

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.”

John 14:1 NRSV

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 14, 2017
Holy Communion

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Pam Illick, Pastor



Welcome to all – especially visitors!!! **It is no accident that you are here today!** You are an answer to our prayer. We have been praying for you, and believe that God has brought you here because God wants to touch your life.

If you need some help to make your worship with us more accessible, please see an usher for assistance. A transport chair and large print bulletins are available if you have need for them.

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As First Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

Lutherans believe that the bread and wine of Holy Communion are signs given by God that Christ is fully present among us. We invite you to participate in receiving this miraculous presence. If you are unable to receive either the bread or the wine, be assured that even in the words, Christ is present to you. You are welcome to come to the Table to be fed and nurtured with us.

(Communion record cards are available in the pew racks.)

GREETINGS - Take a moment to check in on Facebook!
Feel free to share your worship experience via social media, too.

PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION

GATHERING

**Please stand as you are able.*

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

☩ Amen.

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

***PEACE**

We greet one other with the peace of the risen Christ.

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

*** GATHERING SONG** *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing* (ELW 389)

***GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.

L A reading from Acts.

⁵⁵Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;

deliver me in your righteousness.

²**Incline your ear to me;**

make haste to deliver me.

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag
and my stronghold;

for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

⁴**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.**

⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

¹⁵**My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those
who persecute me.**

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love.”

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

*Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives.
We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy
of God we experience through Jesus Christ.*

☞ A reading from 1 Peter.

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it
you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the
Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet
chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let
yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to
offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For
it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not
believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,”

⁸and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined
to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,

God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of
him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

☞ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

*GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

*On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples.
As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act
on their behalf.*

☐ The holy gospel according to St. John.

☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

[[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are
many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I
go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for
you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am,
there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I
am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you
are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the
way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except

through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *I Want Jesus to Walk With Me* (ELW 325)

*CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**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. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition the congregation will respond:

G hear our prayer.

PRAYER FOR FISHERS OF PEOPLE

MEAL

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

THANK & TELL

Please stand as you are able.

*OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your

pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

C 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.

***DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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**

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,

al - mighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection

of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself

to take a - way our sin, who in dying has destroyed death,

and in ris - ing has brought us to e - ter - nal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Pe - ter and all the witnesses of the

res - ur - rec - tion, with earth and sea and all their crea - tures,

and with angels and archangels, cheru - bim and ser - a - phim,

we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

☐ In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death to life,
that we may live as your chosen ones,
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

☑ Amen

*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.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

☐ Now let us feast this Easter day
on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

Please be seated.

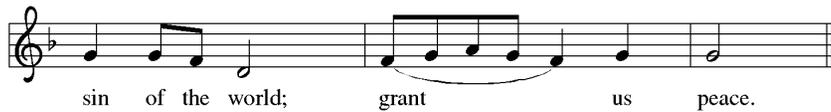
COMMUNION

- **To receive communion**, come up the center aisle at the direction of the ushers. We offer both common cup and individual cups which are filled from the pouring chalice. Cups are available on the table at the head of the aisle. After receiving the bread, proceed to the pouring chalice or the common cup to receive the wine. Return to your seat by the side aisle.
- **If you prefer to receive a blessing**, come forward with your bulletin.
- **If you would like to have communion brought to your seat**, please indicate your wish to one of the ushers, and the pastor will come to you.

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.

COMMUNION SONG





Please stand as you are able.

***TABLE BLESSING**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve us in eternal life.

C Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A 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.

C Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please be seated.)*

***BLESSING**

P 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.

C Amen.

*** SENDING SONG** *I Know that My Redeemer Lives!* (ELW 619)

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Share God's message of love through your words and actions with others

C We will. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Worship is ended: our service begins.

