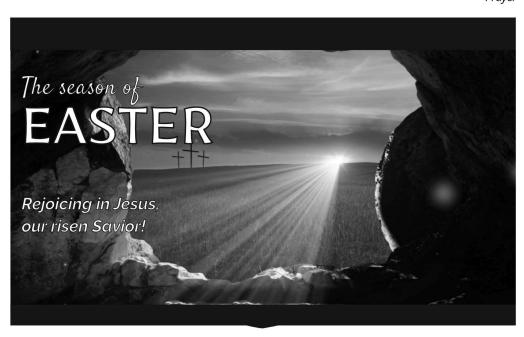
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May 9, 2021 Easter 6
Prayer



"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)



Your offerings are important to the CHURCH:

"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.  $\uparrow$ 

#### ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Call to Worship · Easter 6

[Isaiah 48:20b (EHV)]

PASTOR Today we pray to the God who is not dead, but lives! May we always take all our prayers to Him, and through His Word, may He strengthen us to ask for things which are spiritually good for us and to humbly accept that He always answers our prayers in the best way.

"With a joyful voice declare and announce this. Send it out to the end of the earth. — Alleluia!

GONGREGATION Say, 'The LORD has redeemed his servant Jacob.' — Alleluia!"



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## Confession of Sins and Forgiveness

[Ps 3:7, 143:11, 27:9, 51:15]

- In the Name of our Lord 
   → Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we call on You, dear heavenly Father:
- Almighty Lord God, we stand in Your presence to hear Your Holy Word and to worship You with thanksgiving and prayer.
- P Rise up, O Lord! Save me, my God!
- G For the sake of Your name, O Lord, preserve my life.
- P Do not hide Your face from me. You have been my help.
- Do not reject me or forsake me, O God who saves me.
- P O Lord, open my lips;
- And my mouth will declare Your praise.
- P Hear us as we pray, O Lord:

Almighty God, heavenly Father: I have sinned against You through my own fault, in thought, word, and deed. For the sake of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon me, forgive me all my sin, and bring me to everlasting life.

Lift up your hearts! For the sake of the suffering, death, and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, God has had mercy upon you, forgiven you all your sin, and will bring those who believe in Him to everlasting life at the end.

Peace + be with you.

Song of Praise

[TEXT: ELH 66; TUNE: ELH 32]



## Prayer of the Day · Easter 6

- P Let us pray:
- P Lord God, through Your Son You have promised us that whatever we ask for in His name You will give us. Therefore we ask You to keep us in Your Word and grant us Your Holy Spirit. Protect us from the power of the devil, from false doctrine, and from destructive practices. Defend us from all danger. Grant us the ability to recognize Your merciful help in all situations.
- **@** 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.

-Be seated-

#### **First Lesson** · *Jeremiah 29:11–14*

In the Old Testament, God promised to hear His people's prayers and give them a good answer. He still gives us good answers to prayer today, and ultimately works the most good by gathering us to heaven.

"I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to give you peace, not disaster, plans to give you hope and a future. <sup>12</sup>Then you will call on me and come to pray to me, and I will listen to you. <sup>13</sup>When you seek me, you will find me, when you will seek me with

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all your heart. <sup>16</sup>I will let you find me, declares the LORD, and I will bring you back from your exile. I will gather you from all the nations and from all the places where I have sent you as exiles, declares the LORD. I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile." (EHV)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

#### **☐** Thanks be to God!



#### Second Lesson · James 1:22-27

We are in danger of hearing God's Word flippantly and not applying it to our lives. God encourages us to live every day by "bridling our tongue" with prayers after His own will.

Be people who do what the word says, not people who only hear it. Such people are deceiving themselves. <sup>23</sup>In fact, if anyone hears the word and does not do what it says, he is like a man who carefully looks at his own natural face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup>Indeed, he carefully looks at himself; then, he goes away and immediately forgets what he looked like. <sup>25</sup>But the one who looks carefully into the perfect law, the law of freedom, and continues to do so—since he does not hear and forget but actually does what it says—that person will be blessed in what he does.

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<sup>26</sup>If anyone considers himself to be religious but deceives his own heart because he does not bridle his tongue, this person's religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled in the sight of God the Father is this: to take care of orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world. (EHV)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

#### ■ Thanks be to God!

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## Gospel Acclamation · Easter 6

[John 16:28 (EHV)]

P Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus says, "I came from the Father and have come into the world. Now I am going to leave the world and go to the Father." Alleluia.



