

# Seventh Sunday of Easter June 1, 2025

#### Welcome

P This is the day that the Lord has made! C Let us rejoice and be glad in it!



## Confession and Forgiveness

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\oplus$  one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.** 

**P** Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

# Silence is kept for reflection

P God of grace and glory, you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

P Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and ⊕ frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen.

#### **Praise Songs**

# Bless His Holy Name

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

He has done great things. He has done great things.

He has done great things. Bless His holy name.

#### Jesus, Your Name

Jesus, Your name is power, Jesus, Your name is might.

Jesus, Your name will break ev'ry stronghold,

Jesus Your name is life.

Jesus, Your name is healing, Jesus, Your name gives sight.

Jesus, your name will free ev'ry captive,

Jesus, Your name is life.

Jesus, Your name is holy, Jesus, Your name brings light.

Jesus, Your name, above ev'ry other,

Jesus, Your name is life.

## Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray together. O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### The Peace

All are welcome to move about the sanctuary to share the peace with your neighbor through a handshake, elbow bump, peace sign or by any other means.

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

# First Reading Acts 16:16-34

Please be seated

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

....The Word of the Lord

#### Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 97

<sup>1</sup>The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.

<sup>2</sup>Clouds and darkness surround the Lord, righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.

<sup>3</sup>Fire goes before the Lord, burning up enemies on every side.

<sup>4</sup>Lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

<sup>5</sup>The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth.

<sup>6</sup>The heavens declare your righteousness, O Lord, and all the peoples see your glory.

<sup>7</sup>Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods! Bow down before the Lord, all you gods.

<sup>8</sup>Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O Lord.

<sup>9</sup>For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

<sup>10</sup>You who love the Lord, hate evil! God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

<sup>11</sup>Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the honest of heart.

<sup>12</sup>Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name.

# Second Reading Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

....The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

Please stand if you are

able

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

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 17th chapter. (sung) Glory to you, O Lord.

## Gospel John 17:20-26

Jesus said "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

...The Gospel of the Lord (sung) **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

Youth Time Please be seated

<u>Choir Anthem</u> The Love of God

Sermon

Hymn (next page)

# Son of God, Eternal Savior



- 1 Son of God, e ter nal Sav ior, source of life and truth and grace,
- 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth ers, so may we for oth ers live.
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
- 4 Son of God, e ter nal Sav ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race, Free - ly have your gifts been grant-ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give. hush the storm of strife and pas-sion, bid its cru-el dis - cords cease. Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo-ry, for your own will ev - er plead: Yours the gold and yours the sil-ver, yours the wealth of land and sea; By your pa-tient years of toil-ing, by your si-lent hours of pain, by your pray-ing, by your will-ing that your peo-ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need. we but stew-ards of your boun-ty held in sol - emn trust will be. quench our fe-vered thirst of plea-sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain. grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932

Music: IN BABILONE, Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen, 1710

## The Apostles' Creed

**A** Let us profess our faith through the words of the Apostles Creed.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 the Church

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Welcoming God, you invite all people to come and encounter your love. Give your church open hearts and minds to embrace all who seek your presence. Increase the capacity for cooperation between denominations and congregations.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Creating God, your might is seen in storms and in silence. Where drought threatens, bring rain. Where waters flood, ease them back. Where natural disasters destroy, shelter your people and restore your land.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Discerning God, fill the hearts of leaders with your passion for justice and mercy. Call the nations of this world to tables of peace and collaboration. Encourage governments to seek avenues of collective benefit and joy.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Abiding God, all people are held in your care. Accompany survivors of abuse, trauma, and exploitation. Strengthen our resolve to listen and advocate on behalf of all who are unnoticed. Hear our prayers for those close to our heart.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

We pray for those impacted by war and violence, for our men and women in the armed forces, and for all first responders. We also ask for your blessing on Glenda, Ralph, and Arlen, and for those for whom we now pray, either in our hearts or aloud:

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing God, be with this congregation as summer begins. Keep travelers safe, and keep the vulnerable comfortable. Invigorate summer ministry efforts in our community, and support the well-being of our youth. Send us forth as signs of your love, and bless the ministries of TOL, Augustana, Good Shepherd and Pr. Sohail's South Asian worshiping community.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Loving God, the beginning and the end, you are with us throughout our lives. In gratitude for the saints who have died, we look toward your coming again among us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.** 

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.** 

#### To Great Thanksgiving

Please stand as you are able

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 God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn (sung):

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

## Words of Institution

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

## Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray. 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.

{P Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.}

# **Communion Song**

Please be seated

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

<u>Communion:</u> Please be seated until the usher directs your row to the communion rail. Please come forward and stand or kneel. If you do not wish to receive communion, please come for a blessing. All who share our confession that Christ is present in the Sacrament are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available in the center of the tray. If you would like a gluten free wafer, please let Pastor know.

# The Body of Christ given for you.

# The Blood of Christ shed for you.

# Post-Communion Blessing

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

# Prayer after Communion

**A** Let us pray. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.** 

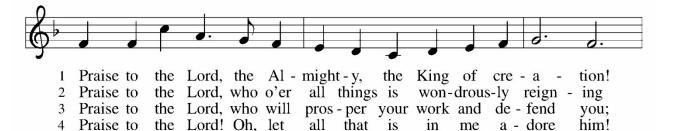
# **Blessing**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.** 

<u>Closing Hymn</u> (next page) able

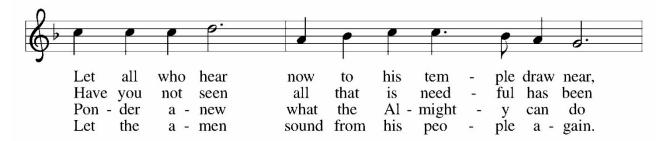
Please stand as you are

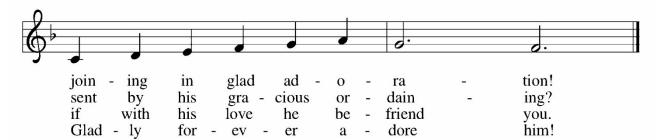
# Praise to the Lord, the Almighty





0 my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion! ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you. and, as wings of on an good - ness and sure - ly his you. and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore All that has life him!





Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, Ernewerten Gesangbuch, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

#### Dismissal

**A** Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.

C Thanks be to God.

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#### **Prayers and Announcements**

## **Prayers**

**Welcome:** We extend a very warm welcome to everyone worshiping with us today. If you are visiting, we are delighted to have you here, and we hope you enjoy your worship time.

<u>Prayer Partner Ministry:</u> If you are in need of additional prayer, please come to the Parents' Room in the back of church following worship. Prayers are confidential. Today's prayer partner is Lanny Repman.

**Offering**: Thank you for your gifts to TOL. There is an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. If you send your offering through the US mail, please use checks only-please don't mail cash. We also have online giving through tithe.ly, which can be accessed through TOL's website (www.trinityoldlutheran) or on your smartphone.

Mission for June: The TOL Sandwich Team Ministry volunteers continue to shop and make 100 sandwiches each week, which are then delivered to the Friends of Night People. With the cost of groceries ever increasing, your help is appreciated. Please donate through tithely, or place your donations in an envelope (located in the narthex) or mail your check to the church office. Indicate on your check that it is designated for the Sandwich Team Ministry. Thank you.

<u>Church Council:</u> Meets today, immediately following worship service. If you are on Council, please plan on attending. Thanks.

<u>Grief Support Meeting at TOL</u>: For those who have experienced the death of a child or grandchild. We meet **the first Tuesday of each month, including this Tuesday, June 3**. The meetings begin at 10 am until 11:30.

<u>Pizza Party Hosted by WWI:</u> Everyone is invited to join us for a pizza party in the Fellowship Hall **next Sunday**, **June 8** following our worship service. Please sign up on the main bulletin board.

Women's Luncheon Group: We will meet next on Thursday, June 12 at 12:30 pm at Creekview Restaurant, 5629 Main Street, Williamsville. If you need a ride, please contact Judy Menz at 716-435-6077 or Barb Maugans at 716-692-8116. All are invited!

Weidner's Chicken BBQ at Good Shepherd: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2669 Sheridan Drive, is having a drive-thru chicken BBQ on Saturday, June 14 starting at noon till sold out.

<u>Sermon Discussion/input:</u> Meets again on Wednesday, June 25 at noon. Please let Pastor Fred know if you are interested in discussing the texts for the next month of sermons.

**Basket Raffle/Craft Show/Baked Goods Sale:** Our annual event, which will be held in September, needs your help and input. We are having a planning meeting on **Sunday, June 29** following the worship service. Everyone is welcome to join us and be a part of this event.

Adult Retreat Coming in October: The annual Adult Retreat will take place at beautiful Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center the weekend of October 3 - 5. This year's theme is "Do You Hear What I Hear." There is a display in the narthex with photos and memories of last year's retreat. If you are interested, there is a sign-up sheet on the main bulletin board.

<u>Operation Christmas Child:</u> The suggested donations for June are dolls and stuffed toys (10" or smaller). Please place your donations in the bin marked Operation Christmas Child in the hallway. Thank you!

**Book and Puzzle Sale:** Please visit our Book Sale in the Resource Library, which is the first room in the hallway near the main bulletin board. Books and puzzles are always being added, and are available for a fraction of the cost at retail. No cost for the greeting cards available. Proceeds are used for church building interior improvements, such as carpeting, door mats, etc.

#### We continue to collect for these ministries:

- Non-perishable food items for the food pantry at Good Shepherd.
- Aluminum can pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House box in narthex.
- Dash's Tapes for the Niagara Lutheran Health System box in hallway.
- Cans and bottles to be recycled barrel in hallway.
- Jars of peanut butter and jelly for the Sandwich Team ministry.
- Clothing and hygiene items for Friends of Night People- blue barrel.

Thank you for your contributions and generosity!

#### This week's calendar

	Sun	6/1	9:30 am	Worship Service at Augustana
Please notify the Church			11 am	Worship Service at TOL
Office of any schedule			12 noon	Church Council Meeting
changes, member illness,			3:30 pm	Abiding Faith Worship
prayer request, etc., so			7 pm	GA Meeting
church staff can respond	Mon	6/2	10 am	OA Meeting
accordingly. Office hours			5:45 pm	Yoga
are Tuesday, Thursday and			6 pm	Sandwich Team #4
Friday, 9 am–12 noon.	Tues	6/3	10 am	Grief Support Group
For a pastoral emergency,			5:45 pm	Chair Yoga
please contact Pastor Fred.			7 pm	Worship and Music Team
For office related matters,			7:30 pm	CoDA
please leave a voice mail	Wed	6/4	5:45 pm	Yoga
message or send an email.	Thur	6/5	9:30 am	Yoga
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			7 pm	GA Meeting
	Fri	6/6	10 am	South Asian Lutheran Community
	Sat	6/7		·
	Sun	6/8	9:30 am	Worship Service at Augustana
			11 am	Worship Service at TOL
			12 noon	Pizza Party
			3:30 pm	Abiding Faith Worship
			7 pm	GA Meeting

<u>Announcements</u>: If you'd like to submit a bulletin or Tidings announcement, please send to trinityoldlutheranchurch@gmail.com or call 716-836-4868 by Wednesday morning.

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