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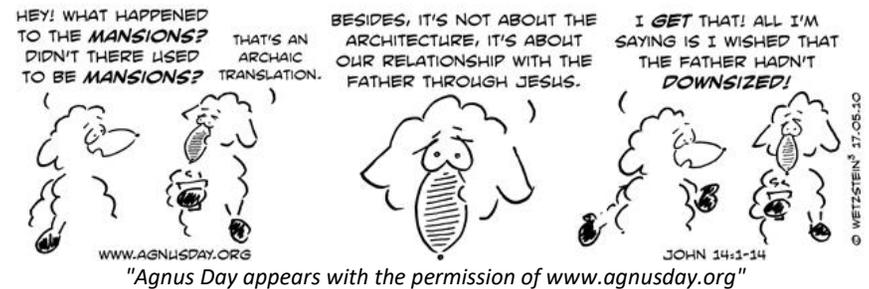
We give thanks today for all women who influence our lives in so many different ways. We remember our mothers, aunts, grandmothers, mentors, neighbors and teachers who helped to shape and influence our lives. We remember that today can be a day of mourning for those who have lost mothers, for those whose dreams of motherhood never came to fruition, for those whose children are too far away, for those who are estranged from their children, and for those who have lost children.



The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are placed by Barbara Layman, Diana Mowen and Terry Eberly in loving memory of their mother, Emma Eberly, on her birthday.



Agnus Day by James Wetstein



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

– PRAYER AND SUPPORT –

Remember to write the name(s) of persons for whom prayer is needed on the pad in the rear of the church! The names will be included in the Intercessory Prayers this morning. If you forget to put someone's name on the list, there is an opportunity to say the name during the prayers.

Special prayers for: Congregations who are in redevelopment and renewal.

College Students: Remember Madi Kreitz in your prayers!

– UPCOMING EVENTS –

Our annual **church picnic** will be held at Pine Hill Recreation Area, Pavilion B (same site as last year), on August 6. We will have a planning meeting on Tuesday, June 6 at 2 p.m. We need volunteers to help us. If you would like to help, but can't make an afternoon meeting, we can change it to evening. Contact June Ecker at 794-2013.

Lunch Bunch goes out on Sundays after worship for lunch (except on Sundays when we have Coffee & Conversation). On May 21 we will meet at Waynesboro Diner. We invite all to be with us for this time of fellowship as we enjoy a meal together.



Our next **Church Breakfast** will be on Tuesday, May 16, 9 a.m. at Parlor House Restaurant. We invite all to join us for the fellowship as we enjoy breakfast together. No preregistration is necessary.

All items for the **June newsletter** are due Monday, May 22 at 9 p.m.

– FAITH FORMATION –

Children's Sunday School - every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Social Room!! Open to all children. Join us and give it a *Whirl*.

Adult Forum meets at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday in the first floor meeting room. We are examining Luther's Small Catechism.

Save the Date! Vacation Bible School is going to be June 9-11! Check for more details in May newsletter. We need "all hands on deck" to plan, teach, feed, pray, set up, clean up and invite everyone you know!!! Sign-up sheets are posted on the sanctuary door. Get ready to discover how we are **Created by God and Built for a Purpose!!!**

– TELC MISSION WORK FOR NEAR AND FAR –

Trinity's **Encourager Ministry** provides encouragement and outreach to our faith community. If you know of someone who could use a card, phone call, etc., let one of the members of the Evangelism Committee know. Contacts are made for special occasions/accomplishments in our lives such as an anniversary, new baby, baptism, first communion, confirmation, get well, graduation, retirement, sympathy, thinking of you, volunteer, wedding, etc. Members are Earl Duffey, Charlotte Kuhs, Sondra Musser, Judi Rice, and Donna Swauger.

Thursday in the Subway at Walmart is every Thursday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:00. Pastor Pam is available to anyone who is seeking prayer or someone to talk to. The invitation extends to our people here at TELC to stop by too. Please pray that this ministry will help TELC to take Jesus into the world.

