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Easter 5



"With one mind and one voice we glorify God the Father."



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Welcome to Worship!



To the friends who know us, we renew our welcome; to the visitor we welcome you most sincerely; and to those seeking a church home we offer fellowship in Christ and the opportunity to actively join in sharing the Good News: Jesus Christ our Savior was born in Bethlehem, crucified on Calvary and risen from the grave for all people.

Please sign our guest register.



If you need to leave the service temporarily, the audio-video of the service is broadcast in the **Gathering Room**. A rest room is located in the hallway across from the elevator. As you exit the sanctuary turn to your left – go through the short hallway and turn right. The baby changer is located inside the restroom.

Please note that the last four pews are reserved for parents with small children.



Regarding standing for hymns or readings – At various times during the worship service the congregation is invited to stand. If this gets to be too difficult – please feel free to remain seated.



We are a member of the **Evangelical Lutheran Synod** (ELS), a national church body in fellowship with the WELS. We hold to the Bible as the inspired, inerrant Word of God and that we are justified before God by grace for the sake of Jesus Christ through faith.



Trinity Lutheran Congregation supports a **private Elementary School** (Preschool through Grade 8). We teach all subjects from a Christian perspective as we prepare children for life in this world and the next. If you desire more information, please contact our Principal, Mr. Jim Speerschneider, Email at mrjim@trinityels.org or Phone at School (262)-675-6627.



In order to maintain a reverent atmosphere for worship and praise, please make sure all **cell phones** and other electronic devices are put on "silent," or, better yet, turned off.

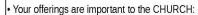
Remember Your Offerings!

Your offerings are important to YOU:

"Honor the LORD with your wealth" (Proverbs 3:9, EHV)

Your offerings are important to GOD:

"Jesus responded, 'Were not ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one [else] found to return and give glory to God...?" (Luke 17:17–18, EHV)



"On the first day of every week, each of you is to set something aside in keeping with whatever he gains, saving it up at home, so that when I come, no collections will need to be carried out." (1 Corinthians 16:2, EHV)

Leave your offerings in the collection areas in the entryway or Gathering Room, or use the link above to give digitally. ↑



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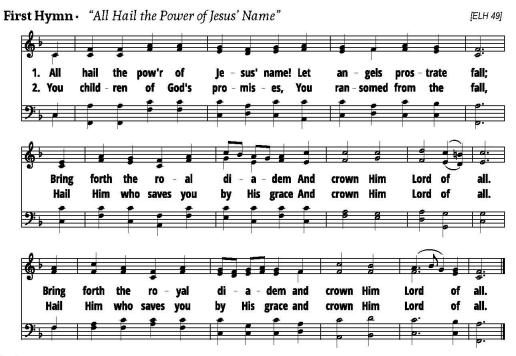
Call to Worship · Easter 5

[Psalm 66:1-2 (EHV)]

PASTOR Today we pray to the God who is not dead, but lives! May we joyfully sing His praises and hear the whole message of His Word which convicts us of our sin, assures us of His righteousness given through faith, and comforts us to anticipate His final judgment as a joyful deliverance from our sorrows.

"Shout praise to God, all the earth! — Alleluia!

GONGREGATION Make music to the glory of his name! Make his praise glorious! — Alleluia!"



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Confession of Sins

[ELH p 41, alt]

P Let us confess our sins to God and pray:

We poor sinners confess to You, O God, not only that we have been conceived and born in sin, but also that throughout life we have often and in many ways offended You, our Lord and Maker, in thought, word and deed. In Your perfect justice, You should reject and condemn us for all eternity.

