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May 5, 2024

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

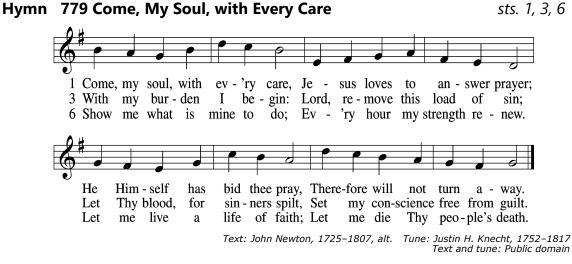


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Divine Service — Setting One

Prelude "Come, My Soul, with Every Care" arr. by Jan Bender © 2005 CPH and Jacob B. Weber, c 2013 CPH

Confession and Absolution



Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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 and ordained 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.

Service of the Word

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading Acts 10:34–48

Gentiles Hear the Good News

Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Holy Spirit Falls on the Gentiles

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hand Bells "Put Peace into Each Other's Hands/The King of Love My Shepherd Is" by Anna Laura Page©2016 Lorenz Publishing Company

Epistle 1 John 5:1–8

Overcoming the World

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Testimony Concerning the Son of God

This is he who came by water and blood — Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse Spoken

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel John 15:9–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn 556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

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Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- **G** Lord, have mercy.
- **P** ...let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **P** ...one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Sit

Offering "Dear Christians, One and All"

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Stand

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus Spoken

 Holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

- **P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- **G** 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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My +I body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

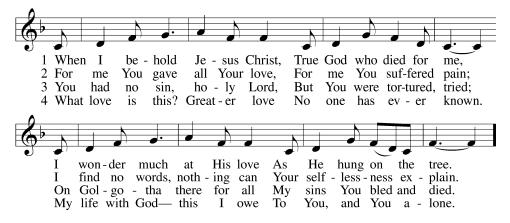
- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Agnus Dei Spoken

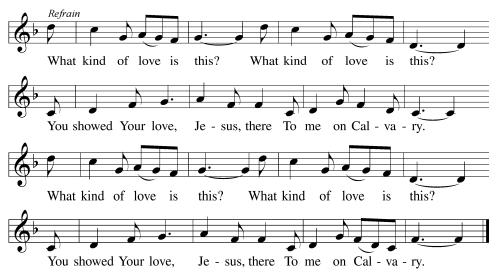
C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit



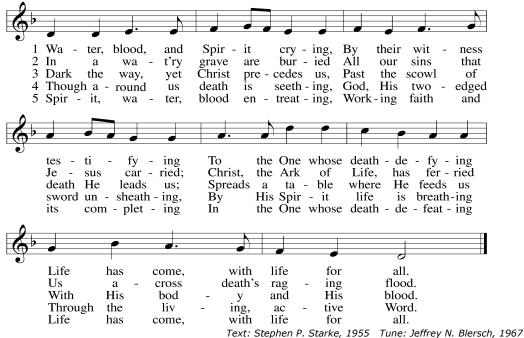


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Thank the Lord

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Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

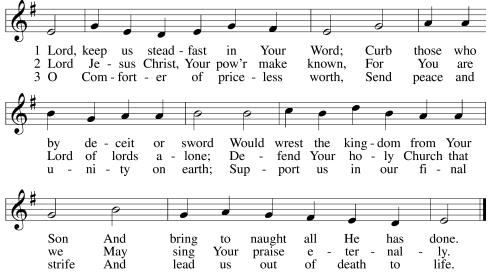
C Amen.

Benediction

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- The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- **C** Amen.

Hymn 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



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Postlude: "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

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To keep us on time for our scheduled 10:45 AM tour of The Shrine of Christ's Passion, Pastor will not be greeting at the back of church today. If you need to talk to him, please feel free to call or e-mail him at your convenience.

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Jesus says, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love" (John 15:9). One way we do that is to gather in Christian community. Welcome, beloved ones!

9:00 a.m. worship services with Holy Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays
10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
9:00 a.m. Thursday Bible Study

SERVING IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD



Preacher:Rev. Brian J. NygaardLay Minister:Chris ClausingAcolyte:Katie HurstGreeter:The Thompson FamilyReader:Macey or Ryder ThompsonOrganist:Suzanne HaleSpecial Music:Hand Bells

<u>Altar Flowers</u>: The beautiful flowers adorning the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Dennis & Trish Crane in celebration of Dennis's birthday on May 1st and their 49th wedding anniversary on May 3rd.

<u>Witness Statement</u> Jesus chose His disciples to go and bear much fruit through their love and their witnessing. The fire of the Spirit empowered them and still empowers us to share the greatest true story ever told!

No Sunday School or Adult Bible Classes today.

<u>Field Trip</u> — Today at 10:45 AM, we are going as a congregation to The Shrine of Christ's Passion in St. John. If you didn't sign up - you can still attend.



The Lake County Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Alpha lota International Music Fraternity will present their Spring Philanthropies Musicale on Sunday, May 5 at 2:30 pm in the sanctuary of Trinity Memorial Church. Featured on the program will be chamber music by the Flute Ensemble, the Elizabeth Quinn Recorder Consort, the Sigma Alpha lota Chorale and solo performances. Please join us for an afternoon of beautiful music! Refreshments will be served following the musicale in the Fellowship Hall.

Ascension Worship Service Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead He ascended into heaven! Let's gather for a Circuit Ascension service at Trinity — Crown Point at 7 pm on Thursday, May 9th. Pastor Nygaard will be preaching the sermon. Other pastors, choir members, and brass from our sister churches will all be gathering together to celebrate.



Spring Cleanup Day – Saturday, May 11th from 9:00 am ~ 12:00 noon we will gather to do some spring cleaning. Most of the work will be on the exterior of the church clearing out the weeds around the buildings, edging, preparing the garden area, and other odd jobs as needed.

