She will be 85 on July 18th. She would very much enjoy a card and a note! Thank you! Her address is 21649 CR 12, Bluffton, OH 45817.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Please join their children in a surprise card shower celebrating Jeff & Marj Rettig's 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 22. You may send cards to: 430 Cedar Lane Arlington, Ohio 45814 Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Women's Ministry is volunteering at the West Ohio Food Bank in Lima on Wednesday, July 27 from 1:00-3:00 PM. We will be packing/preparing boxes, sorting through foods and checking expiration dates, and much more! 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 E Kibby St. Lima, OH 45804. Questions? Contact Jenny Boehm 262-391-7994.

RECYCLE! Due to the continued toner shortage and the high cost of paper, please return your bulletin to the deacons at the end of service. If you like to keep your bulletin to refer to throughout the week- that's OK! Feel free to do so.

TLS IS IN NEED of a full-time bus driver to drive morning and afternoon routes each school day throughout the school year, beginning in 2023. 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.

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. We will have many new opportunities for volunteers in the classrooms, as well as lunch server and noon-time playground monitor. If you are interested and available, please contact the school office.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING will be held on July 27th at 7:30pm. Voters – now is your opportunity to have your voices heard! All voters are encouraged to attend. Voters consist of male communicant members who have reached the age of 18. Non-voting members, men and women, are also invited to attend. All those who wish to give input beforehand may do so by contacting Trinity officers: Pres. George Norway, VP Dean von Stein, Sec. Derek Morrison, Adam Inniger, treasurer, Jamey Rausch, Elder; or any Church Council member. **Deadline to submit items for the Agenda is July 19th.**

*Your Word
is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my
path* Psalm 119:105

Meet our new Faculty Members!

Heather Kretz

Mrs. Kretz was born and raised in Jackson, WI to Richard and Nancy (Nicol) Ebeling in 1977. She attended David's Star Lutheran grade school, Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School, and graduated from Martin Luther College in 2000. 2000 was a year of several blessings. She married Richard Kretz Jr., son of Richard and Cheryl (Rettig) Kretz of Jenera, OH and also received my first call to Zion Lutheran in Toledo, OH. She taught pre-school, Kindergarten through second, and after starting a family, acted as a teacher's aide until moving to Findlay in 2007. Since then, she has acted as a remedial teacher/teacher's aide here at Trinity. Their four children have had/have the privilege receiving a high quality, Christ-centered education here at Trinity. Mrs. Kretz is excited and humbled to be called to teach your children this 2022-2023 school year and asks for your prayers and guidance. May God bless the joint work of our teachers, parents, children, and every person in this village. *Let the peace of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, Colossians 3: 16.*

Karena Falck

Mrs. Falck grew up in Lansing, MI. She attended Emanuel Lutheran for grade school and graduated from Michigan Lutheran Seminary in 1995. She is a 2000 graduate of Martin Luther College, where she met Jeffrey. They have four children - Ava (MLS '22), Brady (MLS sophomore), Ida and Max (5th grade).

Jeffrey Falck

Mr. Falck was born in Tomah, WI. He completed high school at Martin Luther Prep as part of its final graduating class. After attending Martin Luther College and graduating in December of 1999, he was assigned to Good Shepherd in Cedar Rapids, IA. Jeff married Karena in July of 2000. He and his wife Karena have since served in Wisconsin, Colorado, and Illinois. Mr. Falck completed his Master's in Educational Leadership from MLC in 2014, has completed a number of additional courses in leadership and school safety and security. Mr. Falck enjoys playing organ, traveling throughout the country (48 states down - 2 to go!), and dragging the kids to historical sites no matter how seemingly insignificant.

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of July 3, 2022)

Total Worship Attendance: 248; Early: 103; Late: 122; Midweek: 23; Adult Bible Study: 28; Sunday School: 16. On-line worship service views for June 26 were 31.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through July 16 are the members of Joe Spaeth's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, July 17, will be the members of Adam Rettig's Undershepherd group.

GREETERS today are: Ruth Marquart – Early Service
John & Esther Spaeth – Late Service

Next Sunday: Josh & Ashley Breitigam – Early Service
Bob & Julie Inniger – Late Service

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (July 10 through July 17)

TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30; Children's Lesson; Installation (2nd service); Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, 9:20; Luther Society Swim Day.

TUE Midweek Worship with Communion 7:00.

WED Board of Education 7:00.

SUN Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30: Communion; Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, 9:20; VBS Begins 6:00.

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.*