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**May 16, 2026**

The Saturday after Ascension

**Serving Us Today**

**Organist:** Kathy Conway

## **We Enter God's House and Prepare for Worship**

**Pre-service Meditation:** Psalm 93 (hymnal p. 143)

**Pre-service Prayer:**

Lord open my heart to hear and through Your Word to me draw near.  
Let me Your Word always pure retain. Let me Your child and heir  
remain. Amen (TLH 5:1)

**Order of Worship** (WS2000 pp. 12ff)

*When the congregation is asked to stand, please do so only if you are able.  
You may remain seated if standing is difficult.*

## Welcome to Worship & Opening Prayer

**Hymn:** A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing! (cf. TLH 212, LSB 750)

A hymn of glory let us sing:  
New songs throughout the world shall ring: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ, by a road before untrod,  
Ascends unto the throne of God.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The holy apostolic band  
Upon the Mount of Olives stand; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
And with His faithful foll'wers see  
Their Lord ascend in majesty. Alleluia! . . .

"You see Him now, ascending high  
Up to the portals of the sky." Alleluia! Alleluia!  
"Hereafter Jesus you shall see,  
Returning in great majesty" Alleluia! . . .

Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,  
And be our future great reward. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Then, throned with You forever, we  
Shall praise Your name eternally. Alleluia! . . .

O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
All praise to You let earth accord:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
You are, while endless ages run,  
With Father and with Spirit One. Alleluia! . . .

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

### Congregation



## Confession and Absolution

**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.

*(Worship Supplement p. 13)*

**Congregation** (sings):

**Lord, have mercy on us.**

**Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.**

**Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise; Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing. We worship You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son, You bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won, Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.**

**Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord, at God's right hand in majesty most high: Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored, With all the heav'nly host we glorify.**

**P:** Let us pray... (Prayer of the Day)

**Congregation**



A - men.



## God Speaks to Us Through His Word

### Epistle Lesson: *Colossians 3:1-17*

We have been raised with Christ which changes everything. No longer are we living for ourselves, but Him.

No longer are earthly goals our prime objective. Paul urges us to “see those things that are above” and then explains how that is applied to our earthly lives.

*If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all. Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

## **Responsive Reading: Psalm 93:1-2, 4-5**

**Pastor:** The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty;

**Cong: the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.**

**P:** Yes, the world is established;

**C: it shall never be moved.**

**P:** Your throne is established from of old;

**C: you are from everlasting.**

**P:** Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea,

**C: the LORD on high is mighty!**

**P:** Your decrees are very trustworthy;

**C: holiness befits your house, O LORD, forevermore.**

## **Gospel Lesson: John 15:18-6:4**

As changed sinners with minds set on things above, we are opposed by the sinful world around us, and at the same time we are witnesses to those who hate us. The Holy Spirit strengthens and equips us with the powerful Word of God.

*“If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you: ‘A servant is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. But all these things they will do to you on account of my name, because they do not know him who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have been guilty of sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. Whoever hates me hates my Father also. If I had not done among them the works that no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin, but now they have seen and hated both me and my Father. But the word that is written in their Law must be fulfilled: ‘They hated me without a cause.’ “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. “I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming*

*when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.*

**P:** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and treasure it!

**C (sings): Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**



**Confession of Faith: The Apostolic 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

Hymn: If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee (cf. TLH 518, LSB 750),

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee And hope in  
2 What can these anx - ious cares a - vail thee, These nev - er -  
3 Be pa - tient and a - wait His lei - sure In cheer - ful  
4 God knows full well when times of glad - ness Shall be the

Him through all thy ways, He'll give thee strength, what - e'er be -  
ceas - ing moans and sighs? What can it help if thou be -  
hope, with heart con - tent To take what - e'er thy Fa - ther's  
need - ful thing for thee. When He has tried thy soul with

tide thee, And bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in  
vail thee O'er each dark mo - ment as it flies? Our cross and  
plea - sure And His dis - cern - ing love hath sent, Nor doubt our  
sad - ness And from all guile has found thee free, He comes to

God's un - chang - ing love Builds on the rock that naught can move.  
tri - als do but press The heav - ier for our bit - ter - ness.  
in - most wants are known To Him who chose us for His own.  
thee all un - a - ware And makes thee own His lov - ing care.

Nor think amid the fiery trial  
That God hath cast thee off unheard,  
That he whose hopes meet no denial  
Must surely be of God preferred.  
Time passes and much change doth bring  
And sets a bound to ev'rything.

All are alike before the Highest;  
'Tis easy to our God, we know,  
To raise thee up, though low thou liest,  
To make the rich man poor and low.  
True wonders still by Him are wrought  
Who setteth up and brings to naught.

Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving,  
Perform thy duties faithfully,  
And trust His Word; though undeserving,  
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee.  
God never yet forsook in need  
The soul that trusted Him indeed.

## **The Sermon**

**Text:** *Ezekiel 36:22-32*

*“Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will*

*cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. And I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine upon you. I will make the fruit of the tree and the increase of the field abundant, that you may never again suffer the disgrace of famine among the nations. Then you will remember your evil ways, and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves for your iniquities and your abominations. It is not for your sake that I will act, declares the Lord God; let that be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel.*

## **It Is Amazing to See What God Has Done for the glory of His Name!**

- I. He has cleansed sinners from all uncleanness
- II. He has given a new heart and a new spirit
- III. He has given a changed life as a witness to the world

**Congregation** (sings): Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold me with Your Spirit free.

## Hymn: Renew Me, O Eternal Light (cf. TLH 398)

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Renew Me, O Eternal Light" in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my  
2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all  
3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly  
4 Grant that I on - ly You may love And seek those

heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the  
my im - pu - ri - ty That I may have the  
I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be  
things which are a - bove Till I be - hold You

light of grace That is - sues from Your ho - ly face.  
strength and will Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.  
my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.  
face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through Your grace.

