

**Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 21, 2023**

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, ☩ 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** Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Greeting

**P** 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.**

Praise Songs

*We Sing Alleluia*

The Lord is in His holy temple, the Lord is on His heavenly throne,  
We bring our praises unto Jesus for all the love that He has shown.

*Chorus:* Singing alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Singing alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

We sense the beauty of His presence, we hear the great triumphant shout!  
The lamb for sinners slain is worthy, how can we keep from crying out?

*Repeat Chorus*

The Lord is in His holy temple, and we are in His presence now.  
The ones who've gone before have gathered as one before the Lord we bow.

*Repeat Chorus*

### *I Sing Praises*

I sing praises to Your name, O Lord, praises to Your name,  
O Lord, for your name is great and greatly to be praised,  
I sing praises to Your name, O Lord, praises to Your name,  
O Lord, for your name is great and greatly to be praised.

I give glory to Your name, O Lord, glory to Your name,  
O Lord, for your name is great and greatly to be praised,  
I sing praises to Your name, O Lord, praises to Your name,  
O Lord, for your name is great and greatly to be praised.

### Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray together. **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 Peace

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

**C** **And also with you.**

### First Reading *Acts 1:6-14*

So when the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But 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." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They 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."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and

Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

....*The Word of the Lord.*

***C Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35**

<sup>1</sup>Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered; let those who hate God flee.

<sup>2</sup>**As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away; as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

<sup>3</sup>But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.

<sup>4</sup>**Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who rides the clouds; I Am is that name, rejoice before God!**

<sup>5</sup>In your holy habitation, O God, you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

<sup>6</sup>**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in desert places.**

<sup>7</sup>O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

<sup>8</sup>**the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

<sup>9</sup>You sent a bountiful rain, O God; you restored your inheritance when it languished.

<sup>10</sup>**Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

<sup>32</sup>Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

<sup>33</sup>**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens; you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.**

<sup>34</sup>Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

<sup>35</sup>**How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel, giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God!**

**Second Reading 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.

And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

....*The Word of the Lord.*

***C Thanks be to God.***

**Gospel Verse**

*Please stand as 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 17:1-11***

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed."

I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

*....The Gospel of the Lord.*

*(sung) Praise to you, O Christ.*

Youth Time

*Please be seated*

Choir Anthem

***I Want to Be Like Jesus***

Meditation

Hymn

***A Hymn of Glory, Let Us Sing***

A hymn of glory let us sing!

their Lord ascend in majesty.

New hymns throughout the world shall ring:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, by a road before untrod,  
ascends unto the throne of God.

"You see him now, ascending high  
up to the portals of the sky."

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

"Hereafter Jesus you shall see  
returning in great majesty."

The holy apostolic band

Alleluia! Alleluia!

upon the Mount of Olives stand.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

And with his faithful foll'wers see

O risen Christ, ascended Lord,

all praise to you let earth accord:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
You are, while endless ages run,  
with Father and with Spirit one.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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### The Apostles' Creed

**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

**A** United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

God of harmony, as you drew your Son to your side, you draw us to you and unite us with one another. Weave your church together in a web of mutual love for the sake of the world.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

As your Spirit hovered over the waters of creation, so your Spirit hovers over all that you have made. Bless the water that sustains the planet and grant us wisdom to use it wisely.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You empower your people with the fire of your Spirit. Challenge all in leadership to speak a message of peace and justice.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks that humankind serves as your body in the world, stewarding your abundant gifts. Guide this congregation's leaders and bless the ministries of TOL and Augustana. Show us your will as we serve our neighbors in love.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You care for all your children. Show your steadfast love to those suffering isolation, especially exiles, refugees, or prisoners. Break the chains of all held fast by systemic oppression of any kind. Comfort all who are afraid or suffering from illness especially Glenda, Ralph, Dorothy, Sheela and Cynthia.

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 mercy and blessing on 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.**

You raise your saints to new life in Christ. We give you thanks for all your saints who have given us glimpses of your redeeming love.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving  
*able*

*Please stand as you are*

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 The risen Christ dwells with us here.  
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.}*

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.**

*Communion: Please be seated until the usher directs your row to the communion rail. Please come to the communion rail 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 communion cup 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. Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. **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.**

Closing Hymn

***Jesus Shall Reign***

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| 1 | Jesus shall reign where'er the sun<br>does its successive journeys run;<br>his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,<br>till moons shall wax and wane no more. |   | their early blessings on his name.   |
| 2 | To him shall endless prayer be made,<br>and praises throng to crown his head;<br>his name like sweet perfume shall rise<br>with ev'ry morning sacrifice.      | 4 | Blessings abound where'er he reigns:<br>the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,<br>the weary find eternal rest,<br>and all who suffer want are blest. |
| 3 | People and realms of ev'ry tongue<br>dwell on his love with sweetest song;<br>and infant voices shall proclaim  | 5 | Let ev'ry creature rise and bring<br>peculiar honors to our king;<br>angels descend with songs again,<br>and earth repeat the loud amen.               |



Dismissal

A Go in peace. Serve in love.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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Prayers and Announcements

Prayers

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

**Prayer Partner Ministry:** If you are in need of additional prayer, please come to the altar following worship. Prayers are confidential. Today's prayer partner is Sue Wloch.

**Altar Flowers:** Today are given to the Glory of God from Stephanie Seyse in memory of her mother-in-law, Donna Pignatora, on her birthday.

**Coffee Hour:** Coffee hour, hosted by WWI, will be held **following worship today**. Everyone is invited to join us for some goodies and fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet on our main bulletin board requesting baked goods and help with clean up.

