



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
1186 Jason Drive, Greencastle, PA

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We want to be a congregation who continues:
Trusting God
Loving and Connecting with God and one another
Reaching out to all God's children

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 2, 2021 10:00 AM

Pastor – Rev. Barbara Barry

Ministers to the World – Congregation of Trinity Lutheran

Mission – *To Share Christ in Word and Deed*

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WE WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE THIS DAY!

- If you are visiting with us, we are honored by your presence. If you are seeking a church home, please contact the Pastor.
 - Holy Communion is celebrated in this morning's worship. All are welcome to the table. Young children should follow the practice of their home congregation.
 - Masks covering nose and mouth are required by all during the service and while in the building.
 - The words to the hymns will be on the screen and in the bulletin. Please hum along but do not sing the hymns.
 - Please sit where there is no tape to assure social distancing.
 - The Worship Service will be available on You Tube, Facebook and the Website after the service. It is being recorded through Facebook Live.
 - Congregational responses are in bold.
- * *Please stand*

Prelude

Jesus Love Me/Oh! How He Loves You and Me

Oh how He loves you and me
Oh how He loves you and me
He gave His life
What more could He give
Oh how He loves you
Oh how He loves me
Oh how He loves you and me

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Welcome and Announcements

GATHERING

***Gathering Hymn of Praise**

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives (ELW 380) vs.1 & 3

1 Hallelujah! Jesus lives!
He is now the Living One;
from the gloomy halls of death
Christ, the conqueror, has gone,
bright forerunner to the skies
of his people, yet to rise.

3 Jesus lives! And thus, my soul,
life eternal waits for you;
joined to Christ, your living head,
where he is, you shall be too;
with the Lord, at God's right hand,
as a victor you shall stand.

Text: Carl B. Garve, 1763-1841; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-1897, alt.

Time of Silence *At our best Trinity is passionate about God. We respond to God's love becoming still, closing our eyes and opening our heart spaces to God's presence.*

***Greeting**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you. Amen.**

***Prayer of the Day:** We pray together: **Loving God, whom we praise and glorify as disciples of Jesus Christ, cleanse us today by your word so we may rejoice in you and live into your vision of love. Prune away the dead debris of our fears and failures so we may become productive branches in the church, reaching out to feed a world starving for genuine love and yearning for community. Amen**

WORD

The Holy Gospel according to John, the tenth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel – John 15:1-8**

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words

abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Questions to Ponder:

- *How do you experience Jesus as your core spiritual strength, your “vine?” What do you do to abide in Jesus?*
- *When Jesus says, “apart from me you can do nothing” what do you think he means?*
- *Please use the enclosed form to share your God moments. It encourages all of us to see God active in our lives.*

Good-bye and Godspeed for Connor Cline

***Hymn**

Let Us Talents and tongues Employ (ELW 674) vs.1,2,3

- 1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

- 2 Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. *Refrain*
- 3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! *Refrain*

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929 © 1975 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

***Prayers of the Church -** *(Each petition ends with "Hear us, O God,". The Congregation responds "your mercy is great.)*

MEAL

(To be safe, you received a pre-package Communion kit with a host and cup of juice. You will be instructed on when to open the kit and receive Jesus in the bread and cup.

***Offertory**

Everything we have, do and are is a gift from God. God invites us to use our gifts of time, talent, money, and other blessings to love others. We join God in the work of healing our broken world. Contributions may be placed in the collection plate, mailed or there is a donation button on the website. We pray - offering ourselves and our contributions to the glory of God.

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed, Alleluia! Gracious God, we give because we are grateful. Your love has sustained us through many trials and temptations. We are thankful for those who have guided our attempts to understand the scriptures. We are grateful for pruning so we may bear fruit. We give in order to extend to others the blessings we have received and to continue the ministry we need as we seek to abide together in your love. Amen

***Dialogue**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***Words of Institution**

The night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

***Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer Our Savior taught us: **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 Communion**

Come abide with Jesus present in this Holy Communion in bread and cup.

Communion

The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

***Table Blessing**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

***Post Communion Prayer**

Good and gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with this meal of Holy Communion. **You are the vine. Sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth. We are the branches. May our communion with you strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope and make us grow in love. Amen**

Sign of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.** *(If you are joining us on Facebook, please share Christ's peace with one another in the comments.)*

SENDING

***Benediction:**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

Live as people who know God. Dare to love others because God first loved you.

You are equipped and empowered by love. God is filling your life with purpose

and energy. Witness to your growing faith and don't hesitate to show the fruits of abiding in Christ.

May Almighty God, Father, Son (+) and Holy Spirit bless you and remain with you always. **Amen**

***Sending Hymn**

Make a Difference

You gave Your life to make a diff'rence
You gave Your life to make a change
You welcomed all to Your table
You're calling us to do the same

I want my life to make a diff'rence
I want my life to make a change
I want my life to do some good here
I want my life to make a change

Working side by side
No out or inside
Together we can make that change
With a few or many
With a lot or not any
Together we came make that change

I want my life to make a diff'rence
I want my life to make a change
I want my life to do some good here
I want my life to make a change

***Sending for Service**

Go out in love serving the people of God as disciples/followers of Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God. We will!

SERVING TRINITY TODAY

Director of Music – Sandra Wingert

Assisting Minister – Charlie Ford

Singer – Hannah Ruffner

Usher – Dave Wolfe

Communion Preparers – Charlie and Beth Ford

IT Ministry – Brandon Sidoli and Darrell Swart



The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God by Sandra Wingert with fond memories of her Mom who was called home in 2012 and of Masha and Iuvilina, exchange students hosted by the Wingerts, who are celebrating Orthodox Easter today.