- Therefore we come before You with sorrowful hearts, dreading Your holy justice and terrorized by everlasting death. Our sins are a great enemy and we should hate them in every way as long as we live.
- P But merciful God, You still grant us in this hour to be reminded of Your fatherly goodness. According to the promise of Your Word we run to You—our infinitely merciful God—for refuge. We pray to You for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only-begotten Son, our Brother, who was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. We beg You, dearest Father, to forgive our sins through faith, which the Holy Spirit increases in our hearts so we are fully assured of Your grace.
- We therefore pray You, O Lord, through Your servant to declare to us the forgiveness of all our sins. We poor sinners are willing to forgive all who have offended against us. We earnestly desire to grow in true godliness. Help us, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

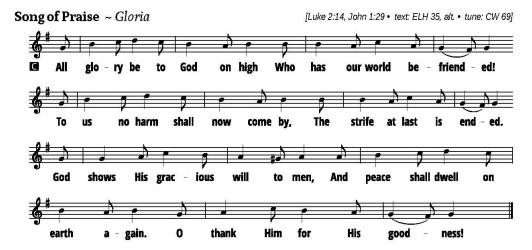


Forgiveness of Sin ~ Absolution

P Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord:

He says, "Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." "For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." Indeed, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved."

Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son \oplus and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Prayer of the Day · Easter 5

- P The Lord be with you, His people.
- And with your spirit as you minister to us.
- P Let us pray:

Lord God, Heavenly Father, through Your Son You promised us that the Holy Spirit would convince the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. We ask You to fulfill that promise for us today by causing us to confess our sins, to receive Your righteousness through faith, and to remind us that our final judgment will be a joyful deliverance from this world's suffering for Jesus' sake.

@ We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our living Lord, who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

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Lesson · James 1:16-21

In our earthly lives, we are tempted to think we can do good things on our own strength, but God is the one who gives us everything we have.

Do not be deceived, my dear brothers. ¹⁷Every good act of giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the lights, who does not change or shift like a shadow. ¹⁸Just as he planned, he gave us birth by the word of truth so that we would be a kind of firstfruits of his creations.

¹⁹Remember this, my dear brothers: Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry. ²⁰Certainly, a man's anger does not bring about what is right before God. ²¹So after getting rid of all moral filthiness and overflowing wickedness, receive with humility the word planted in you. It is able to save your souls. (EHV)

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Gospel Acclamation • Easter 5

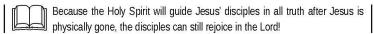
[Romans 6:9 (EHV)]

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P Alleluia, alleluia. Since Christ has been raised from the dead, he will never die again. Death no longer has control over him. Alleluia.



Gospel · John 16:5–15



[Jesus says,] "Now I am going away to him who sent me, and not one of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶Yet because I have told you these things, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I am telling you the truth: It is good for you that I go away. For if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸When he comes, he will convict the world about sin, about righteousness, and about judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see me; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world

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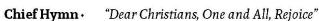
has been condemned.

¹²"I still have many things to tell you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. For he will not speak on his own, but whatever he hears he will speak. He will also declare to you what is to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵Everything the Father has is mine. This is why I said that he takes from what is mine and will declare it to you." (EHV)

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.



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Sermon • *John 16:5-15*

It's Good for Jesus to Go!

1. Then, He Will Send Us	
2. He Will Preach His	
3. We Will Receive His	

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Confession of Faith ~ Nicene Creed

P Having heard the Word of God, we confess our holy faith using the words of the 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 is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall 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 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.

Reception of Offerings and Prayer



Offerings are brought by those who are thankful to God for saving them through Jesus. Before the service starts we collect the offering in the designated areas in the entryway and Gathering Room. For those who wish to give digitally, please use the link to our digital giving platform to the left, or consult our Church Website: www.trinityels.org

Prayer of the Church

- P Heavenly Father, may Your will be done in this world.
- May the governments You have established run well for the benefit of Your people.
- May Your pure Word which is taught by Your holy Church be preserved in every place.
- May many more people enter into Your kingdom by faith.
- P Keep us, who are gathered here, in the true faith.
- **As You re-created us in our Baptisms, we pray that You continue to enlighten us through Your Word, and strengthen us through Your holy Supper.**
 - -Special prayers may be offered here-
- P Hear us, Lord, as we give You our private petitions.
 - -Silence for private prayer-
- P We ask this all in the name of Jesus Christ.
- **■** Lord, in Your mercy hear our prayer. Amen.

PART 3: THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Questions and prayers for preparing for the Lord's Supper are found in the black hymnal pp. 38-40.

