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TO MAKE THE SAINTS - "WISE UNTO SALVATION" AND TO "EQUIP FOR SERVING"

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Welcome to Trinity!

April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Divine Service, Setting I

Worship:

Sundays at 8:00am and 10:30am

Sunday School/Bible Class:

Sundays at 9:15am



Philip Teaches the Ethiopian

Confession and Absolution

Opening Hymn: LSB 904 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word—*Please rise for the final verse.*

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 145:1–2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16

P A little while, and you will see me no longer;

C **and again a little while, and you will see me.**

P I will extol you, my God and King,

C **and bless your name forever and ever.**

P Every day I will bless you

C **and praise your name forever and ever.**

P The LORD is gracious and merciful,

C **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

P All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

C **and all your saints shall bless you!**

P My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,

C **and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P A little while, and you will see me no longer;

C **and again a little while, and you will see me.**

Kyrie

LSB 152

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.
P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.
P 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.
C Lord, have mercy.
P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mercy.
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

- P** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
- P** Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 8:26–40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 John 4:1–21

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

C Alleluia.
 Lord, to whom shall we go?
 You have the words of eternal life.
 Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 15:1–8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

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

¹[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

Sermon Hymn: LSB 722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence He will 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.

Prayer of the Church *We respond with Amen. Prayer requests: Michael Winter, Connie Hansen, Todd Bender, Marie Rietbrock, Lori (Kober) Badtke, Jerry Barts, Ken Korb, Joshua Martin, Barb Wolfert, Connie Schmitt, Sue Kober, and our shut-ins.*

Sit

Offering

Stand

Offertory

LSB 159

C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction

LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
C Amen.

Sit

Closing Hymn: LSB 548 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious

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Trinity Messenger

We need voters. *Why? We need voters because the decision-making power of the church is found in the voter's assembly. Our committee officers answer to the voter's assembly. As the years go on, the number of voters in the assembly is growing smaller. We are reaching out to you today to ask you to consider becoming a voting member. The process is incredibly simple: Show up to a voter's meeting and ask to be a voting member. You will be made a voting member at the next meeting. Men and women 18 years or older can become a voter, and you are not required to serve on any committee to vote on issues.*

*Please consider becoming a voting member at **TODAY'S** meeting (**after the 10:30 service.**) If we do not have enough voices, we are in danger of overworking our committee heads and making decisions that the church doesn't actually support. We need to know what you think. Become a voting member, and tell us what you think.*

*Thank you,
Pastor Fremer*

Flowers on the altar are in celebration of Dave and Liz Haag's 33rd Anniversary.

Birthday Blessings to: Malachi Polzin, Emerson Stange, McCoy Milbrath, Connie Schmitt, Amanda Holler, Sharon Horness, Paul Koehn, Aubrey Luecke, Steve Herzog, Natalie Jensema, Presley Liermann, and Sherry Rammer

Confirmation Robes In order to simplify Confirmation for students and families, Trinity will be providing Confirmation robes to be reused each year. If you have one from previous years that you'd like to donate, please drop it off at the church office. Thank you in advance!

May Newsletter: If you have a high school or college graduate this year and would like their picture in the May newsletter, please email it to secretary@trinityhowardsgrove.org by April 29th. Please include their name, the school they're graduating from, and any other details you'd like included.

CWF Salad Supper- Christian Women's Fellowship invites all women of the congregation to their Salad Supper on Monday, May 13th at 6:30pm in the church basement. Please bring an empty muffin tin to use as your plate; extra plates will also be provided. All are welcomed to stay for a short Bible study and our May business meeting following the meal. Ascension Service

First Aid Certification Course at Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Our Savior's Lutheran Church is offering a four-hour Bloodborne Pathogen/First Aid/CPR/AED certification course for members of LCMS sister congregations on Sunday, May 19, starting at 12:30 p.m. This class is perfect for anyone required to be certified for employment, or looking for a refresher course. The class is limited to 15 participants, 16-years-old and up. If you would like to attend, call Our Savior's at (920) 452-4005. Certified Instructor Todd Priebe of Safety Connections, Inc. will teach the class, which will be held in the fellowship hall at Our Saviors located at 917 Mead Ave., Sheboygan. In kind donations will cover the cost of certification cards and instruction booklets, with any extra funds to be applied to Our Savior's new front doors fund.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Video Operators</u>
April 28	8:00am 10:30am	Cooper Schmidt and Emmet Kunze Rylan Bahr and Carson Grunewald	Jack and Sue Kober Larry and Kris Bender	Josh Schorer
May 5	8:00am 10:30am	Brody Timm and Owen Timm Rylan Bahr and Carson Grunewald	Jean Hiebing Barb Wolfert	Craig Lallensack

<u>Date</u>	<u>Altar Guild</u>
April 22 - May 5	Janice Lieftring and Kathy Shircel
May 6 - May 19	Robie Scharinger and Rita Winter

<u>Attendance April 21, 2024</u>
8:00am: 94 10:30am: 60
Total: 154 Sunday School: 21

<u>April</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Elders</u>
8:00am	Team 5	Scott Plocar
10:30am	Team 4	Dale Hopf

<u>May</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Elders</u>
8:00am	Team 1	Aaron Kuhlow
10:30am	Team 6	Mark Plocar

<u>April 21, 2024 Offering</u>	
General	\$2,515.00
April Special Offering: Morning Meditations	\$65.00
Church Improvement	\$270.00
Sunday School	\$7.00

<u>Monday</u> April 29	<u>Tuesday</u> April 30	<u>Wednesday</u> May 1	<u>Thursday</u> May 2	<u>Friday</u> May 3	<u>Saturday</u> May 4	<u>Sunday</u> May 5
8:30am Preschool 1:00pm Quilting	8:30am Preschool	8:30am Preschool 4:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm Confirmation Pictures	8:30am Preschool			8:00am Worship with Communion 9:15am Bible Class/ Sunday School 10:30am Confirmation Service with Communion