


... and you will know
the **TRUTH**, and
 the **TRUTH**
will make you free.

John 8:32, NRSV



MEMBER OF THE CHURCH



OF THE LUTHERAN
CONFESSION



4th Sunday
after Easter

Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church

May 18th, 2025

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Service of the Word

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

TLH 3 – Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C (spoken) Amen.

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.

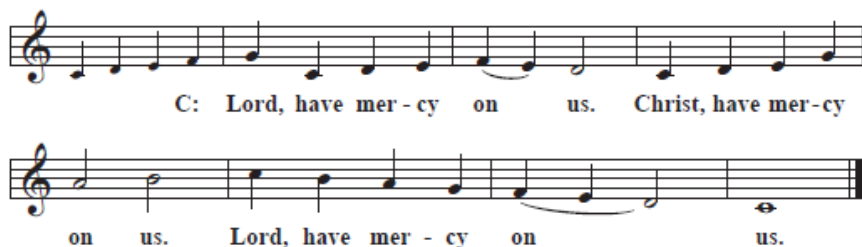
C Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.

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 (spoken) Amen.

P In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*



GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST *Gloria in Excelsis*

C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,
Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:
We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,
Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C (spoken) And also with you.

P Let us pray. . .

C (spoken) Amen

First Reading

Isaiah 12:1-6

And in that day you will say:

"O Lord, I will praise You;

Though You were angry with me,

Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me.

2 Behold, God is my salvation,

I will trust and not be afraid;
 'For Yah, the Lord, is my strength and song;
 He also has become my salvation.' "

3 Therefore with joy you will draw water
 From the wells of salvation.

4 And in that day you will say:
 "Praise the Lord, call upon His name;
 Declare His deeds among the peoples,
 Make mention that His name is exalted.

5 Sing to the Lord,
 For He has done excellent things;
 This is known in all the earth.

6 Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion,
 For great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst!"

Responsive Psalm of the Day

Psalm 98:1-3

- P** Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! For He has done marvelous things;
C His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.
- P** The Lord has made known His salvation;
C His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.
- P** He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel;
C All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Second Reading

Acts 5:17-25

Then the high priest rose up, and all those who *were* with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, ¹⁸ and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. ¹⁹ But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰ "Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life."

²¹ And when they heard *that*, they entered the temple early in the morning and taught. But the high priest and those with him came and called the council together, with all the elders of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought.

²² But when the officers came and did not find them in the prison, they returned and reported, ²³ saying, "Indeed we found the prison shut securely, and the guards standing outside before the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside!" ²⁴ Now when the high priest, the captain of the temple, and the chief priests heard these things, they wondered what

the outcome would be. ²⁵ So one came and told them, saying, “Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!”

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!

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!

The image shows four staves of musical notation in C major, 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a repeat sign. The second staff ends with a repeat sign. The third staff ends with a repeat sign. The fourth staff ends with a repeat sign.

Apostles' Creed

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

And 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 sits 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 \dagger everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

TLH 261 – Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word

Sermon Text

John 8:21-36

Then Jesus said to them again, "I am going away, and you will seek Me, and will die in your sin. Where I go you cannot come." ²² So the Jews said, "Will He kill Himself, because He says, 'Where I go you cannot come'?"

²³ And He said to them, "You are from beneath; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. ²⁴ Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am *He*, you will die in your sins."

²⁵ Then they said to Him, "Who are You?"

And Jesus said to them, "Just what I have been saying to you from the beginning. ²⁶ I have many things to say and to judge concerning you, but He who sent Me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I heard from Him." ²⁷ They did not understand that He spoke to them of the Father.

²⁸ Then Jesus said to them, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am *He*, and *that* I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I speak these things. ²⁹ And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him." ³⁰ As He spoke these words, many believed in Him.

³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

³³ They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How *can* You say, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. ³⁵ And a slave does not abide in the house forever, *but* a son abides forever. ³⁶ Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."

Sermon Theme:

THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU. . .

