



**"WHOEVER WANTS TO
BE MY DISCIPLE MUST
DENY THEMSELVES
AND TAKE UP THEIR
CROSS AND FOLLOW ME."**

MATTHEW 16:24, NIV



MEMBER OF THE CHURCH



5th Sunday
After



Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church

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Service of the Word

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

TLH 296 – Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P Our Help is in the Name of the Lord,

C Who made heaven and earth

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with you there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, and to call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our own unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Kyrie - Lord, Have Mercy



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

Gloria in Excelsis - Glory to God in the Highest



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

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

Jeremiah 16:14-21

"Therefore behold, the days are coming," says the Lord, "that it shall no more be said, 'The Lord lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,'¹⁵ but, 'The Lord lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north and from all the lands where He had driven them.' For I will bring them back into their land which I gave to their fathers.

¹⁶ “Behold, I will send for many fishermen,” says the Lord, “and they shall fish them; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks. ¹⁷ For My eyes *are* on all their ways; they are not hidden from My face, nor is their iniquity hidden from My eyes. ¹⁸ And first I will repay double for their iniquity and their sin, because they have defiled My land; they have filled My inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable idols.”

¹⁹ O Lord, my strength and my fortress,
My refuge in the day of affliction,
The Gentiles shall come to You
From the ends of the earth and say,
“Surely our fathers have inherited lies,
Worthlessness and unprofitable *things*.”

²⁰ Will a man make gods for himself,
Which *are* not gods?

²¹ “Therefore behold, I will this once cause them to know,
I will cause them to know
My hand and My might;
And they shall know that My name *is* the Lord.

Responsive Psalm of the Day

Psalm 139 (selected verses)

P If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

C Even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

P If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,” even the darkness is not dark to you;

C The night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

P How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!

C How vast is the sum of them!

P If I would count them, they are more than the sand.

C I awake, and I am still with you.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4-10

Coming to Him *as to* a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God *and* precious, ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture,

“Behold, I lay in Zion
A chief cornerstone, elect, precious,
And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame.”

⁷Therefore, to you who believe, *He* is precious; but to those who are disobedient,

“The stone which the builders rejected
Has become the chief cornerstone,”

⁸and

“A stone of stumbling
And a rock of offense.”

They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. ⁹But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

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



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 ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day

TLH 381 – I Know My Faith Is Founded

Sermon

Matthew 16:13-26

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, “Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?” ¹⁴ So they said, “Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ.

²¹ From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

²² Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, “Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!” ²³ But He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.”

²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ²⁵ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will

find it. ²⁶ For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

Sermon Theme:

CHRISTIANS TAKE THE GOOD WITH THE GOOD

I: The good in Scripture that we easily recognize as being good

II: The good in Scripture that is often mistaken as being bad

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 285 – How Precious Is the Book Divine

Offering

Prayer of the Church + The Lord's Prayer

P . . . in whose Name we also join to 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 *LSB 583 – God Has Spoken By His Prophets (next page)*

Silent Prayer

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583 God Has Spoken by His Prophets

1 God has spo-ken by His proph-ets, Spo-ken His un-chang-ing Word;
 2 God has spo-ken by Christ Je-sus, Christ, the ev-er-last-ing Son,
 3 God is speak-ing by His Spir-it, Speak-ing to our hearts a-gain,

Each from age to age pro-claim-ing God, the one, the righ-teous Lord.
 Bright-ness of the Fa-ther's glo-ry, With the Fa-ther ev-er one;
 In the age-less Word de-clar-ing His own mes-sage, now as then.

In the world's de-spair and tur-moil, One firm an-chor holds us fast:
 Spo-ken by the Word In-car-nate, God of God, be-fore time was;
 Through the rise and fall of na-tions One sure faith yet stand-ing fast;

God is king, His throne e-ter-nal; God the first, and God the last.
 Light of Light, to earth de-scend-ing, He re-veals our God to us.
 God a-bides, His Word un-chang-ing; God the first, and God the last.

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Heb. 1:1–3; John 1:1–14; 12:44–46, 49–50; 1 Cor. 2:12–13

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

Council Meeting – The church council will meet after worship today. Unless something comes up, there will be no Women’s Circle meeting this month or next (August).

No Vacation Bible School – After careful consideration, we’ve determined that we will not be hosting a Vacation Bible School this summer. Unfortunately, your pastor believed he could arrange most of it by himself and was, once again, brought face to face with his own limitations. We have a plan in place to host one next summer, so stay tuned in the new year to hear about more opportunities to help serve!

Tuesday Bible Class – Tuesday Bible class is, once more, taking a break until the weather cools down. I’ll let you know when we resume. Thanks for your patience!

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!

Peter Evensen Contact Info – I apologize for not announcing it last Sunday, but Missionary Peter Evensen returned home to Africa earlier this week. For anyone who would like to say goodbye, wish him well in his work, or simply stay in touch, you can text him at (616) 322-9167 or email him at peterevensen@icloud.com. He said that calls work at the phone number, too - but please remember the time difference so you don’t accidentally call him in the middle of the night!

PRAYERS REQUESTED

- **Tom Steger** will be getting results this Thursday for a biopsy that was taken during his most recent procedure. Please pray for Tom that whatever was found might not be malignant, and that God might continue to keep Tom and Jackie by His grace.
- **Kathy White**, a former member of and organist for Trinity, passed away recently due to heart failure. May God be near those who mourn her passing granting Kathy's family joy in the sure hope of the resurrection through Jesus.
- **Molly Bettinger** was on vacation in Italy when she took a bad fall, breaking her leg in several places as well as her ankle. She had surgery to repair the damage and is recuperating at home. May God guide her recovery and give her full healing according to His will.
- 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>.
- **Pam**, a friend of Kathy Conway's, has been struggling in her battle with cancer and recently had to return to the hospital. Please continue to keep Pam in your prayers that God might grant her strength and hope through His Word.

CALL NEWS

Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck has **received** the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI. <> Pastor Tom Naumann of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI, has **returned** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Teacher Kathleen Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran School, Winter Haven, FL, has **returned** the call to Luther Memorial School, Fond du Lac, WI. <> Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI, has **received** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA. <> Erin Franson has **accepted** the call to serve as the female Mentor at Immanuel Lutheran High School and College. <> St. John's Lutheran Church, Okabena, MN, has **extended** two part-time, one-year calls to two St. John's members: Lori Ruthenbeck and Mary Albrecht.

FRUITS OF FAITH AT TRINITY		
Date	Attendance	Offering
6/23/25	29	\$1020
6/29/25	24	\$1,570
7/6/25	28	\$1,617
7/13/25	32	\$1,158

GREETER SCHEDULE	
Next Sunday	Joyce Miller
8/3	Kevin Shaffer
8/10	Dennis + Linda Lux
8/17	Randy + Lynne Estes

MOWING SCHEDULE	
This Week	Tom Bettinger
8/2	Ben Reim
8/9	Randy Estes
8/16	Dennis Lux

JULY CLEANING SCHEDULE	
North Entry	Naumann
Sanctuary	Estes
Basement	Helke



**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art**

