

Abide
♥ IN MY ♥
Love

JOHN 15:9

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 4-5, 2024



Trinity Lutheran Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2024—5:00 p.m.

May 5, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

*Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

Welcome to Trinity! We are glad you're here. If you are new to Trinity Lutheran, please complete an informational card which can be found in the pews.

We love having small children in worship! Those needing a space to change or feed little ones are welcome to use the **Child Care Room** located next to the nursery. A **unstaffed nursery** is also available, located on the 2nd floor just outside the north sanctuary door (door under the stained glass window door).

Handicapped Seating is reserved in the pew located in front of the Technical booth.

Large print bulletins and listening devices are available from the ushers.

Activity Bags are available for children during worship. They are located in the narthex and at the front of the church. Please return them at the end of services.

Serving in Worship This Weekend

Pastor Daniel Hanson
Organist Deb Nielsen
Cantor Alli Day
Greeters Ray and Betty Gogel
Coffee Fellowship
Lisa Lorenzen and Jayne Carlson

Scripture Readers

5:00 p.m. Sally Becker
9:00 a.m. Kay Larson

Communion Assistants

5:00 p.m. Jim and Nancy Fingalsen
Earl Keifer
9:00 a.m. Kathy Dobrzynski, Kay Larson
Roger Schlitter

Technical Support

9:00 a.m. Colleen and Lucas Frein

Worship Transportation

Dean Graven, Kay Larson

Ushers

5:00 p.m. Liz Fitzgerald, Sophia Fitzgerald and
Donna Henaman
9:00 a.m. Mike Brown, Joe and Julie Sanchez
Gary Wattnem

Our Mission *We are called to share God's healing love through Christ's forgiveness and our personal servanthood.*

GATHERING

Prelude (9am)

Bwana Awabariki

Traditional Swahili

Trinity Bronze Bell Choir

arr. By Susan T. Nelson

Director—Kim Reisinger, Percussion—Mike Last

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

C Amen.

P Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

*Gathering Hymn

In Christ There is No East or West

ELW 650

***Greeting**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P The joy and peace of God be with you all.

C And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

P O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding.

Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things,

we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire;

through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Children's Sermon (9am)

Pastor Daniel Hanson

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48

L ⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

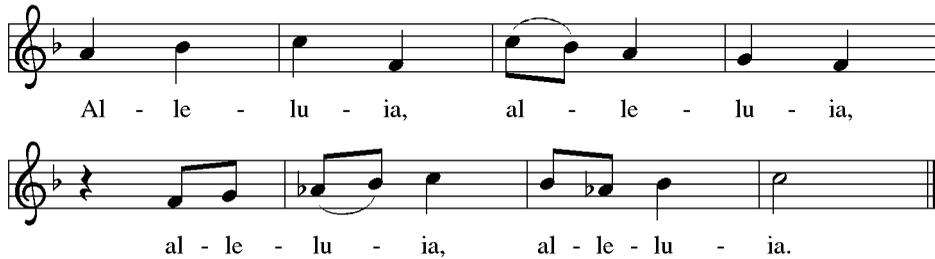
Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

L ¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



P The Holy Gospel according to John the fifteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

***Gospel: John 15:9-17**

P [Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Daniel Hanson

Hymn of the Day

Abide with Me

ELW 629

***Apostles' Creed**

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Prayers of Intercession**

P God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

***Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

MEAL

Announcements

Offering

Text to Give is available at Trinity!
Simply text the amount you wish to give to 833-412-0093.
Or scan the QR code with your smartphone.
Please note where your gifts should be directed towards.



Offering Anthem

(9:am)

Love One Another
Trinity Choir

by Talmage W. Dean

*We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We Lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.*

***Offering Prayer**

P Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

ELW pg. 129

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ELW pg.130



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the



high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Words of Institution

*Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Invitation to the Table

Communion

All who desire the presence and forgiveness of Christ that come in the sharing of this bread and wine are welcome to commune with us today. Ushers will direct you from the outside aisles to one of the stations in the front of the sanctuary, where you may kneel at the rail. You will return to your seat by the center aisle. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available.

If for any reason you are not comfortable participating in communion today, we invite you to come forward with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing.

Lamb of God

ELW pg. 135



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

*We Come to The Hungry Feast
Beautiful Savior*

ELW 479

ELW 838

***Prayer after Communion**

P Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

C Amen.

* Sending Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW 836

***Sending**

P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are in *honor of Bob and Sally Becker's 58th Wedding Anniversary.*

Bulletin Cover Art is in honor of **Sellan Orvick**, nephew of Gwen Lewis.

Noisy Offering—Thank you to all who contributed last Sunday to the “noisy offering” collection. \$375.65 was collected to assist in refurbishing the Quiet Bags.

Today we celebrate with **Israella Fredrick** and her family as she has completed communion instruction and is joining the congregation in the Lord's Supper at the 10:30 service.

Birthday Greetings—**Sharon Dodge** will be celebrating her **90th birthday on May 15th**. If you know Sharon and would like to send her a card, her address is:

Sharon Dodge
Good Shepherd Care Ctr.
302 2nd St. NE, Rm 206, Mason City, IA

New Giving Option at Trinity

Thanks to new legislation, anyone with an IRA who is 70.5 or older can now make a one-time gift to Trinity for up to \$53,000 to fund a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA). A CGA with Trinity has significant tax benefits, provides you income from the interest, and supports future ministry at Trinity. Want to learn more? Contact Pastor Dan Gerriets or a member of the Legacy Fund Committee. We can work with your investment advisor to facilitate the process.

BASES Exercise Class

BASES meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 - 9:00 AM in Trinity's Gathering Space.