I: A sinner

II: A son

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

OFFERTORY



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me
not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Hymn

TLH 290 – We Have a Sure Prophetic Word

Offering

General Prayer + The Lord's Prayer

P . . . in whose Name we also pray together:

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

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn *TLH 52 – Almighty Father, Bless the Word (and doxology)*

*♪ Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. ♪*

Silent Prayer

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Welcome to Worship at Trinity!

Please wait to be ushered out of the sanctuary. Please do not leave any bulletins or other materials behind. **Offerings** may be left in the offering plate in the rear of the sanctuary or mailed to the church.

Guest and Visitors, we are delighted to have you here for worship with us this morning and are grateful for the opportunity to share the saving gospel message of Jesus Christ with you! Because He lives, we shall live also! We invite you to sign our guest book in the entryway. Please speak to the members and pastor if you wish to learn more about the Gospel ministry here at *Trinity*, and we hope to see you again!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You! – Thank you to everyone who was able to help provide a dessert for Lorraine Poetter's victory service reception!

Church council + Women's Circle – The church council and Women's Circle will meet after worship today.

Pastor's Vacation – Pastor Naumann will be on vacation this week, beginning this Tuesday evening and returning to the office the following Wednesday (28th). There will be a lay-led worship service next Sunday. If any emergency should arise, please contact our congregation president, Dennis Lux. His contact info can be found in the upper right corner of pg. 1 in any bulletin.

No Bible Class – There will be no Tuesday or Sunday Bible class this coming week. We will meet again on June 1st for our last Sunday class before we break for summer, and Tuesday class will meet on the 3rd to decide if we will meet through the summer.

Vacation Bible School – After not having VBS these last few years, we'd like to resurrect that event this summer. In order to do so, we will need plenty of volunteers. So, if you are able and willing to help with teaching classes, doing crafts, playing games, or have musical talents you could lend toward the effort, please speak with Pastor Naumann.

Pastoral Visit Schedule – Don't forget: the signup sheet for visiting with Pastor Naumann in 2025 is on the table in the entryway and there are plenty of openings in the couple of months!

PRAYERS REQUESTED

- Please keep **Pastor John Hein and his family** in your prayers as he continues treatment for his thymic carcinoma. He has spent the last week in the hospital and is seriously ill. For updates on his health, visit: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/pastorjohnhein>. Additionally, a GoFundMe has been set up to help offset medical and travel expenses: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/john-and-janelle-hein-family>.
- **Pastor Wayne Eichstadt** of our sister congregation in the Valley, Gethsemane Lutheran, has returned the call to serve as pastor of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. We thank the Spirit for guiding Pastor Eichstadt's decision (for the record – we would thank the Lord for His guidance even had he accepted it).
- **Pam**, a friend of Kathy Conway's, will be returning home and is continuing her cancer treatment. May God be with her in her treatment and may the light of the Gospel give her joy and comfort in Christ.
- **Connie Estes**, sister-in-law to Randy Estes, was undergoing chemotherapy for kidney cancer when they recently discovered that the cancer has spread to her other kidney. We pray that, if it is His will, God might heal Connie. Above all, may the Gospel bring Connie and her family peace and comfort in the face of this disheartening news.

CALL NEWS

Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA, has **returned** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Loganville, GA, has **returned** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA. <> Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has **received** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

FRUITS OF FAITH AT TRINITY		
Date	Attendance	Offering
4/20/25 (Easter)	31	\$680
4/27/25	27	\$1,415
5/4/25	22	\$2,475
5/11/25	27	\$790

GREETER SCHEDULE	
Next Sunday	Tom + Molly Bettinger
6/1	Jeanne Helke
6/8	Joyce Miller
6/15	Kevin Shaffer

MOWING SCHEDULE	
This Week	Kevin Shaffer
5/31	Pastor Naumann
6/7	Tom Bettinger
6/14	Ben Reim

MAY CLEANING SCHEDULE	
North Entry	Clark
Sanctuary	Bettinger
Basement	Helke