FOR OUR GUESTS: Please note that Trinity practices "Close Communion" (or "Membership Communion"). This means we only Commune with people who believe and teach the same doctrine which we do (ELS or WELS). This is necessary because Christ commands us to be unified as a congregation (Ephesians 4:3; 1 Corinthians 10:16–17). He warms that—much like abusing a powerful medicine—those who improperly receive Holy Communion receive Divine judgment rather than

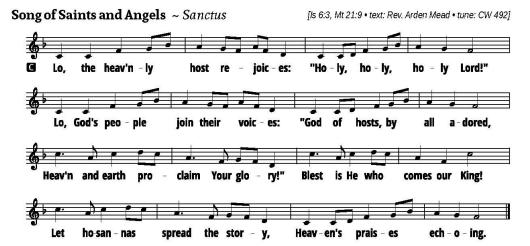
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blessing (1 Corinthians 11:27, 29). And, contrary to the way many congregations practice today, "Close Communion" is the ancient practice of the Christian church (Acts 2:42). Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, please speak with the pastor BEFORE the service to find out how our "Close Communion" practice affects you.

Great Thanksgiving

[2 Tim 4:22, Col 3:1, Ps 136]

- P The Lord be with you, His people.
- **G** And with your spirit as you minister to us.
- P Lift up your hearts in joy.
- We lift them up to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
- (It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good and right... evermore singing Your praise:



Lord's Prayer

[Lk 11:2-4; Mt 6:9-13]

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.

Words of Institution

[Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25; Through these words, the presence of Our Lord's Body and Blood is effected in our midst.]

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night... in remembrance of me.



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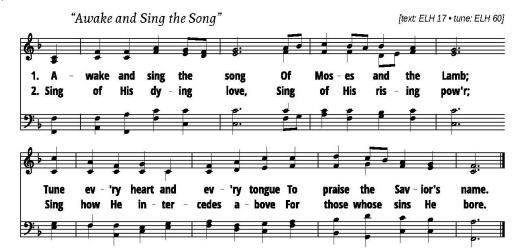
Distribution

[Communicants come forward at the direction of the ushers. During the Distribution, the congregation sings the following hymn(s)]



- 4. How dull are all the pow'rs of sense Employed on proofs of love immense! The richest food lies hid from view, The highest gifts we have below.
- 5. We have no greater boon on earth, And faith alone discerns its worth, The Word, not sense, must be our guide, Christ's words assure though sight's denied.
- 6. Lord, show us still that You are good, And grant us evermore this food To strengthen ev'ry humble soul And make each wounded spirit whole.

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- Come, children of His grace,
 Do not refuse to sing,
 But summon all your pow'rs to praise
 Your Savior and your King.
- Look back and see the state
 Wherein your nature lay
 Then wonder at His love so great
 Who did your ransom pay.
- May Jesus' Word take place
 And wisdom in us dwell
 That we His miracles of grace
 In psalms and hymns may tell.

- Tell in angelic strains
 What Christ has done for you,
 How He has taken off your chains
 And formed your hearts anew.
- Leave earthly joys below
 To those of worldly taste;
 Think, speak, and sing of nothing now
 But Christ, the first and last.
- Sing, for you hear Christ say, "Your sins are all forgiv'n."
 Go forth, rejoicing all the way, And singing enter heav'n.

-Stand-

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Let us give thanks and pray:

We thank You, Lord God Almighty, that You have refreshed us with Your Holy Supper. We pray that through it, You would mercifully strengthen us in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another.

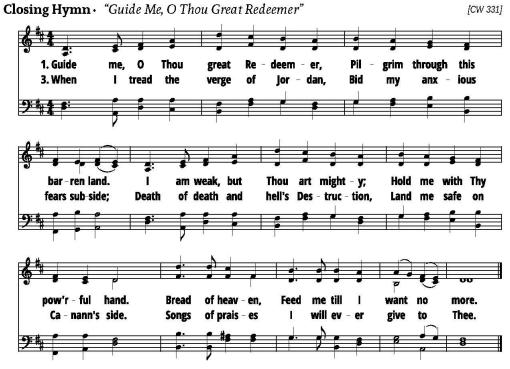
@ We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

God's Final Blessing ~ Benediction

[Num 6:24 -26]

f P The Lord bless you and keep you... and give you peace \pm .

G Amen.



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