

# Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA

612 Water Street, Sparta, Wisconsin

May 14, 2017

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:15 am and 10:30 am



## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*Hymn:** *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

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## Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: 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,

**Congregation: 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.**

Pastor: 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.**

**\*Kyrie**

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**\*Gloria**

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**\*Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Reading: Acts 7.55-60**

**Page 891 in the black pew Bible**

*Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.*

**Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>**Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, for you are my tower of strength.**

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit, for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

<sup>15</sup>**My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.**

<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.”

**Reading: 1 Peter 2.2-10**

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**\*Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia!**

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**\*Gospel: John 14.1-14**

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**Sermon**

**\*The Prayers**

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

*A brief silence.*

**From the Assembly:** We pray for the church. Show us your ways. Teach us your truth. Enliven us in mission. Keep us from discord. Lead us to unity for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**From the Assembly:** For the earth. Turn us away from impulses to pollute this world. Protect fragile habitats. Nurture our planet to be a life-sustaining home for generations yet to be born. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**From the Assembly:** For the nations. Fill all leaders with a spirit of compassion for the poor and oppressed. Give courage to those who work for justice and equality. Bring an end to conflict and violence. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**From the Assembly:** For those in need. Draw near to those who struggle with depression. Comfort those for whom this day evokes heartache or sorrow. Console those who grieve, and heal those who are ill...*Bill Spori, Lee Ostrem, Joyce Swiggum, Alma Beranek, Bob Devine (Pastor Mark's step-Father), Michelle Clark, Harley Jenkins, Linda Hemmersbach and Pauline Haug.*  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**From the Assembly:** For this assembly. Bless mothers and all who offer motherly care. Strengthen child care workers, nursery attendants, and those who teach our youth. Uphold our elders and those who care for aging parents.  
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**From the Assembly:** With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died in faith and those who have borne witness to your love. Bring us with them to dwell with you forever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

**Pastor:** 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.**

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

**Offering** *Six days do your work, but on the seventh day do not work, so that your ox and your donkey may rest and the slave born in your household, and the alien as well, may be refreshed. Exodus 23:12*

**\*Offertory: *We Give Thee But Thine Own***

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**\*Offering Prayer**

**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.**

**\*Great Thanksgiving**

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**\*Holy, holy, holy Lord God**

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**\*Lord's Prayer**

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**Communion**

**Hymns during communion: 336, 758, 485**

**\*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.**

**\*Hymn: *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing***

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**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.**

**Needed to meet budgeted mission - \$7,065.33**

**Simply Giving for 5/7 – 5/13 - \$582.50**

**Sunday, May 7 – 8:15 am – 86**

**Weekly Giving for May 7 - \$7811.40**

**Total Amount Given - \$8393.90**

**10:30 am - 163**