

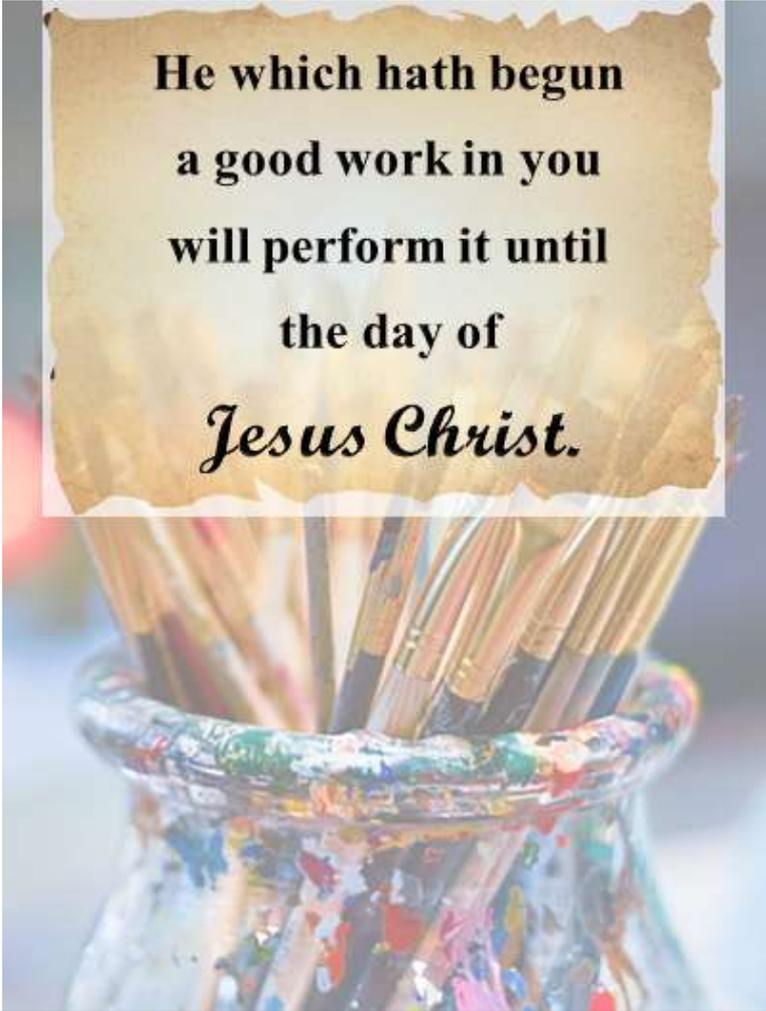
Second Sunday of Easter

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He which hath begun
a good work in you
will perform it until
the day of
Jesus Christ.

Welcome to Trinity!

We're glad you're here to worship!

Please join us Sundays at 8:00am & 10:00am Mondays at 6:00pm

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Tesch (715-587-8521)

By Your Side

1. Why are you striving these days?
Why are you trying to earn grace?
Why are you crying?
Let me lift up your face.
Just don't turn away.

'Cause I'll be by your side
Wherever you fall
In the dead of night
Whenever you call
Please don't fight these hands
That are holding you
My hands are holding you

'Cause I'll be by your side
Wherever you fall
In the dead of night
Whenever you call
Please don't fight these hands
That are holding you
My hands are holding you

'Cause I love you
I want you to know
That I'll love you
I'll never let you go
And I'll be by your side
Wherever you fall
In the dead of night
Whenever you call
Please don't fight these hands
That are holding you
My hands are holding

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. .

C: Amen

2. Why are you looking for love?
Why are you still searching as if I'm not enough?
To where will you go child?
Tell me where will you run?
To where will you run

3. Look at these hands and My side.
They swallowed the grave on that night.
When I drank the world's sin
So I could carry you in
And give you life.
I want to give you life.