"New Neighbor Baskets" are now available for pickup at the church any Sunday morning. All you need to do is pick up the basket, deliver it, and have good conversation with your new neighbor. God is sending us out to do a new thing—help us reach out to our community!

- STEWARDSHIP -

Sharing the abundance of God's gifts to us of time, talents and wealth with others

We need **plastic icing tubs** for the distribution of altar flowers after the service. Please place on the counter in the altar room.

Flower, Bulletin and Candle Sponsor Charts Available: Are you thinking of a way to honor a loved one's birthday, anniversary, accomplishment, baptismal anniversary, or to just say, "I love you?? Is there a special person whose life you would like to memorialize? Sponsoring flowers, bulletins and/or candles is a great way to do that! Check out the bulletin board in the hallway off the narthex for more information. There are a number of available dates on the 2017 charts.

Don't forget to drop off your **Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education**, as well as your **all-occasion cards** for St. Jude's' recycled card program, in the appropriate container at the back of our worship area.

During May we are conducting a membership drive for **SpiriTrust Lutheran™ Chambersburg Auxiliary**. A donation of as little as \$1 makes you a member. For a complete list of membership levels and other details, check your May newsletter. Envelopes are available on the windowsill by the entrance to the sanctuary.

Because these envelopes are not found in this year's offering envelope packet, **Building Fund envelopes** are available on the windowsill near the sanctuary entrance.



- May 14-20 -

- Tuesday..... 9:00 a.m. - Breakfast at Parlor House
- Tuesday..... 6:00 p.m. - Daisy Scouts
- Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m. - Creative Christian Ladies
- Thursday..... 1:30-3:00 p.m. - Thursday in the Subway
- Friday..... 6:00 p.m. - Brownie Scouts

- May 21-27 -

- Sunday..... 9:30 a.m. - Children's Class & Adult Forum
- Sunday..... 10:45 a.m. - Holy Communion
- Sunday..... 12:15 p.m. - Lunch Bunch at Waynesboro Diner
- Monday..... 6:30 p.m. - Redevelopment Team
- Monday..... 9:00 p.m. - June Newsletter Items Due
- Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m. - Creative Christian Ladies
- Thursday..... 1:30-3:00 p.m. - Thursday in the Subway



- Our Stewardship -

	Current Fund
Last Week	\$607
Year to Date	\$14,124
Attendance Last Sunday - 34	
Does Not Include E-Giving Offerings	

**- Current Income/Expenses -
To March 31**

Income	\$114,575
Expenses	\$29,760
Balance	\$84,815
Above reflects \$100,000 bequest	

- SERVING THIS MORNING -

Ministers The Disciples of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
(1 Peter 2:4-10)

Pastor Ray Shriver..... Presiding Minister
 Ruth Strausbaugh.....Assisting Minister
 Amy Dennis.....Lector
 Katherine Dennis..... Crucifer
 Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice..... Musicians
 Sherri Kayhoe..... Usher
 Carol Snyder..... Usher
 Donna Swauger..... Usher
 Marie Seidel..... Altar Care
 Richard Berklite..... Church Lock-up
 Amy Dennis & Linda Fleagle..... Offering Tellers

- SERVING MAY 21 -

Pastor Pam Illick Presiding Minister
 Teresa Papoutsis.....Assisting Minister
 Terry Eberly.....Lector
 Alexis Kramer-Foose..... Crucifer
 Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice..... Musicians
 Richard Berklite..... Usher
 Al Bingman Usher
 Adrian Kuhs..... Usher
 Melissa Leaper Usher
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<p><u>Seven Faith Practices</u></p> <p>Pray</p> <p>Study</p> <p>Worship</p> <p>Invite</p> <p>Encourage</p> <p>Serve</p> <p>Give</p>

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- Our Mission -

The mission of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Rouzerville, Pennsylvania is to build, strengthen, and increase our faith community to better love and serve God – and the world community – with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



- Our Vision -

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is a flourishing, Spirit-filled, Christ-centered home for all.




Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 God's work. Our hands.