



Because He Lives

We Live Lives of Lavish Love

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Trinity Lutheran Church Faith-Filled; Family Focused

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Trinity Lutheran Church is a family because God welcomed us into his family. Our mission is to grow closer to God, to our brothers and sisters in Christ, and to share this sense of belonging with the surrounding community, welcoming more souls into the family of God.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

If someone saved you from a horrible death, what would you do to thank them? Probably just about anything they asked! You would be that grateful. Jesus not only saved us from eternal death in hell, but he won for us an eternity in paradise. What shall we do to thank him? This week we see that Jesus asks for just one thing—love. He asks us, in every interaction we have with others, to demonstrate the same selfless love that he has shown to us. That is how we thank him.

Fortunately, Jesus doesn't just ask us to show love. Jesus empowers us to show love. The same divine power which raised Jesus from the dead now raises us up to a new and better life, enabling us to set aside our natural selfishness and self-glorification and instead live in a more excellent way. Like Christ, we strive to do everything for the benefit of others. Because he lives, we live lives of lavish love.

May God bless your worship.

Serving in Worship

Preacher
Organist

Pastor Matthew Langebartels
Hannah Langebartels

† Order of Service †

Greeting and welcome.

Preschool Sings

Praise Him, Praise Him

Hymn

450, The Day of Resurrection

1 The day of resurrection!

Earth, tell it out abroad,
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.

From death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.

2 Our hearts be pure from evil

that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light
and, list'ning to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful,

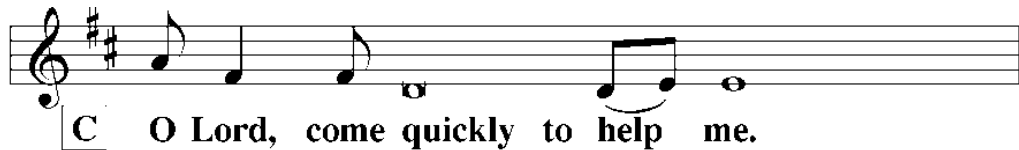
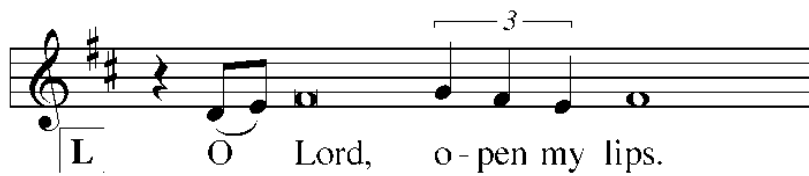
let earth her song begin,
let all the world keep triumph
and all that is therein.

Let all things, seen and unseen,
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen,
our joy that has no end.