4. Here at my side
Wherever you fall
In the dead of night
Whenever you call
Please don't fight these hands
That are holding you
My hands are holding you

Please rise

5. Here at my side
Wherever you fall
In the dead of night
Whenever you call
Please don't fight these hands
That are holding you
My hands are holding you
Here at my side
My hands are holding you.

Historical Lesson

Jesus offers a rare and precious gift: peace—peace of mind, peace of soul—peace with God. That can be hard to find in this fractured and contentious world. It far more common to find anxiety, depression, pressure, and frustration.

Consider the contrasts in this part of Paul’s life. He’d been falsely imprisoned for two years and then left there for political favors. His chains contrast sharply with the pomp and the position of King Arippa, Bernice, and Governor Festus. But Paul is the one who has peace and freedom. Paul has salvation, forgiveness and grace. The high and mighty have none of it.

In fact, what Festus and company appear to have actually gets in the way of what Jesus offers. They could have peace with God through the Gospel of Christ. But, sadly, they reject his gift. They don’t understand. Festus thinks it’s insane. Agrippa thinks he’s above it. So, they pursue to political power, privilege, beauty, and wealth instead. These are gifts of God, but they cannot give peace with God.

So, Paul, the only one in chains, is ironically the only one who is truly free. He is the only one at peace.

Thank God for the peace that surpasses all understanding. We will only find it in Jesus.

Acts 26:19-29 (EHV)

¹⁹“Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven. ²⁰Rather, I first told those in Damascus and Jerusalem about it, and then throughout the entire country of Judea and also the Gentiles. I told them that they should repent and turn to God, while also doing works that are consistent with repentance. ²¹These are the reasons the Jews seized me in the temple and tried to kill me.

²²“But I have had help from God right up to this day, and so I stand testifying to both small and great. I am saying nothing other than what the prophets and Moses said would happen, ²³that the Christ would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light to our people and to the Gentiles.”

²⁴While Paul was saying these things in his defense, Festus shouted, “Paul, you are out of your mind! Your great learning is driving you insane.”

²⁵But Paul replied, “I am not insane, most excellent Festus, but I am clearly speaking words that are true and sensible. ²⁶Certainly the king

to whom I am freely speaking knows about these things. Indeed, I cannot believe that any of these things has escaped his notice, because this has not been done in a corner. ²⁷King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you believe.”

²⁸Then Agrippa said to Paul, “In such a short time are you going to persuade me to become a Christian?”

²⁹Paul replied, “I pray God, that whether in a short time or a long time, not only you, but also all those who are listening to me today would become what I am, except for these chains.”

Epistle Lesson

How peaceful is a cemetery? Is it a place of victory or defeat? A place of hope or despair?

The answer depends on Easter. Without Christ’s resurrection, a cemetery is place of utter loss—the loss of family and friends, and the end of hopes and dreams. Without Easter, a cemetery is testament to the overwhelming, inevitable power of death.

Easter changes everything. The empty tomb is testament to Christ’s power over death and the victory that he won for us! Cemeteries are resting places for bodies whose souls are at home with God. Graves are reminders that life here is fleeting, but our home is in heaven.

Christ is risen and life is ours—a life of peace and blessing here, and an eternity of bliss in heaven.

1 Corinthians 15:12-22 (EHV)

¹²Now if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how is it that some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is pointless, and your faith is pointless too. ¹⁵Then we are even guilty of giving false testimony about God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise, if it were true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then it also follows that those who fell asleep in Christ perished. ¹⁹If our hope in Christ applies only to this life, we are the most pitiful people of all.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since death came by a man, the resurrection of the dead also is going to come by a man. ²²For as in Adam they all die, so also in Christ they all will be made alive.

4 That night th' apostles met in fear;
Among them came their Lord most dear
And said: "Peace be unto you here."
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 When Thomas afterwards had heard
That Jesus had fulfilled his word,
He doubted if it were the Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 "Thomas, behold my side," said he,
"My hands, my feet, my body see;
And doubt not, but believe in me."
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God," he cried.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

8 Blessed are they that have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been;
In life eternal they shall reign.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

Gospel Lesson & Sermon:

The very first word that Jesus spoke to his disciples after his resurrection was "Peace!" His greeting is much more than just the Hebrew Hello! (Shalom: peace). He doesn't just wish that they have peace; he gives it. And then he gives it again. And then he gives it to them to give to the world.

