

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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*If My people who are called by My name
will humble themselves and*

PRAY & SEEK MY FACE



and turn from their

WICKED WAYS

*then I will hear from heaven
and will forgive their sin*

AND HEAL THEIR LAND

2 Chronicles 7:14



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)

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ a – lone my hope
is found.
He is my light, my strength, my
song;
This cor – ner – stone, his sol – id
ground,
Firm through the fierc – est
drought and storm.
What heights of love, what
depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when
striv – ings cease!
My Com – for – ter, my all in
all,
Here in the love of Christ I
stand.

3. There in the ground his
bod – y lay,
Light of the world by dark –
ness slain;
Then burst – ing forth in glo –
rious day
Up from the grave he rose a –
gain!
And as he stands in vic – tor –
ry.
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on
me.
For I am his and he is mine—
Bought with the pre – cious
blood of Christ.

Confession of Sins

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

2. In Christ a – lone – who took
on flesh,
Full – ness of God in help – less
babe.
This gift of love and right –
eous – ness,
Scorned by the ones he came to
save.
Till on that cross, as Je – sus
died,
The wrath of God was sat – is –
fied;
For ev – ‘ry sin on him was laid.
Here in the death of Christ I
live.

Please rise

4. No guilt in life, no fear in
death,
This is the pow’r of Christ in me;
From life’s first cry to fi – nal
breath,
Je – sus com – mands my des – tin
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of
man
Can ev – er pluck me from his
hand.
Till he re – turns or calls me
home,
Here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll
stand.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

Assurance of Forgiveness

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Please be seated

Historical Lesson

Is there anything in your life that you'd like to change? Anything you need to change? We all have bad habits and sinful thoughts. We all fall into temptation. We struggle and we resolve to do better. We promise and we try. But sin is still right there with us.

Jesus promises that when we're attached to him we can change. He's the vine and he enables us to produce good fruit. He changes hearts and minds through word and sacrament.

Lydia of Thyatira was one of them. When Paul arrived in Philippi, she heard the Gospel and the Lord opened her heart. She and her household were baptized and God changed her life.

She was eager to serve her Lord in whatever way she could. She invited Paul and his ministry team. Lydia's service was a fruit of

her faith and it made it possible for Paul to do God's work in Philippi more effectively.

Her hospitality was a good confession of her faith to her neighbors, too. It told them that her love of the Word was not just a Sunday morning thing. No one told Lydia to do what she did. She looked for ways to be of service and found them.

The work that we do at church is vital. God treasures the service of everyone who serves: elders, ushers, bell ringers, greeters, camera operators—anyone and everyone who serves. Every faithful act service is a fruit of faith, whether anyone notices or not. We wouldn't be able to carry out our ministry without God's faithful servants.

God has called us all to work together as the body of Christ to make his kingdom come!

Acts 16:11-15 (EHV)

¹¹After we put out to sea from Troas, we sailed straight to Samothrace, and the next day to Neapolis. ¹²From there we went to Philippi, which is a leading city in that part of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We stayed in this city for a number of days.

¹³On the Sabbath day we went outside the city gate alongside the river, where we thought there was a place of prayer. We sat down and began to talk to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A woman named Lydia, who worshipped God, was listening. She was a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira. The Lord opened her heart to pay close attention to what Paul was saying. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, "If you consider me a believer in the Lord, come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

Epistle Lesson

Living by faith—connected to Jesus—has two profound effects on our life. The first is that he enables us to do things that please God. Without faith, all anyone can do is sin. With faith, we reflect God's love, not only by what we say, but by what we do. We love each other the way that Jesus loves us and we love God with all our heart, soul, and strength. We show that love in the way we treat people, the

way we talk, and the way we serve. Instead of trying to get what we want, we seek God's will.

The second is that when we realize that we're not doing the first thing that well, we can set our hearts at peace in his presence. If our hearts condemn us (and they do!), we remember what God says about us. We are his children—our sins are removed and we live by faith. God is greater than our hearts. What he says about us matters more than what any accusations or guilt that plague us.

So, we live lives of faith and love, not to try to get something, but to give thanks to God for what we already have: forgiveness and salvation. We believe in Jesus, that he is our Savior and our King. And we show our faith and our gratitude by keeping his commands. We don't keep them perfectly, but, as we grow in faith, we get stronger and better. Our salvation never depends on what we do. Instead, what we do is generated by our salvation.

1st John 3:18-24 (EHV)

¹⁸Dear children, let us love not only with word or with our tongue, but also in action and truth.

¹⁹This is how we know that we are of the truth and how we will set our hearts at rest in his presence: ²⁰If our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God. ²²We also receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commands and do what is pleasing in his sight. ²³This then is his command: that we believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and that we love one another just as he commanded us. ²⁴The one who keeps his commands remains in God and God in him. This is how we know that he remains in us: We know it from the Spirit, whom he has given to us.

Chief of Sinners Though I Be

(Hymn 385 vv. 1-3)

1 Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed his blood for me,
Died that I might live on high,
Lives that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am his and he is mine!

cont...

2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love,
Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity,
Love that found me — wondrous thought! —
Found me when I sought him not.

3 Only Jesus can impart
Comfort to a wounded heart:
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
Faith and hope to walk with God
In the way that Enoch trod.

Gospel Lesson/Sermon

What happens to a branch that comes off of a tree? It doesn't last long, does it? Trees can live a very long time, and the branches can live as long as the tree. But, apart from the tree, branches don't really have a chance.

Jesus tells us that we're like branches connected to a vine. He's the vine. We're the branches. All the nourishment and energy that the branches have comes from the vine. In the same way, every good and faithful thing we do comes from Jesus.

God the Father is the gardener. Whenever a branch dies, God prunes it away every. The death of a person's faith is a tragedy! Jesus does everything possible to keep us alive. He commands us to remain in him, so we stay alive and bear good fruit.

Still, the sad truth is that people do leave. They disconnect themselves from Jesus—they disconnect from God's Word and Sacraments. Whenever that happens, they don't last long. Unless they're reconnected to the vine, their faith will die—and they will be lost.

Think about what it cost Jesus to graft us into his family. We really are that precious to him!

Now we get to live in his love. We get to produce good fruit! Good fruit is a life that delights to receive all its strength from the vine.

Good fruit is the life we live with our family, at work and school, in service to God. It is the life that faithfully uses all the energy that comes from the vine to pursue God's will and God's glory. Your life has infinite value, because it comes from, and is sustained by, the God himself.

John 15:1–8

¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²Every branch in me that does not bear fruit, he is going to cut off. And he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will bear more fruit.

³“You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, and I am going to remain in you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Likewise, you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me.

⁵“I am the Vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him is the one who bears much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not remain in me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers. Such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this: that you continue to bear much fruit and prove to be my disciples.

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 Salewsky, Lisa Schmitt, Becky Schrank, Fred 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 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.*

Closing Prayer

P: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ***Amen.***

The Benediction:

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one other. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.***

Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening

(Hymn 283 v. 4)

4. As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me;
Let your words in me take root.
May your Spirit e'er be near me
That I bear abundant fruit.
May I daily sing your praise,
From my heart glad anthems raise,
Till my highest praise is given
In the endless joy of heaven.

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"*