### Prayer

#### Offering Prayer (Congregation sings)

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

(TLH 441:1-2)

### The Lord's Prayer

## Benediction Congregation



**Hymn:** 219 -- The Head that Once Was Crowned with Thorns

## Silent Prayer

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## Welcome to worship at Trinity!

*Welcome*  
*Glad you're here!*

**Guest and Visitors**, we invite you to sign our guest book. We look forward to having you worship with us again! Please speak to the members or pastor if you wish to learn more about the Gospel ministry at Trinity.



**Thank-offerings** may be left in the offering plate in the back of the church or mailed to the church. Electronic donations may be made via the link for “online offering” at the bottom of the home page on our website ([Spokanelutheran.com](http://Spokanelutheran.com))

**Called Home:** The Lord brought Dale Johnson’s time of grace to a close last Saturday morning and called him home to Heaven. Currently, no plans have been made for a memorial service. We extend our sympathy to Karen and the rest of Dale’s family as we pray for their comfort.



**Prayer List:** Karen Clark and the rest of Dale Johnson's family; Kathy Conway; Bertie Hein; Ariel Smith; Maggie, Miles, and Sia Toland; Donna Zarling; CLC pastoral vacancies



## This Week's Schedule

*(If the Lord wills we shall do this or that)*

### Today

9:15 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Convention *Prospectus* presentation & discussion follows worship

### Wednesday

1:30 p.m. Bible Study at Gethsemane (1 John)

### Next Saturday (May 23)

9:15 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. Worship Service **Greeter:** Kevin Shaffer

### Lawn Mowing:

This week - Randy Estes



## News & Notes

**Pastor Eichstadt will be traveling** this week, Thursday - Saturday. He is still reachable by cell phone as needed. Charles Maguire will be leading Bible Class and the Worship Service next Saturday.

**Gethsemane Seniors - May 27, 12:30 p.m.** Gethsemane Seniors meet for the last time this season, Trinity seniors are most welcome to attend. Following a potluck meal, Don & Bonnie

Chadbourne will share pictures and stories and biblical application to what they saw in their trip to Antarctica.

**CLC Convention Prospectus:** Copies of the *Prospectus* for the upcoming Church of the Lutheran Confession Convention (in June) are in the north entry. The *Prospectus* reports what has happened in our synodical work over the last two years and gives recommendations/questions for the coming two years as the Lord wills and prospers. The congregations' delegates and called servants prayerfully discuss all of this material at Convention and make decisions accordingly. **Today** following the worship service we will begin a congregational discussion of the material in the *Prospectus*. We are hopeful that all will take part in the presentation and discussion of the kingdom work we do together with our fellow believers within the CLC.



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Our weekly worship schedule returns to SUNDAY beginning on June 7.



May 2026

## Notes from Church Council

**The Council approved reimbursing**

Gethsemane for copying costs and mileage. In a 4-Sunday month the reimbursement will be \$65, and in a 5-

Sunday month it will be \$80. Expenses beyond the typical will be reimbursed at cost.

**The Council approved up to \$200** for Vacation Bible School Facebook advertising. Any costs of materials and supplies will also be funded. Vacation Bible School at Trinity is August 3-7. More information will be coming soon.

**The Trinity website** has been updated to reflect the pastoral vacancy.

## April 2026 Financial Summary

	April	Year-to-Date
Income	\$6,570	\$24,185
Expenses	\$4,402	\$16,146
General Fund Gain/Loss	\$2,168	\$8,039

**Note:** The vacancy pastor salary is half the regular salary, no health insurance. The June-September pastoral salary for the vicar will be full salary, no health insurance.

<b>Total Trinity Funds</b>	<b>\$66,388</b>
General Fund	\$28,339
Designated Memorials	\$38,049



## News from around the Church of the Lutheran Confession

**Call News:** Pastor Chad Seybt of Morning Star Lutheran Church, Fairchild, WI, Peace with God Lutheran Church, Onalaska, WI, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Melrose, WI, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Millston, WI, has received the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI; Pastor Seybt has also received the call to St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD / ILC Education Program Graduate Ms. Riley Naumann has accepted the call to teach 3-4 grades at Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI / Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, is considering the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI / Teacher Stephen Krause of Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE, is considering the call to Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI / Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, is considering the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI.

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**Concluding Activities at Immanuel:** Friday will be the final day of classes at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary. In giving the LORD God glory for the various achievements by students and student groups, Class Day will be held at 2:30 p.m. At 7:00 p.m., there will be a concert of sacred music sung by the Mass Choir and Tour Choir at Messiah Lutheran Church. On Saturday, May 23, there will be the concluding Graduation worship service at 10 a.m. at the ILC Fieldhouse. See these events on the ILC livestream.

**Pray for Laborers**--Current locations that are in need of pastor-trained men:

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Our Redeemer, Red Wing                   | 2. Living Hope, Appleton            |
| 3. Trinity, Spokane                         | 4. Holy Cross, Phoenix              |
| 5. St. Paul's, Austin                       | 6. St. Luke's, Lemmon               |
| 7. Mt. Zion, Detroit                        | 8. Messiah, Eau Claire (3rd pastor) |
| 9. Gift of God, Mapleton/St. Paul, Ponsford |                                     |

## May Cleaners

**Sanctuary:** Bettinger / **North Entry:** Lux  
**Basement:** Helke

