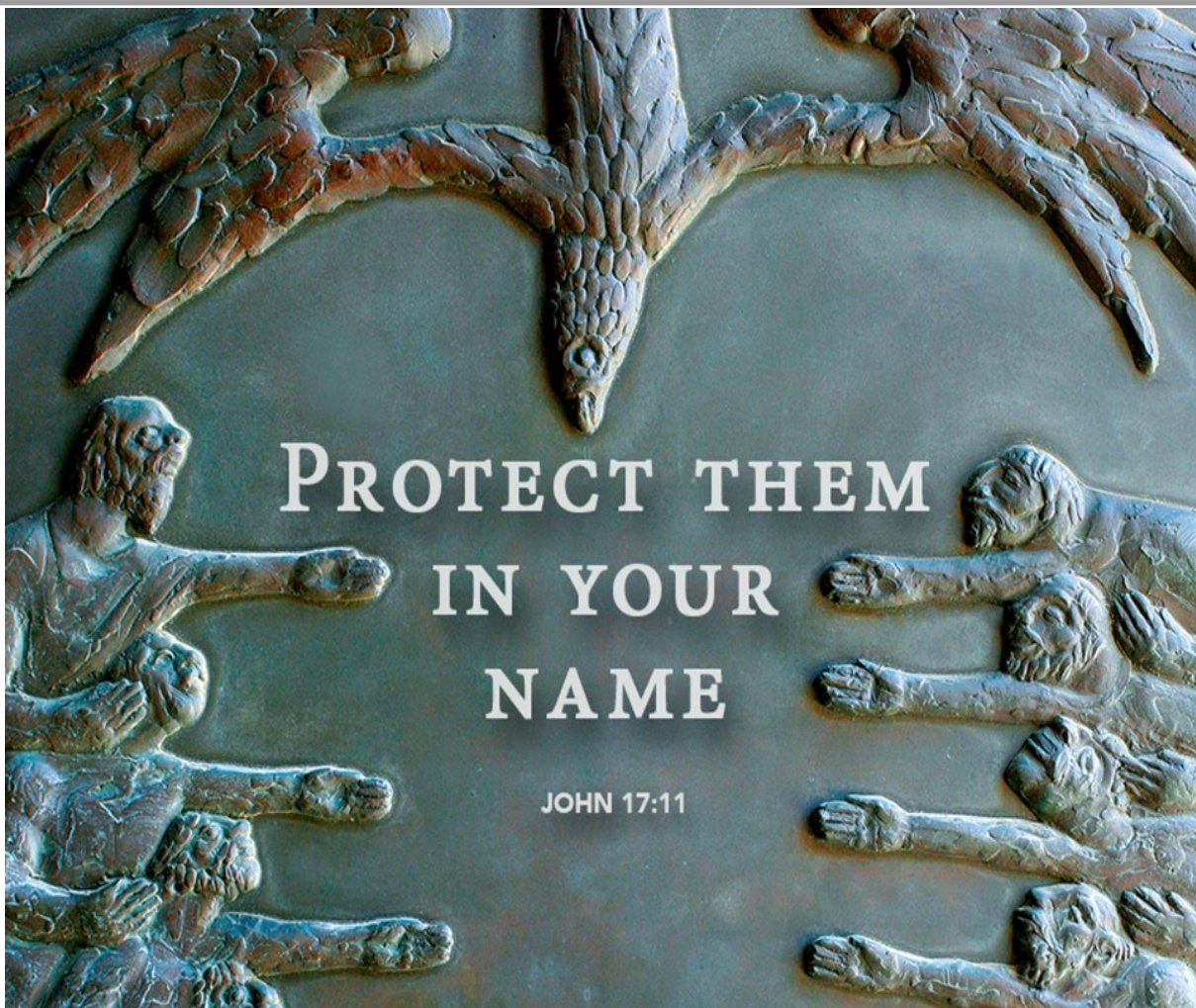


TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



PROTECT THEM
IN YOUR
NAME

JOHN 17:11

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2017
ASCENSION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 28, 2017

Service of Holy Eucharist—Setting 4

To all who join in worship, we are grateful that you are here today!