Door Collection for Ascension Lutheran Christian School As our faithful educational, Sunday School and Confirmation Classes come to an end, let us remember our neighbors, the children at Ascension Lutheran Christian School in Gary. Let us do what we can to help support these little one's faith and education. Please consider making a donation on May 12th.

Last Day of Sunday School The last day of Sunday school will be May 12th.

SISTERS IN CHRIST ACTIVITIES

Shipshewana Day on May 14th from 7 AM to 7 PM. Please sign up!

We are going out to eat! Join us on May 20th at 6:30 PM at Asparagus in Merrillville. Please sign up if you can attend. See Celeste for more information.



Mowing Season is HERE!

Please sign up to mow around the perimeter of the church. If you have any questions, see Mike Shultz.

FEED THE FLOCK TIME

Trinity Memorial will be preparing and serving lunch on **May 18th** at the First Presbyterian Church on Taft. We are going to try something different: Spaghetti, garlic bread, green beans, fruit cocktail and desserts. Please see the sign up sheet in the narthex. If you are just providing food items, please have them delivered by 9:00-9:15 am to our church. They will be picked up and taken over there for the meal. Please consider helping this endeavor. Thank you.

Book Club We will be meeting on May 21st at noon in the conference room to discuss "The Leisure Seeker " by Michael Zadoorian. Bring a lunch.

Interested in helping with an Outreach Event for Food Bank of Northwest Indiana

Contact Dr. Brian E. Thompson, 219-616-1655, betdvm@comcast.net



Are you GRADUATING this year?

We would like to know! Please send us your Graduation Information (High School, Military, College, or Career certification) and future plans to <u>tmlamore@att.net</u> for **ES** acknowledgement **on June 2**nd. Thank you!

There are two NEW ways for TMLC to earn donations. Go online and sign up

- 1). "iGive" is a program that is similar to AmazonSmile. If you online shop you can choose TMLC as the non-profit of your choice to earn your credits.
- 2). The second organization is "**Benevity**". Your volunteer activities and corporate matching donations allow you to choose TMLC as your non-profit cause.

Are you an online shopper? iGive is FREE for your supporters and Trinity Memorial Lutheran Church. Your supporters' shopping turns into donations. Encourage your friends and supporters to get iGive - earn Double Donations for TMLC on all their purchases for the month of **May**.

Step 1: Become an iGive Member

In order to manage your cause on iGive, a personal iGive membership is required. To register a free iGive membership supporting Trinty Memorial Lutheran Church please visit: <u>https://www.igive.com/TrintyMemorialLutheranChurch</u>



Archery, hikes, boating, crafts, games, swimming, and many more activities are all a part of the summer experience at Camp. Come for one of our weekend camps, register for a week of youth or high school camp, or help Lutherhaven celebrate it's 75th anniversary! For 75 years, Lutherhaven has been providing the setting and resources for people to grow in their relationship with others and—more importantly—in their relationship with God. Come see what camp is all about! Register online today at www.lutherhaven.org, or call 260.636.7101.

Is there a young man in your congregation you would like to encourage to consider becoming a pastor? How about someone who would be a great Lutheran school teacher, deaconess or DCE? Jesus gives His church people who work full time in service to the Gospel. He told us to pray for such workers. Along with our prayers, the LCMS has begun Set Apart to Serve (SAS), an intentional effort to encourage young people to consider church work as their lifelong vocation. Your opinion can help improve SAS. Please take a brief survey at <u>lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey</u> and let us know how you think SAS can be beneficial to your congregation. Thank you.



Save the Date for **VBS—June 24-28** See Dave Milan for questions SCUBA — Diving into friendship with God

80th Anniversary Trivia: The Motto/Mission Statement that was posted in the bulletin in 1944 was "Uncompromising Loyalty to Christ and the Bible".

Are We There Yet?

Well if you are in Shipshewana on August 7, then yes, you are! We are planning a group outing to see the comedian, Jeff Allen at The Blue Gate Theatre (PAC) Performing Arts Center on August 7 at 7:30 PM. Please sign up if interested.

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"Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, 'Take and eat; this is my body.' Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." (Matt. 26:26-28)

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to the prayer." (Acts 2:42) "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself." (1 Cor. 11:28-29)

In keeping with the doctrine and practice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), we practice a Close Communion. That is, we normally offer Holy Communion only to those with whom we have Altar Fellowship. Therefore, we invite those members of other LCMS congregations and those who are in table fellowship with the LCMS to the Lord's Tables.

Members of other congregations along with those who are unconfirmed, are invited to mediate on God's Word during this time or you may also come to the railing (with arms crossed over your chest in the shape of an X) to receive a blessing from the pastor.

If you have further questions, please speak with the pastor or freely take from our information rack, "A Simple Explanation of Fellowship in the Lord's Supper", and/or "A Simple Explanation of Holy Communion".

Please Note: The center cups of the individual tray contain denatured white wine for those who wish to refrain from alcohol. Gluten Free wafers are available, please notify Pastor before communing.

THIS WEEK at TMLC		
SUNDAY	9:00 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	10:45 AM	The Shrine of Christ's Passion — Field Trip
MONDAY	FLC Event	
TUESDAY	Voting in the FLC	
WEDNESDAY	5:00 PM	Confirmation
	6:30 PM	Choir
THURSDAY	9:00 AM	Bible Study
SATURDAY	FLC Event	

Congregational Survey

The TMLC leadership wants to hear from you

as part of a Congregational Survey.

Please click the link below or

scan the QR code to be taken to the survey.

https://forms.gle/E31E28Bmy9kimNov9

Please complete the survey by May 19th.

