



Lutheran Church & Christian School



7th Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

Redeemed, Restored, & Rejoicing in Jesus!

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AS WE GATHER

This morning, we conclude our four-week series on one of the most beloved verses from the Bible, the 23rd Psalm. Each week we've delved deeply into the language of this beloved prayer, to (re)discover God's grace, mercy and peace, and to rejoice in the work of Jesus our Shepherd. Today, the theme is "now and forever," giving thanks for the blessings of our Shepherd's care. Through faith in Jesus, His blessings are ours now in this earthly life, as He pursues us with His love, inviting us to return time and again to His precious Word and Sacraments. Welcome to worship, and the ever widening vistas of God's grace, ultimately to find their end as "we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

PRELUDE

PRESERVICE SONG "King of Glory" (*Words & Music by Mac Powell, David Carr, Brad Avery, Mark Lee & Tai Anderson © 2000 New Spring | Vandura 2500 Songs*)

1. Who is this King of glory that pursues me with His love,
And haunts me with each hearing of His softly spoken words?
My conscience-a reminder of forgiveness that I need;
Who is this King of glory who offers it to me?
2. Who is this King of angels, O blessed Prince of Peace,
Revealing things of heaven and all its mysteries?
My spirit's ever longing for His grace in which to stand;
Who is this King of glory? Son of God and Son of Man!

*Chorus: His name is Jesus, precious Jesus
Lord Almighty, King of my heart, King of glory!*

3. Who is this King of glory with strength and majesty,
And wisdom beyond measure, the gracious King of kings?
The Lord of earth and heaven, the Creator of all things;
He is the King of glory. He is everything to me. (*Chorus and repeat*)

THE BELLS CALL GOD'S PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

INVOCATION

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠ the love of God the Father,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be and abide with you all.

Congregation: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: The Lord is my shepherd.

Congregation: Jesus said, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them."
(John 10:27)

Pastor: Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life.

**Congregation: Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace,
that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our
time of need. (Hebrews 4:16)**

Pastor: And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**Congregation: Jesus said, "In My Father's house are many rooms ... I will come
again and take you to Myself." (John 14:2-3)**

CONFESSION OF SINS "Lord, Have Mercy" *(Words & Music by Steve Merkel © 2000 Integrity's Hosanna! Music)*

Jesus, I've forgotten the words that You have spoken,
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim.
With a doubting heart I follow the paths of earthly wisdom.
Forgive me for my unbelief, renew the fire again.

I have built an altar where I've worshipped things of man.
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from You.
Now, I am returning to Your mercies ever flowing;
Pardon my transgressions, help me love You again.

*Chorus: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on me.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy on me.*

I have longed to know You and all Your tender mercies,
Like a river of forgiveness ever flowing without end.
So I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence;
Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night. *(Chorus)*

GOD'S WORD OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Jesus was given over for our sins, but raised for our justification.

Congregation: In Him we have been raised from the dead.

Pastor: God has had mercy on us. He sent His Son as the perfect Lamb of sacrifice to be offered up for the sins of the world. In Jesus' blood we are washed clean. Through faith in His name we have forgiveness and eternal life. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Congregation: The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

ENTRANCE VERSE

Pastor: I am the Good Shepherd, I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life for the sheep.

Congregation: We are Your people, O Lord, the sheep of Your pasture.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Resurrection Hymn" (See What a Morning)" (*Words & Music by Stuart Townend & Keith Getty © 2003 Thankyou Music*)

See, what a morning, gloriously bright, with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light, as the angels announce Christ is risen!
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?" as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name; It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years, speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
Will sound till He appears, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days, through the Spirit who clothes faith with
certainty,

Honour and blessing, glory and praise to the King crowned with pow'r and authority!
And we are raised with Him, death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;
And we shall reign with Him, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Almighty God and Father, you have anointed us through Baptism with the Holy Spirit, bringing us into the fold of Your love. If that were not enough, You feed our faith, nourishing us with a place at Your Table. May the gifts continue to sustain and strengthen us for lives of witness and service to You and all whom we greet in Your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND BLESSING

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:10-11 (*The surety of the Lord's Word.*)

¹⁰ "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹ so shall My word be that goes out from My mouth;
it shall not return to Me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING Revelation 7:13-17 (*A great multitude from every nation.*)

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

- ¹⁵ “Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve Him day and night in His temple;
and He who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence.
- ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.
- ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and He will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA and VERSE

LSB, p. 205

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

READING OF THE GOSPEL John 10:24-30 (*“I and the Father are one.”*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

Congregation: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁴ So the Jews gathered around Him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.”