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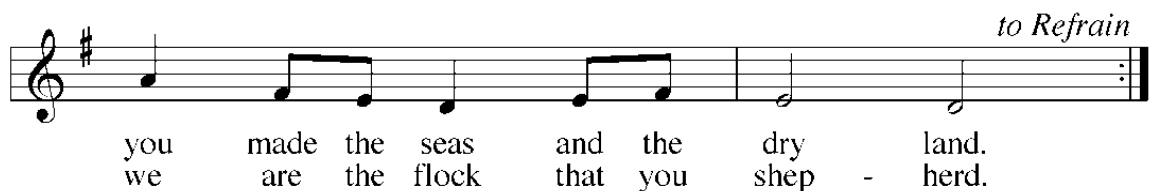
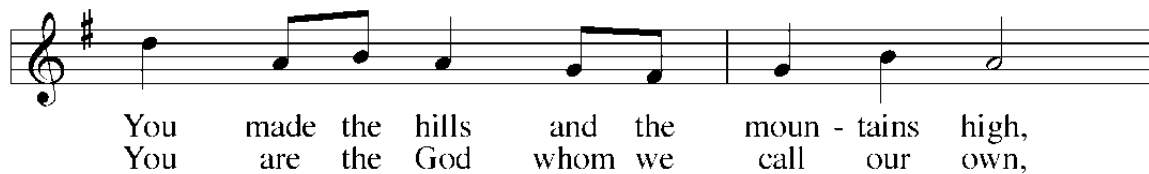
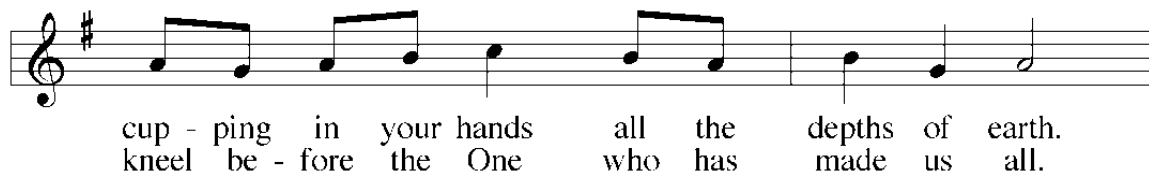
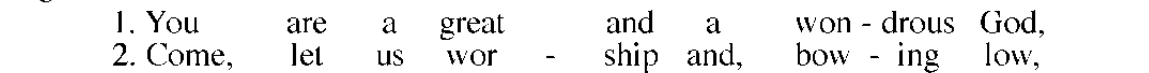
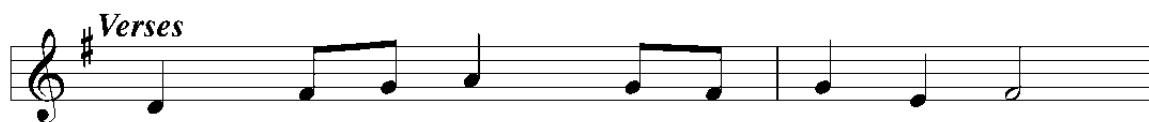
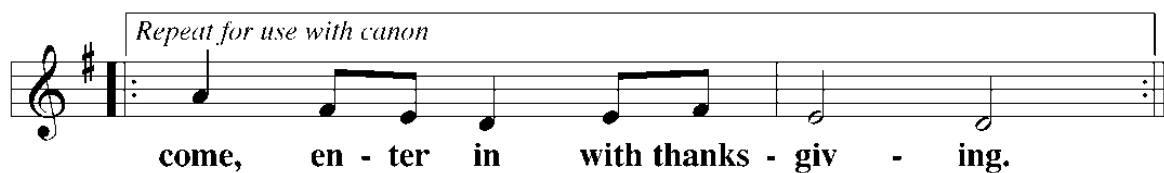
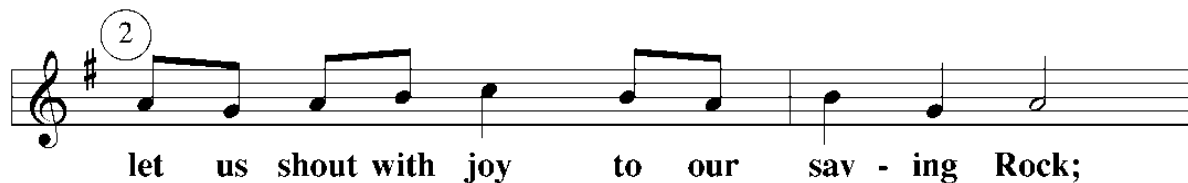
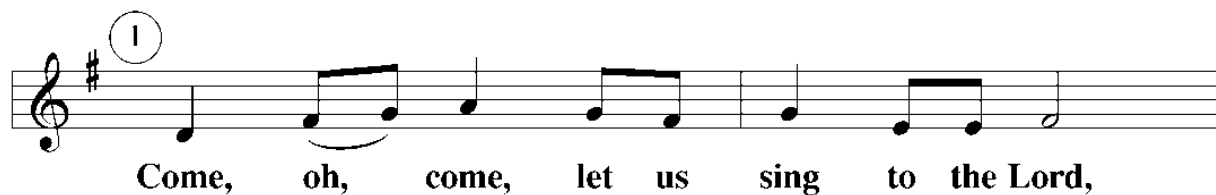
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Pastor will sing the "L" parts and the congregation the "C" parts



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Please be seated.

The Word

Children's Message

The children's devotion is a shortened version of the sermon intended to communicate God's truths in a simplified way. Children 12 and under are encouraged to come forward and participate in the devotion.

Preschool Sings

God Is So Good

First Lesson

Acts 11:1–18

The Lord taught Peter that racial and cultural differences are not to prevent us from showing lavish love to all people.

¹The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him ³and said, “You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.”

⁴Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. ⁶I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. ⁷Then I heard a voice telling me, ‘Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.’

⁸“I replied, ‘Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’

⁹“The voice spoke from heaven a second time, ‘Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.’ ¹⁰This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

¹¹“Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. ¹²The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. ¹⁴He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.’

¹⁵“As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. ¹⁶Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God’s way?”

¹⁸When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, “So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 145B, I Will Praise Your Name Forever
Cong. sings in unison

Refrain



I will praise your name for - ev - er, my King and my God.