- We invite all believers in Christ to receive the Sacrament with us. White grape juice is available. Gluten-free wafers are also available. If you would like us to bring the bread and wine to you, please notify one of the ushers.
- Nursery attendants are available during worship just off the South Lobby area for children ages 5 years and younger. If you arrive and no one is in the nursery, please notify one of the ushers to get the attendant. A changing table is available in the nursery.
- Pew Pads are located at the end of each pew. Please sign in and pass them down to the end of the row so we can note that you attended worship with us today. If you or someone you know would like a visit from one of our staff, please inform the Pastor.
- Prayer request cards are in the pew racks. Please hand to an usher during the hymn following the sermon.

WELCOME... We pray this worship time is enriching for your spiritual life.

Seventh Sunday of Easter & Ascension of Our Lord:

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✚ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” (ELW 392)

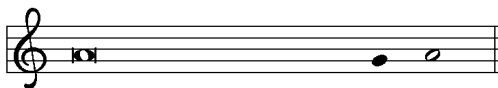
GREETING

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.



KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



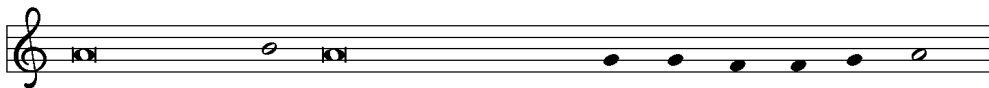
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

Before he is lifted into heaven, Jesus promises that the missionary work of the disciples will spread out from Jerusalem to all the world. His words provide an outline of the book of Acts.

A reading from Acts.

¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 47

The psalm for the day is sung responsively.

¹Clap your hands, | all you peoples;
shout to God with a | joyful sound.

²**For the LORD Most High is | to be feared:**
a great king over | all the earth,

³who subdues the | peoples under us,
and the nations un- | der our feet;

⁴**who chooses our inheri- | tance for us,**
the pride of Jacob, | whom God loves.

⁵God has gone up | with a shout,
the LORD with the sound | of the ram's horn.

⁶**Sing praises to | God, sing praises;
sing praises to our | king, sing praises.**

⁷For God is king of | all the earth;
sing praises | with a song.

⁸**God reigns o- | ver the nations;
God is en- | throned on high.**

⁹The nobles of the peoples have gathered as the people of the | God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is high- | ly exalted.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

The risen and exalted Christ reigns over the entire universe. The author of Ephesians prays that we would be given the wisdom to comprehend this and display it through love toward others.

A reading from Ephesians.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL: Luke 24:44-53

On the day of his ascension, Jesus leaves his disciples with a commission, a blessing, and a promise of the Holy Spirit.

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁴[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” (ELW 756)

APOSTLES’ CREED

The assembly stands.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Keep us steadfast in your word. Shape us according to your will. Heal our divisions. Protect us from discord. Unite us in your love. Empower us for mission.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the earth. For forests and vineyards, marshes and springs. For grasslands and pastures, farmlands and orchards. Protect your creation from damage by earthquake, flood, wind, drought, fire, or hail. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the nations. For those who govern and all who hold authority. For those who have been displaced by warfare, economic hardship, or disaster. Bring freedom, justice, and stability to areas of conflict. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For those in need. For those who are anxious. For those who suffer abuse or neglect. For those who are hungry or homeless. For those who grieve and all who are sick. We pray especially for Eleanore; Ruth; Lila; Dakota; Ellie, and Cathy. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For this assembly. Deepen our lives of prayer. Open us to the guiding of your Spirit. Fill us with compassion. Nourish us at your holy table. Strengthen us in service to our community.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With thanksgiving we remember those who have died, especially our loved ones and those who have given their lives in service. Inspire us by their example and bring us to your eternal home. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief announcements will be made by the Pastor and thanks given for what our offerings provide towards the church's mission.

OFFERING: “*Create in Me a Clean Heart*” (ELW 188)

OFFERING PRAYER

After the table is set, the assisting minister leads the prayer.

Let us pray.

**Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,
as you were made known to the disciples.**

**Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives,
that we may be your risen body in the world.**

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

PREFACE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

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

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC:

Reflective music provided for Communion contemplation.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The assembly stands to receive the blessing.

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God,
in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection
you send light to conquer darkness,
water to give new life,
and the bread of heaven to nourish your people.
Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection
that we may show your glory to all the world;
through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.



BLESSING

May God who has brought us from death to life
fill you with great joy.

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

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: “*Crown Him with Many Crowns*” (ELW 855)

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



PENTECOST SUNDAY IS THIS COMING SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH.

ALL CONGREGATION MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO WEAR RED IN
CELEBRATION OF THIS BEAUTIFUL SUNDAY!



IF YOU SPEAK A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH, WE WOULD LOVE
FOR YOU TO READ THE LORD'S PRAYER IN YOUR SECOND
LANGUAGE! JUST LET PASTOR KNOW AND WE WILL GET YOU
INCLUDED IN THE PENTECOST WORSHIP SERVICE!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN OFFICIAL MEMBER OF
TRINITY, PLEASE LET PASTOR KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO YOU
CAN BECOME A PART OF OUR TRINITY FAMILY ON PENTECOST!

What's Happening This Week

Sunday, May 28	9:00AM	Worship Service
	10:15AM	Coffee Fellowship
Wednesday, May 31	10:00AM	Women's Bible Study

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Mary Brinkman (05/28); Shane Renniesen (05/28); Rachel Larson (05/29); Pete Hegg (06/01); and Jon Sorenson (06/03).

THOSE NEEDING OUR PRAYERS Please keep the following members in your prayers this week: Ed Dolan, Joan Dana, Bob Thymian, Jane Kidwell, Addie Hopper, Marilyn Moen, Daniel Travsky, Pastor Rachel Larson, Pastor Don Holmstrom, Eleanore Barrett, Cathy Hemsher; Ellie Hudson; and Ruth Castor. If you know of someone that could use a visit from Pastor Nate, just let him know, or if there is someone you would like added to the Trinity Prayer Chain, please inform Jennie Lawrence!

CONFIRMATION BANNERS If you were confirmed this year or in the previous two years, and never picked up your confirmation banner, they are still available for pickup. Please see Andrea Toven and she will get you your banner!

FELLOWSHIP SIGN UP The new sign up sheet is available for Fellowship goodies for these coming beautiful summer months. Please sign up in the Gruver Room, and thank you ahead of time for your delicious treats and willingness to help.

SKY RANCH CAMP On **July 23-30**, all youth of Trinity are invited to join Pastor Nate at Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp in Colorado. The week is unique because Sky Ranch is offering youth events for all ages. Young kids will attend for a few days at the beginning of the week, middle school youth will be there all week at the camp, and older youth will have opportunities to serve off-site, white water raft, and experience a high ropes course. Pastor Nate is planning to stay at the camp all week to spend time with Trinity's youth, and all Wyoming ELCA congregations are planning to attend that week as well. So don't miss out on this awesome opportunity and sign up today by visiting: <http://skyranchcolorado.org/register-online> and using Group Code **17TLCWY** (Case Specific)!

Save The Date: Vacation Bible School



Where: Trinity Lutheran Church

When: July 10-14

M-Th 8:00-4.00, Fri 8.00-12.00

Ages: Preschool-5th Grade

SIGN UP COMING SOON TO:
www.telclaramie.com

Serving the Church

TODAY—May 28, 2017

Preacher: Pastor Nathan Keith
Lector: Andrea Toven

Acolyte: Beth Ferris

Ushers: Laura Buckner
Judi Weatherwax

Greeters: Iris Brunett
Debbe Conyers

Nursery: MacKenzie Muhsman

NEXT WEEK—June 4, 2017

Preacher: Pastor Nathan Keith
Lector: Maia Anderson

Acolyte: MacKenzie Muhsman

Ushers: Barb Rouse
Mike Smith

Greeters: Bobbie & Al
Schimek

Nursery: Kate Jablin

Stewards: Janet Talbott & Mark Lyford

Altar Guild: Judy Moline

Coffee Fellowship: *OPEN!!!*

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This is Christ's church...

There is a place for you here.