²⁵ Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name bear witness about Me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not among My sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.

CREEDAL HYMN “In God We Believe”

[TUNE: LSB 802]

In God we believe: the Creator whose pow’r
In mercy has brought us for worship this hour.
He graciously grants us our years and our days
And blessed with kindness our work and our ways.

In Jesus the Savior our hope is secured.
True God and true man once the cross He endured
To grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin.
With hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace within.

God’s Spirit at work in our lives we confess;
With power and truth the Church now He does bless.
As saints, God’s forgiven, one day we shall then
Be living in glory forever. Amen.

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SERMON “Now and Forever”

Pastor Tim Knapp

Notes:

HYMN OF RESPONSE “The Lord’s My Shepherd”

LSB 710, St. 1, 5

PETITIONS AND PRAISES OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Pastor: Good Shepherd,
Congregation: **Keep us safe in Your care in all of the circumstances of our life.**

Pastor: When we are worried and afraid,
Congregation: **comfort us with Your Word.**

Pastor: Give us opportunities for love and service to others
Congregation: **so that we, walking in Your righteous paths, will bring glory and honor to Your holy name.**

Pastor: When our last hour comes,
Congregation: **walk with us through the shadowed valley of death to life in the light of Your presence forever.**

Additional petitions and praises are offered.

Pastor: Finally, enable us to use wisely and well all the resources You graciously bestow upon us. Direct our hearts to return to You the worship of lips that proclaim the name of Your Son before the world, and lives that reflect His goodness, love, and mercy. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God, forever and ever. **AMEN.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Congregation: **And also with you.**

At this time, we share the Lord's peace with each other.

OFFERING

For those desiring to leave an offering, an offering plate will be placed in the rear of the sanctuary. You may leave your offering as you depart this morning's worship.

MUSICAL OFFERING "That Where I Am" (Words & Music by Rich Mullins)

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*

Congregation: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. Most especially are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,




whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God. Al - le -




lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of




God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;
1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

Congregation: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9–13)*

Please see PowerPoint or back of the hymnal.

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI [Lamb of God]

LSB 962

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

For those desiring to receive the LORD'S SUPPER today, please refer to the laminated card in the pew racks. Those not receiving Communion are still invited to come forward for a blessing. At the Communion rail, simply bow your head to receive a blessing.

At the time of Communion, please follow the direction of the ushers. For those receiving the individual cups, a non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center of each tray. Following the passing of the individual cups, the common cup is offered for those who wish to commune in that manner.

All who are communing are encouraged to review the Sacrament of the Altar on pp. 326-327, and the Questions on pp. 329-330, in the front of the hymnal. Once again, we thank God for all who worship here today.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN “I Will Rise” (*Words & Music by Louie Giglio, Christ Tomlin, Matt Maher & Jesse Reeves © 2008 Vamos Publishing | worshiptogether.com songs | sixsteps Music | Thankyou Music | spiritandson.com*)

1. Solo

*Pre-Chorus: Jesus has overcome, and the grave is over-whelmed.
The vic-to-ry is won. He is risen from the dead.*

*Chorus: I will rise when He calls my name; no more sorrow no more pain.
I will rise on eagle’s wings, before my God, fall on my knees, and rise,
I will rise. (I will rise. I will rise.)*

2. There’s a day that’s drawing near when this darkness breaks to light.
And the shadows disappear, and my faith shall be my eyes. (*Pre & Chorus*)

*Bridge: And I will hear the voice of many angels sing worthy is the Lamb.
And I hear the cry of ev’ry longing heart worthy is the Lamb. (Repeat)
Worthy is the Lamb. (Chorus & repeat)*

THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Lord Jesus, loving Shepherd, You have anointed us in Baptism and called us to be Your people, gifting us with the task of proclaiming Your excellence and love to others. Empower us by the Holy Spirit to share with others the comfort and hope that comes through faith in Your name. Trusting Your promises, let the goodness and mercy we now enjoy follow us all the days of our lives, both now and to eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Hebrews 13:20–21, adapted*

Pastor: May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us that which is pleasing to Him through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Congregation: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CLOSING HYMN “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” *LSB 709, St. 1, 6*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING “On What Has Now Been Sown” *LSB 921, St. 1*

♪ On what has now been sown Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
 The pow’r is thine alone to make it sprout and grow.
Do thou in grace the harvest raise, and thou alone shalt have the praise! ♪

Pastor: Redeemed and restored,
Congregation: **We are rejoicing in Jesus.**

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***Please note that the Voters’ Meeting is
TODAY, May 21, directly after Worship!**

Trinity Calendar for May 21—May 28, 2023

Sunday	9:00 am	Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion
	11:45 am	Voters’ Meeting
Monday		
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Men’s Wings Bible Study:
	5:00 pm	Women’s Bible Study: “The Fruits of the Spirit”
Wednesday	8:45 am	TCS Chapel
Thursday	10:00 am	Bible Study: <i>(The Book of Matthew)</i>
Friday		
Saturday	8:00 am	Men of Christ Bible Study: “The God’s Have Returned”
Sunday	9:00 am	Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion

ATTENDANCE 5-14: 97

Families of the week: *The Woodward, Worsham, Wyman and Zeigler families* Birthdays:

- 21 May—Jeremy Mitchell
- 22 May—Barbara Boulton
- 25 May—Tuck Abert
- 25 May—Beth Silegy
- 26 May—Sam Dresser
- 27 May—Sam Silegy

Anniversaries:

- 25 May—Andy & Linda Hadden



The flowers this morning are given by
Eileen Nelson in memory of her Confirmation.



The LWML Convention is in Milwaukee in June. Eileen will be attending and taking all the items that we have made to distribute to the different Ministries. The next LWML work day will be June 10 at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall to tie the blankets. Also, remember to bring in your mites. Thank you.



Come meet our staff and learn how you can receive material assistance for baby while taking parenting classes and learning about motherhood! All Free!

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Our thanks to everyone participating in the annual **Baby Bottle Blessing.** If you are making out a check, please make it out to **The Pregnancy Resource Center or PRC and notate from Trinity Lutheran Church.** If you need a receipt for cash, please include a note with your name, complete mailing address and telephone number and place it in the baby bottle. Remember, the campaign ends, Sunday, June 18, 2023. If you have questions, need more information you may contact me, Helen Poisson, Liaison for Trinity Lutheran Church at helensillanpaa82@gmail.com or 603 355 7939.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

We have expended our Capital Improvement Funds. We are in need of replenishing the bucket. We need the funds to complete

the new Network project. And in light of the continued violence against schools and businesses in the past few months especially, we also **NEED** to make improvements to our Safety and Security Systems. This is a critical need. If you feel led to contribute to the upgrading and continuation of these projects, please place your contributions in one of the small manila envelopes on the Narthex Table labeled “Capital Improvements” and place it in the offering plate or give it to Larry Miller or Miriam Harkey. Thank you for all your prayers, concern and care. You are much appreciated and a vital part to the ongoing Ministry here at Trinity. Thank you so much.

Trinity Christian School News

Hannaford Helps Schools! **NOW THROUGH MAY 27, 2023**

Do you shop at Hannaford? If so, please consider donating your Hannaford School Dollars to support Trinity Christian School! New this year is a downloadable App and an online Redemption Hub in addition to the School Dollars Tower you are used to seeing in the store, which makes it so much easier to donate. Flyers on the Narthex back table.



Trinity Christian School PTFA will be hosting a 5K run on June 3. To view the details and support the cause individually or corporately. See Miriam if you need a copy. Thank you from the PTFA for considering supporting this cause, which helps to fund many purchases and events for the school, the teachers and the students.



Donation Alert

- *We continue to collect food to be taken to the food bank. It is a true blessing to deliver the food to them. Thank you.
- *We are also currently collecting grocery store gift cards to be given to those in need. We do currently have a local need and would find it a joy to share these gift cards with them. Thanks.

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