**Great is the Lord and most wor-/ thy of praise;
his greatness no one can / fathom.**

**One generation commends your works to an-/ other;
they tell of your / mighty acts.**

**The Lord upholds / all who fall
and lifts up all who are / bowed down. *Refrain***

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the / proper time.

**You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every / living thing.
The Lord is near to all who / call on him,
to all who call on / him in truth.**

**He fulfills the desires of those who / fear him;
he hears their cry and / saves them.**

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be-/ ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

The defining mark of Christians is not the spiritual gifts that they possess, but it is the lavish love that is demonstrated as they use those gifts for the benefit of others.

¹If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ²If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

⁸Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹²For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

¹³And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand.



Gospel Lesson

John 13:31–35

The Father has glorified the Son. Christ shares that glory with us and commands us to show others the same lavish love he has shown to us.

³¹When he was gone, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³²If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

³³“My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, you must love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day

469, Welcome, Happy Morning

1 “Welcome, happy morning!”

age to age shall say;

“Hell today is vanquished;

heav’n is won today!”

Lo, the dead is living,

God forevermore!

Him, their true Creator,

all his works adore. (Refrain)

Ref-“Welcome, happy morning!”

age to age shall say;

“Hell today is vanquished;

heav’n is won today!”

2 Maker and Redeemer,
life and health of all,
God from heav'n beholding
human nature's fall,
of the Father's Godhead
you, the only Son,
mankind to deliver
manhood did put on. (Refrain)

3 Source of all things living,
you came down to die,
plumbed the depths of hell to
raise us up on high.
Come, then, true and faithful,
come, fulfill your word;
this is your third morning—
rise, O buried Lord. (Refrain)

4 Free the souls long prisoned,
bound with Satan's chain;
all that now is fallen
raise to life again.
Show your face in brightness;
shine in ev'ry land
as in Eden's garden
when the world began. (Refrain)

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Sermon

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Love is an Action Word

Hymn

465, *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n today!"
saints on earth and angels say.
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
sing, O heav'ns, and earth, reply.

2 Love's redeeming work is done,
fought the fight, the battle won.
Lo, our sun's eclipse is o'er;
lo, he sets in blood no more.

3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened paradise.

4 Lives again our glorious King!
Where, O death, is now your sting?
Once he died our souls to save;
where your victory, O grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ has led,
foll'wing our exalted head.
Made like him, like him we rise;
ours the cross, the grave, the skies!

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
Praise to you by both be giv'n!
God has now fulfilled his Word;
praise the resurrected Lord!

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L In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you;
be mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.
C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Prayer of the Church

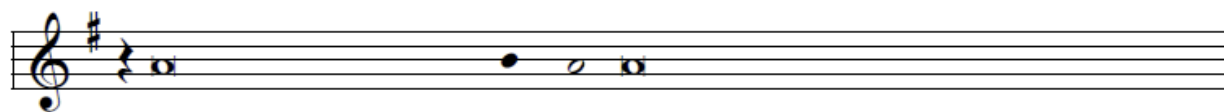
Lord's Prayer

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.

Prayer for Grace



L O Lord, our heavenly Fa-ther, almighty and everlasting God, you have



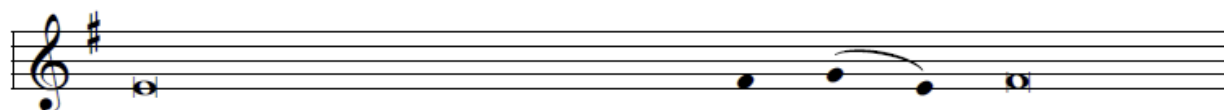
brought us safely to this new day. De - fend us with



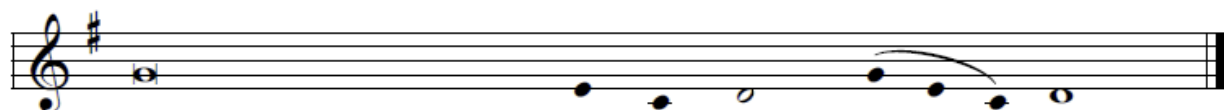
your might - y power, and grant that this day we neither



fall into sin nor run into an-y kind of danger; and in



all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight,



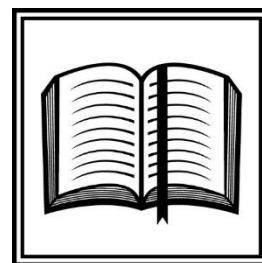
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **C** A - men.