**New Member Invitation:** Following worship today, we will hold a new member orientation class following our worship and coffee hour. All interested are invited to attend! Our new members will be received on **Pentecost, next Sunday, May 28**.

**Reconciling in Christ:** All are welcome to join our team or to learn more about exploring how to welcome across the spectrum of sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. We meet next on **Tuesday, May 30** at 7 pm at Augustana Lutheran Church. We are using Reconciling in Christ guidance for our meetings: *"Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."* Matthew 25:40

**Women's Luncheon Group:** We will meet at Danny's Restaurant, Genesee Street, Cheektowaga on **Thursday, June 8 at 12:30 pm**. **If you need a ride from TOL**, or have

any questions, please contact Judy Menz at 716-435-6077 or Barb Maugans at 716-692-8116. Everyone is invited to join us!

**BW's Chicken BBQ Fundraiser:** Just 4 weeks till our fundraising dinner on **Friday, June 16 from 3 - 6 pm.** Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors! This event will be drive through only, and volunteers are needed to help make this a success. Please let Earlene Crocker know if you can help us that day. Thank you!

**Adult Retreat Coming in September:** Please see the article in the May Trinity Tidings about the upcoming Adult Retreat which will take place at beautiful Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center. There is also 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.

**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 homepage ([www.trinityoldlutheran.com](http://www.trinityoldlutheran.com)). If you have a smartphone, you can download the Tithe.ly app. Instructions for both ways of giving through Tithe.ly are on our website's homepage. Please call the office at (716) 836-4868 if you have any questions.

**Lutheran World Relief Quilters Group:** After suspending their meetings in 2020, our quilters have once again started gathering on Thursday mornings at 9 am to work on assembling quilts. Lutheran World Relief distributed its first quilts in 1945 to families in war-torn Europe following the Second World War. Today, an average of 300,000 quilts are lovingly given worldwide each year. If anyone is interested in being a part of this, please see Barb Maugans or stop in any Thursday morning. No previous skill level is required!

**Summer Ushers Needed:** If you would like to sign up to usher in July or August, please add your name to the sign up sheet on the main bulletin board. If you have any questions, please see Lanny Repman. Thank you – we appreciate your help!

**Food Drive:** We are so grateful for all your donations of food and money! We continue to welcome grocery donations of non-perishable items (and gift cards to grocery stores), such as:

Soups and other canned goods (vegetables, tuna, beans, etc.)

Peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, applesauce

Breakfast items: cereal, oatmeal, grits, granola bars

Boxes of pantry staples: instant potatoes, rice, mac and cheese, pasta, ramen noodles

*(Please check food expiration dates before donating.)*

Paper goods (toilet paper, paper towels, etc.)

Personal care (feminine hygiene products, bar soap, shampoo, toothpaste, diapers, etc.)

Food items can be dropped off here at TOL Tuesdays through Fridays from 9 a.m. – noon - just ring the doorbell to let the office know that you're here. Thank you for your generosity!

**Mission for May:** The focus this month is Lutheran Charities of Western New York. Currently, 16 local organizations receive grant funding from LCWNY, including the RIDE

program at Augustana. One hundred percent of your donations support grant funding. To donate, please use the marked envelopes on the table in the narthex or donate through [tithe.ly](http://tithe.ly). If using the mail, please enter LCWNY on the check memo. Thank you.

**Friends of Night People Info:** Thank you to all the volunteers who continue to make 100 sandwiches each week. In addition to the sandwich ministry, there is a barrel in the main hallway for clothing donations, and in the narthex there is a tote for new socks, small sized hygiene products, such as soap, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Thank you, everyone!

**Operation Christmas Child:** For the month of May, the suggested donations will be soap, washclothes and band-aids. Thank you for your continued support.

**Church Supplies for May:** For May, small wastepaper basket liners or bags are needed. If you care to donate, there is a bin in the narthex marked “Church Supplies.” Thank you!

**Book and Puzzle Sale:** Stop by the TOL Book and Puzzle sale in the Resource Library near the main bulletin board. Browse the many books and puzzles being offered at low prices – new items are being added weekly!

**Announcements:** *If you’d like to submit a bulletin or Tidings announcement, please send to [trinityoldlutheranchurch@gmail.com](mailto:trinityoldlutheranchurch@gmail.com) or call 716-836-4868 by Wednesday. Thank you.*

***This week’s calendar***

<i>Please notify the Church Office of any schedule changes, member illness, prayer request, etc., so church staff can respond accordingly. Office hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9 am–12 noon. Please note that the office is unstaffed on Mondays. For a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Fred. For office related matters, please leave a voice mail message or send an email.</i>	Sun	5/21	9:30 am 9:30 am 9:45 am 11 am 12 noon 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship Service at Augustana Choir Rehearsal Sunday School Worship Service at TOL Coffee Hour and New Member Class Abiding Faith Worship GA and GAMAnon Meetings <b><i>June Tidings Deadline</i></b>
	Mon	5/22	10 am 5:45 pm	OA Meeting Yoga (in Studio and Zoom)
	Tues	5/23	9 am 7 pm 7:30 pm	Sandwich Team #4 C-E-O Teams CoDA
	Wed	5/24	12 noon 5:45 pm	Yoga (via Zoom) Yoga (in Studio and Zoom)
	Thurs	5/25	9 am 9:30 am 5:45 pm	LWR Quilters Yoga (in Studio and Zoom) Yoga (in Studio and Zoom)
	Fri	5/26		
	Sat	5/27		
	Sun	5/28	9:30 am 9:30 am 11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship Service at Augustana Choir Rehearsal Worship Service at TOL - Pentecost Abiding Faith Worship GA and GAMAnon Meetings

