



Trinity Lutheran Church

7th Sunday in Easter
May 17, 2026



Welcome

Invocation:

P: Let us worship together in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

*Exhortation:

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in praise and prayer, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy and kindness of our God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

(silence before God)

*Confession of Sin and Forgiveness:

P: Almighty God,

C: **have mercy on me, forgive me my sin, and lead me to everlasting life. Amen.**

*Absolution (Forgiveness of Sin):

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn:

"All Glory Laud & Honor"

LBW 108

Apostles' Creed

Children's Story

Children will go down to Sunday School

God's Word: Acts 1:12-26

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶"Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— ¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸(Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹This became known to all the

residents of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their language Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)²⁰“For it is written in the book of Psalms, ‘Let his homestead become desolate, and let there be no one to live in it’; and ‘Let another take his position of overseer.’²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.”²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias.²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.”²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

God’s Word: 1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you.¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ’s sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed.¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, a criminal, or even as a mischief maker.¹⁶Yet if any of you suffers as a Christian, do not consider it a disgrace, but glorify God because you bear this name.¹⁷For the time has come for judgment to begin with the household of God; if it begins with us, what will be the end for those who do not obey the gospel of God?¹⁸And “If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinners?”¹⁹Therefore, let those suffering in accordance with God’s will entrust themselves to a faithful Creator, while continuing to do good.⁶Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time.⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.

⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour.⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.

¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you.¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn:

“I Love to Tell the Story”

LBW 390

Holy Gospel: John 17:1-11

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you,²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do.⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you;⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Message

Offertory:

Offering will be received at this time

Prayers of the People:

Lord's Prayer:

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Communion Hymns: "This is the Feast" LBW
"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" LBW 158

Post Communion Prayer

Benediction:

Sending Hymn: "Doxology" LBW 564


Dismissal

P: Go in the peace of Christ, you are loved and sent.

C: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**


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