The season wraps up on Thursday, May 23

and will begin again on Tuesday, September 3.

TLC OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- **Worship Greeter** – Greet worshippers as they enter the building for weekend and mid-week services. Volunteer position. Contact the office.
- **Usher** – Distribute bulletins, welcome, collect offering, usher people for communion. Volunteer position. Contact the office.
- **Readers** – Read the lessons for weekend services. Lessons provided a week prior to reading. Volunteer position. Contact the office.
- **Communion Servers**— Assist Pastors with Communion distribution during worship services. Training available. Volunteer position. Contact the office.
- **Worship Transportation** – Assist Region 2 Transit driver in picking up those needing a ride to Sunday worship. Volunteer position. Contact the office.
- **Community Kitchen Volunteers**—Trinity provides volunteers to help prepare and serve meals at the Community Kitchen, *either the 1st Monday of each month from 9-1:00 and the 4th Wednesday of each month from 4-6:30 p.m.* See the bulletin boards by the church office.
- **Help at Affordables**—Trinity provides volunteers to help sort donated clothing at Affordables on the **2nd Wednesday of each month from 9-11:00 a.m.**

For more worship serving opportunities, go to trinity-mc.org/worship-volunteers.

Lydia Bible Study will meet on **Wed. May 8 at 9:30 a.m. in Rm. 208**. We meet for treats, conversation and then continue with the Bible Study. Lydia uses the Gather Magazine for their Bible Study. All are welcome to join us.

Book Discussion

May 13th / 1:00 PM / Gathering Space

We will be discussing the book

The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. "A remarkable novel about J. P. Morgan's personal librarian, Belle da Costa Greene, the Black American woman who was forced to hide her true identity and pass as white in order to leave a lasting legacy that enriched our nation." Multiple copies are available to check out from the Trinity Lutheran Church office.

Rejoicing Spirits

Wednesday, May 15th /5:00 PM /

Fellowship Hall

Rejoicing Spirits is inclusive of all ages and abilities as we connect with God and one another. Join us as we learn about Jesus' journey to the cross and beyond through camp style music, interactive skit, and prayer. In May, our focus is on the risen Jesus appearing to Mary. Following the worship service, enjoy pizza and root beer floats for a free-will donation.

Donut Miss the Kick Off to Summer!

Saturday, May 18th

All 5th-8th graders are welcome to eat delicious (not nutritious) donuts and cuddle 6 week old black lab puppies on Saturday, May 18th.

Students will meet at Trinity at 9:30 a.m. to eat their favorite donut and then head to Ryan and Heidi Marquardt's acreage to play with their 10 black lab puppies! The group will return to trinity at 11:30 a.m. Please rsvp to carol.dettmer@trinity-mc.org by May 16th so arrangements can be made for transportation.

Please call the church office if you or your family are hospitalized. If you or a family member would like to be visited, please be sure to contact the church office. Thank you.

WOMEN'S MAY BREAKFAST

Thursday, May 9

9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Please join us at the
May Breakfast!

All are welcome to join us for a delightful breakfast, coffee and fellowship followed by special entertainment.

Have you ever seen a *nyckelharpa*?
"Victoria Borgessen" will bring her nyckelharpa and will present a celebration of Scandinavian heritage and folk music traditions.

A free-will donation will be taken and all proceeds will be going to the Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank.

***We hope you join us—
invite a friend!***



Fellowship Coffee

Tuesday, May 21st / 9:30 AM / Fellowship Hall
Fellowship Coffee returns! Come for a time of coffee and treats and to hear Jim Paape share highlights from his life story.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL & DAY CAMP

Trinity Lutheran Church will hold its annual Vacation Bible School for students age 3 - 5 and Day Camp for Grades 1-6 on June 10 - 13, 2024. Counselors from Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp will be involved in leading activities throughout the week.

The theme for all ages is Cultivate based on John 15:5.

PRESCHOOL—Activities will be held from 9:00 - 11:00 AM for children aged 3 - Kindergarten.

Cost is \$25/child

GRADES 1-6—(Entering Fall 2024) Activities will be held from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Bring a sack lunch. Register online or pick up a form at the church office. **Cost is \$25/child**

Register NOW at:

trinity-mc.org/vacation-bible-school

or scan the QR code.



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, May 6

9:00 a.m. Trinity Serving at Community Kitchen
9:00 a.m. Centering Prayer (Rm. 322)
5:45 p.m.. Trinity Bronze Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, May 7

8-9:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
Noon Staff Meeting
4:15 p.m. NordKor Rehearsal (Choir Rm.)

Wednesday, May 8

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Library)
9:30 a.m. Lydia Circle (Rm. 208)
6:00 p.m. Choir
6:30 p.m. Confirmation (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, May 9

8:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
9:30 a.m. May Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 p.m. Una Vocis Rehearsal

Saturday, May 11

5:00 p.m. **Worship Service**

Sunday, May 12

9:00 a.m. **Worship Service**—
New Members Received
Reception for New Members
(Gathering Space)
10:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m. **Worship Service**

Outdoor Worship Schedule

Starting May 26, 2024

Memorial Day Weekend

Saturdays:

5:00 PM - Traditional Worship

Sundays:

9:00 AM— Contemporary Worship in the Courtyard—bring your lawn chairs!
Inside Seating available in the Gathering Space with sound system.

10:30 AM - Traditional Worship (Inside)

2024 Bulletin Calendar

If you'd like to honor a loved one, remember a birthday and/or an anniversary please sign up. The calendar is located on the bulletin board next to the church office. Bulletins are \$25

CO-Ed Softball returns this Summer

There is a sign-up sheet outside the church office. Stephanie Johnson will be coaching. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Stephanie at