

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



BECAUSE
I LIVE,
YOU ALSO WILL LIVE

JOHN 14:19

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

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Service of Holy Eucharist—Setting 4

To all who join in worship, we are grateful that you are here today!

- We invite all believers in Christ to receive the Sacrament with us. White grape juice is available. Gluten-free wafers are also available. If you would like us to bring the bread and wine to you, please notify one of the ushers.
- Nursery attendants are available during worship just off the South Lobby area for children ages 5 years and younger. If you arrive and no one is in the nursery, please notify one of the ushers to get the attendant. A changing table is available in the nursery.
- Pew Pads are located at the end of each pew. Please sign in and pass them down to the end of the row so we can note that you attended worship with us today. If you or someone you know would like a visit from one of our staff, please inform the Pastor.
- Prayer request cards are in the pew racks. Please hand to an usher during the hymn following the sermon.

WELCOME... We pray this worship time is enriching for your spiritual life.

Sixth Sunday of Easter:

Jesus does not leave his followers orphaned. Through the Holy Spirit Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: “*You Are Mine*” (ELW 581)

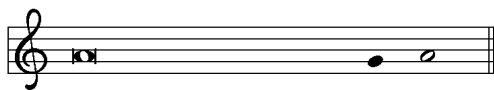
GREETING

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.



KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



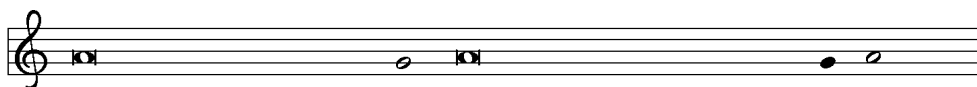
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



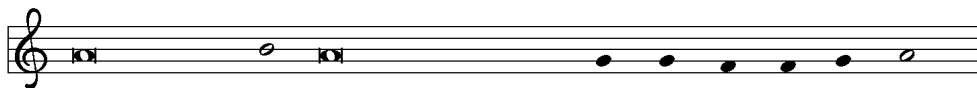
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

HOLY BAPTISM OF KAY DALLES

The Service of Holy Baptism is conducted (ELW pg. 227).

The minister addresses the assembly after the baptism:

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

A reading from Acts.

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Christians have a zeal for doing what is right in God's eyes no matter what the circumstances because in baptism we are saved and made alive. Thus our Christian beliefs and behavior are to be a matter of public record just as our baptism is.

A reading from 1 Peter.

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the

Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The assembly is seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY: “We Are Called” (ELW 720)

RITE OF CONFIRMATION & AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

As the Hymn of the Day ends, those making affirmation remain standing.

The assembly is seated.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

Those making affirmation are presented by Family members or Godparents:

I present Silja, Carl, Rylie, Kent, and Rebecca,
who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God,

we thank you that you have made us your own

by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called us to yourself,

enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit,

and nourished us in the community of faith.

Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism,

and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Confirmand Response:

Only by God's grace.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Confirmand Response:

Only by God's grace.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmand Response:

Only by God's grace.

Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?

Confirmand Response:

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.*

AFFIRMATION

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

You have made public profession of your faith.

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

The minister says a prayer.

The presiding minister lays hands on the head of each person.

Silja Clarice Alexander; Carl Setu Buckner; Rylie Kae Heggie;

Kent Douglas Henry; Rebecca Diane Lyford

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in name the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm *her/his* faith, guide *her/his* life, empower *her/him* in *her/his* serving, give *her/him* patience in suffering, and bring *her/him* to everlasting life.

Amen.

Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly.

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

Together we will give thanks and praise to God

and proclaim the good news to all the world.

RESPONSIVE HYMN: “*Borning Cry*” (ELW 732)

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief announcements will be made by the Pastor and thanks given for what our offerings provide towards the church's mission.

OFFERING: “Canticle of the Turning”

Performed by Confirmands

OFFERING PRAYER

After the table is set, the assisting minister leads the prayer.

Let us pray.

**Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,
as you were made known to the disciples.
Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives,
that we may be your risen body in the world.
Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC:

“Children of the Heavenly Father” (ELW 781)

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me” (ELW 767)

“Bread of Life from Heaven” (ELW 474)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The assembly stands to receive the blessing.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God,
in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection
you send light to conquer darkness,
water to give new life,
and the bread of heaven to nourish your people.
Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection
that we may show your glory to all the world;
through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

May God who has brought us from death to life
fill you with great joy.

Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" (ELW 503)

The assembly stands.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



WELCOME TO TRINITY'S NEWLY CONFIRMED!

Silja Clarice Alexander

Parents: Gulla Burke & Charles Alexander

Godparents: Sally & Roy Gregory

Carl Setu Buckner

Parents: Laura & Kim Buckner

Rylie Kae Heggie

Parents: Tammy & Jerry Heggie

Godparent: Amy Naylor

Kent Douglas Henry

Parents: Patricia Anne & Kent Douglas Henry

Godparents: Joshua Henry, Liz Watson, & Sue Syverson

Rebecca Diane Lyford

Parents: Jennifer & Mark Lyford

Godparents: Laura & Greg Lyford



What's Happening This Week

Sunday, May 21	8:00AM	Potluck Breakfast <i>(All are invited!)</i>
	9:00AM	Worship Service
	10:15AM	Coffee Fellowship
Wednesday, May 24	10:00AM	Women's Bible Study

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Hanna Heggie (05/20); Alex Lewis (05/21); Maia Anderson (05/22); Carol Frost (05/23); Eric Wright (05/23); Kalli Koepke (05/24); Ian Marshall (05/26); MacKenzie Muhsman (05/26); Ilona Reif (05/26); Dan Nachtigal (05/27); Judy Sutherland (05/27); and David Thompson (05/27).

THOSE NEEDING OUR PRAYERS Please keep the following members in your prayers this week: Ed Dolan, Joan Dana, Bob Thymian, Jane Kidwell, Addie Hopper, Marilyn Moen, Daniel Travsky, Pastor Rachel Larson, Pastor Don Holmstrom, Eleanore Barrett, Cathy Hemsher; Ellie Hudson; and Ruth Castor. If you know of someone that could use a visit from Pastor Nate, just let him know, or if there is someone you would like added to the Trinity Prayer Chain, please inform Jennie Lawrence!

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY This year's first New Member Sunday will be Pentecost Sunday, June 4th. If you are a regular visitor that would like to become an official member of Trinity, please let Pastor Nate know as soon as possible so we can include you in our celebration!

SKY RANCH CAMP On **July 23-30**, all youth of Trinity are invited to join Pastor Nate at Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp in Colorado. The week is unique because Sky Ranch is offering youth events for all ages. Young kids will attend for a few days at the beginning of the week, middle school youth will be there all week at the camp, and older youth will have opportunities to serve off-site, white water raft, and experience a high ropes course. Pastor Nate is planning to stay at the camp all week to spend time with Trinity's youth, and all Wyoming ELCA congregations are planning to attend that week as well. So don't miss out on this awesome opportunity and sign up today by visiting: <http://skyranchcolorado.org/register-online> and using Group Code **17TLCWY** (Case Specific)!

Save The Date: Vacation Bible School



Where: Trinity Lutheran Church

When: July 10-14

M-Th 8:00-4.00, Fri 8.00-12.00

Ages: Preschool-5th Grade

SIGN UP COMING SOON TO:
www.telclaramie.com

Serving the Church

TODAY—May 21, 2017

Preacher: Pastor Nathan Keith
Lector: Sharon Leder
Worship Assistants: Confirmands
Acolyte: Aidan Lovato
Ushers: Bobbie & Al Schimek
Greeters: Lois & Edward Hiller
Nursery: Kelcey Anderson

NEXT WEEK—May 28, 2017

Preacher: Pastor Nathan Keith
Lector: Andrea Toven
Acolyte: Beth Ferris
Ushers: Laura Buckner
Judi Weatherwax
Greeters: Iris Brunett
Debbe Conyers
Nursery: MacKenzie Muhsman

Stewards: Janet Talbott & Mark Lyford

Altar Guild: Judy Moline

Coffee Fellowship: Potluck Breakfast @ 8am

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This is Christ's church...

There is a place for you here.