## Gospel · John 16:23-30

God speaks to us plainly through His Word and invites us to pray plainly to Him in our lives of faith.

[Jesus says,] "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. <sup>24</sup>Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask, and you will receive, so that your joy may be made complete.

<sup>25</sup>"I have told you these things using figurative language. A time is coming when I will no longer speak to you using figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. <sup>26</sup>In that day you will ask in my name, and I am not telling you that I will make requests of the Father on your behalf. <sup>27</sup>For the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup>I came from the Father and have come into the world. Now I am going to leave the world and go to the Father."

<sup>29</sup>"Yes!" his disciples said. "Now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative language. <sup>30</sup>Now we know that you know everything and do not need to have anyone ask

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you anything. For this reason we believe that you came from God." (EHV)

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.



-Be seated-



**Sermon** • *John 16:23–30* 

## **Pray Plainly**

- 1. Asking for \_\_\_\_\_ Things
- 2. Knowing God's \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Accepting His \_\_\_\_\_

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**Apostles' Creed** 

[ELH p. 46]

P Having heard the Word of God, we confess our holy faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed:

☑ I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 shall 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.

#### 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 PayPal account to the left, or consult our Church Website:

## Prayer of the Church

[ELH p 48-49, alt]

P Everlasting and merciful God, we fervently ask You in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

#### **■** To have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

- Look in mercy on Your church. Protect it and sanctify it by Your truth. May Your Word be taught in its purity and Your Sacraments rightly administered. Grant faithful pastors to Your Church who shall declare Your truth with power and shall live according to Your will. Send out workers into Your harvest and open the door of faith to all unbelievers and the people of Israel. In mercy remember the enemies of Your Church and grant them repentance resulting in life.
- **God**, in the greatness of your mercy, answer us with the certainty of salvation from you.
- Let Your protecting hand be over our country and over all who travel. Prosper what is good among us and bring every evil counsel and purpose to nothing. Protect and bless Your servants,

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the President of the United States, the Governor of this state, our judges and magistrates and all in authority. Equip them for their high calling by the gift of Your Spirit of wisdom and fear, so that we might live a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and dignity.

#### **■** Lord, hear and be merciful to us. Lord, be a helper for us.

P According to Your Promise, O God, be the defender of the widow and the father of the fatherless. Relieve and comfort the sick and the sorrowful. Graciously help those who are assaulted by the devil and who are in peril of death. Be the strength of those who are suffering for the sake of Christ's holy name. Grant that we may live together in peace and prosperity. Grant us good and seasonable weather, and bless us with upright Christian wisdom in all that we do.

### **©** O Lord, be with all in distress. Hear their prayers to the honor of Your Name.

P We especially commend to Your care and keeping this Your congregation which You have bought at a great price. Keep us all from offenses and bind us together in the unity of Your holy love. Grant that the little ones who are baptized in Your name may be brought up in Your fear. At Your table, give those who commune with You peace and life everlasting.

## ■ Let all rejoice who take refuge in You. Let them sing for joy because You protect them.

-Special prayers may be added here-

P Hear us, Lord, as we bring You our private petitions:

-Silence for personal prayer-

P Be merciful, O God, to all, according to Your great love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. When our final hour shall come, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection to Your glory.

#### Amen. Grant us Your peace, O Lord!

## Lord's Prayer

P Hear us as we pray, O Lord:

• 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.

-Be seated-

**Hymn** · "Our Father, Throned in Heaven Above" [ELH 384] 1. Our Fath - er, throned in bove, All Your name of love. all 2. Give us this day our dai ly food With of prom-ised good; we need 3. De - fend us from the hold when tired, when fal - len raise; temp-ter's ways, Up Your King-dom come; Your ho May earth as well heav'n ful - fill. And free - ly all our sins re - mit we our debt-ors free - ly quit. As For pow'r is Yours, and bound less reign, In glo - ry ev - er more. A - men.

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### Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Let us pray:

We give thanks to You, Lord God the Father, that You have given us Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

We give thanks to You, Lord Jesus Christ, that You have borne in Your sacred body all our sins, and by Your blood have blotted out all our transgressions.

[Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:2-4]

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We give thanks to You, Lord the Holy Spirit, that You have created in our hearts true faith, that we know of nothing to trust for our salvation except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

O God, grant us Your grace to remain in this saving faith until we see You face to face in life eternal. We ask it all in Christ's name. Amen.

Final Blessing [2 Cor 13:14]

■ The grace of our Lord Jesus 

← Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**G** Amen.



-Be seated-