Peace with God was probably the last thing that the disciples expected that day. But it was the very first thing they received—except for Thomas. Thomas wasn't there. Think about the contrast between Thomas and the rest of the disciples for that next week. The disciples are excited and are constantly telling Thomas about Jesus. Thomas is adamant in his unbelief and spends every day separate from the rest and without the joy of Easter.

Then Jesus comes again. And again, his first word is "Peace." He brings peace to Thomas' troubled heart and restores his faith. Thomas' conversion provides a powerful witness that even the mind of a skeptic can be changed by the power of the Gospel.

Then Jesus talks about us! He blesses us and commends our faith. The peace of Christ is ours through faith. He fills us with the power of the Holy Spirit to bring that peace and God's forgiveness to the whole world.

John 20:19-31 (EHV)

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰After

he said this, he showed them his hands and side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you! Just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you.” ²²After saying this, he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³Whenever you forgive people’s sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

Thomas Finally Believes

²⁴But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples kept telling him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶After eight days, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and look at my hands. Take your hand and put it into my side. Do not continue to doubt, but believe.”

²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

The Purpose of John’s Gospel Account ³⁰Jesus, in the presence of his disciples, did many other miraculous signs that are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Prayers for Our family and Friends

Melanie Bell, Milferd Behnke, Ashleigh Bourdelais, Gladys Constine, Geri Garbrecht, Jean Harper, Anita Hemminger, Dorothy Johnson, Rose Karr, Sharon Malmstadt-Rupert, Angie Salewski, Lisa Schmitt, Becky Schrank and Karen Schrank.

Prayers for those called to protect

Military: Jesse Adams (Sue Connor's son), **Greg Carow** (Dennis Carow's godson/nephew), **Aeron Forsberg** (Linda and Gene Erickson's grandson), **Dayton Godfrey** (Dave & Cindy Schacht's great-nephew), **Joshua Jansen** (Isaac Jansen's cousin), **Patrick Noppenberg** (Denis & Deb Vieth's son), **Dylan Vanko**, (Roy and Grace Chmela's grandson), and **Thomas Weirich** (Mary Bush's nephew).

Firefighter: Steve Campbell. **Police:** Greg Haemker, Raymond Cashaw (Pastor Sonnemann's niece's husband) and David Peterson (Jamie Tesch's uncle). Ask the Lord to bless them, strengthen them, and keep them safe.

The Words of Institution

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

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

C: *(spoken) Amen.*

The Benediction:

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: *Amen.*

I'll Lead You Home

I'll Lead You Home
Wandering the road
Of desp'rate life
Aimlessly beneath a barren sky
Leave it to Me
I'll lead you home

So afraid
That you will not be found
It won't be long
Before your sun goes down
Just leave it to Me
I'll lead you home

Hear Me calling
Hear Me calling
Just leave it to Me
I'll lead you home

A troubled mind
And a doubter's heart
You wonder how
You ever got this far
Leave it to Me
I'll lead you home

Vultures of darkness ate
The crumbs you left
You've got no way
To retrace your steps
Just leave it to Me
I'll lead you home

Sing two times
Hear Me calling
Hear Me calling
You're lost and alone
Leave it to Me
I'll lead you home

Sing two times
So let it go
And turn it over to
The One who chose
To give His life for you
Leave it to Me
I'll lead you home

Leave it to Me
I'll lead you home

Sing 2 times
Hear Me calling
hear Me Calling
You're lost and
alone
Leave it Me,
I'll lead you home.
Sing two times

TRINITY'S CORE MISSION

Shining the Light of the Gospel in our community.

John 8:12 - "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Matthew 5:16 - "Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven"