

*Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church*  
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*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

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**CHURCH MUSIC SUNDAY**  
**Soli deo Gloria – To God Be the Glory**

*"Telling God's Story through Music"*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

Jeanne Yovicich- instrumental piano selection

Colleen Hiltl - instrumental and vocal selections

Amazing Grace - Sydney Weaver

Down to the River to Pray - Bennett, Bridgette, Abigail Beck

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**PSALM 100**

<sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands! <sup>2</sup>Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with a song. <sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture. <sup>4</sup>Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; Give thanks and bless God's holy name.

<sup>5</sup>Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

**Adult Choir**                      ***"Canticle of the Turning"***  
**featuring Jacque Mikkelsen on drums**

**ELW723**

**OPENING PRAYER**

A     O God of majesty, whom saints and angels delight to worship;

C     **Be with your servants who make music for your people that  
we may experience a glimpse of your heavenly glory.**

A     Through their ministry enable us to offer you glory, praise and  
adoration,

**C     Until in heaven we join the choirs of angels gathered  
around your throne and add our voices to the music in the  
air. Amen.**

*Please rise as you are able.*

**GATHERING HYMN     "O, God, Beyond All Praising"     ELW880**

**GREETING**

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

**C     And also with you.**

**P     Let us pray....O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our  
actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of  
love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and  
peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who  
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
forever.**

**C     Amen.**

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

*Please be seated.*

**SONG OF PRAISE     "Because He Lives"     Matt Maher**

Ed Conrad, Jeanne Yovicich, Colleen Hiltl, Jacque Mikkelsen

**ACTS 11:1-18**

<sup>1</sup>Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. <sup>2</sup>So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, <sup>3</sup>saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" <sup>4</sup>Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, <sup>5</sup>"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. <sup>6</sup>As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup>I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' <sup>8</sup>But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered

my mouth.’<sup>9</sup> But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’<sup>10</sup> This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.<sup>11</sup> At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were.<sup>12</sup> The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house.<sup>13</sup> He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup>he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’<sup>15</sup> And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning.<sup>16</sup> And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’<sup>17</sup> If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?”<sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

A Word of God, word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Adult Choir**

***"The Spirit of the Lord"***

**Composer:  
Mary McDonald**

### **REVELATION 21:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making

all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

A Word of God, word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

P The Holy Gospel according to John.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## **SERMON**

*Please rise as you are able.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY    "Will you Come and Follow Me"    ELW798**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

- A     Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.  
*A brief silence.*
- A     Loving God, lead us to follow your Spirit, rather than our own prejudices or desires, as the church cares for one another. Enrich our music ministry, and open us to perceive your gifts in those we least expect. God, in your mercy,
- C     hear our prayer.**
- A     Inspire us to praise you through the beauty and majesty of the natural world around us, especially the flowers of this season. Urge us toward more deliberate care of the world you have made. God, in your mercy,
- C     hear our prayer.**
- A     Humble the leaders of nations, especially in Russia, Afghanistan, and our own nation. Direct them to the people who need their attention most, and turn them away from the temptation to hoard wealth or power. God, in your mercy,
- C     hear our prayer.**
- A     Hasten to dwell among those who are in pain or distress, *especially....* As Christ enters our deepest suffering, remain with those experiencing despair and great need. God, in your mercy,
- C     hear our prayer.**
- A     Place holy love at the center of all our relationships and communities. By your love heal us and renew us. Bring an end to racism in our churches and communities. Let everyone know your goodness by the love we show one another. God, in your mercy,
- C     hear our prayer.**

A Give us a place in the diverse company of your beloved saints. Teach us the value of each person's identity, and bless us with a shared identity as your children, kindred of Christ. God, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

A In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C Amen.**

## **PEACE**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

*Please be seated.*

**CHOIR ANTHEM      "May the Circle be Unbroken"      Traditional  
Appalachian Tune**

## **OFFERING**

*Please rise as you are able.*



## OFFERTORY



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER

A Living God,  
C **you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together  
in your peaceable reign,  
and you welcome us all at your table.  
Reach out to us through this meal,  
and show us your wounded and risen body,  
that we may be nourished and believe  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

## DIALOGUE AND PREFACE

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



P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P In 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.

Again, after supper, he 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**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance  
that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with  
thanksgiving.

*Please be seated.*

### **COMMUNION**

*Please remain at your seat and at the direction of the Pastor we will commune together by  
opening the individually wrapped, prepackaged communion elements you received when  
you arrived.*

P The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**C Amen.**



### **BLESSING**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** **Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A** We give you thanks, generous God,  
for in this bread and cup  
we have tasted the new heaven and earth  
where hunger and thirst are no more.  
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,  
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

**C** **Amen.**

*Please rise as you are able.*

### **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### **BENEDICTION**

**P** Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN     "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"     ELW#836**

**DISMISSAL**

A     Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

A     Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**C     Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**



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