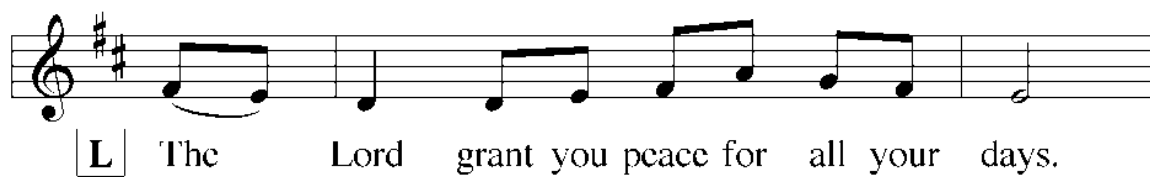
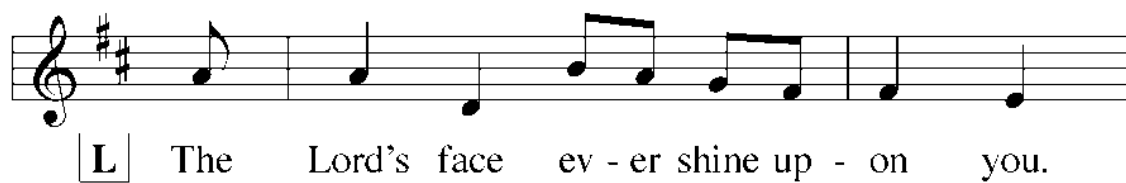
L Let us praise the Lord.



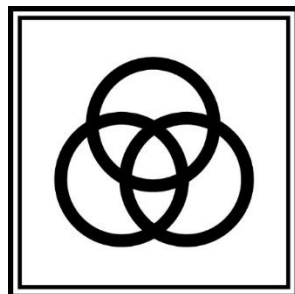
C Thanks be to God.



Blessing



Please be seated.



Hymn

731, *Oh, How Good It Is*

1 Oh, how good it is when the fam'ly of God
dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity.
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love
are the fruits of his presence here among us. (Refrain)

Ref-So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,
and with one heart we'll live out his word,
till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come,
for he dwells in the presence of his people.

2 Oh, how good it is on this journey we share
to rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace
when we offer the blessing of belonging. (Refrain)

3 Oh, how good it is to embrace his command
to prefer one another, forgive as he forgives.
When we live as one we all share in the love
of the Son with the Father and the Spirit. (Refrain)

Announcements

New Meditations are at the back of the church.

Elders Meeting Tuesday, May 20th at 8 am.

Church Council meeting Tuesday, May 20th at 6 pm.

Preschool Program will be at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall. They have worked hard to learn so many things this year, please come and support our little lambs.
Refreshments will be served after.

Trinity's 125th Anniversary Committee will meet today and next Sunday May 25th after church. If you would like to help with the planning please attend this meeting.
Thanks Dave

FESTIVAL OF ASCENSION SERVICE--Although unfortunately Ascension has become known as the "forgotten festival" even among Christians, it is every bit as important as Christmas, Good Friday, and Easter. The Ascension of our Lord is yet one more proof that our redemption is complete as Jesus returned to heaven as a conquering hero . It also assures us that there is a place where we will be him forever and from where he rules all things for the good of his Church and continues to carry out his three fold office as Prophet, Priest, and King. Come celebrate the Ascension of our Lord and what it means for you at Grace Lutheran, Crivitz (716 Henriette Avenue) on Thursday, May 29 at 6:00 PM! Holy Communion will be served.

LUTHER AND THE REFORMATION -- The next course in the Congregational Assistant Program is scheduled at Grace, Crivitz on the first three Tuesdays in June: June 3, 10, and 17 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. You need not be enrolled in the Congregational Assistant program through Martin Luther College to participate. It is open to all who are interested in learning more about the life of Martin Luther and the Lutheran Reformation. The course is free. There is some reading and video watching required, so if you are planning to attend, please contact Pastor Mielke at revdavidmielke@gmail.com so that he can forward you the needed materials.

Attendance 5-11: 140

Weekly Offering: \$3,023.36

Teens Youth Rally Fundraiser -\$339

New Beginnings collection-\$814.25, Thank you for your generosity!

Preschool Rummage proceeds-\$1,499.58

This week at Trinity...

18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:15 Sunday School & Bible Study WELS Connection 9:30 Worship Service 10:45 am Preschool Graduation ceremony in Fellowship Hall 125th Anniversary Planning meeting after church		8 am Elders Meeting 6 pm Church Council Meeting		Last Day of Preschool 11:30 am Family Picnic		

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