

*I am the Way,
the Truth,
and the Life*



John 14:6

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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AS WE GATHER We continue to focus our attention on Jesus' resurrection. We see that Jesus is the stone that was rejected by the religious leaders. He was crucified and killed by them. Yet God raised Jesus from the dead, making Him the cornerstone, the foundational stone upon which all the other stones in the building are aligned and built. As we build upon the foundation and cornerstone of Jesus, we are conformed and aligned to Him.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

"Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

LSB 912



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;
2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,
△ 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til
Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.
pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**
L Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
L Christ is our cornerstone;
C **On him alone we build.**
L In Him we are a newborn, chosen, priestly people.
C **We are called to proclaim His excellencies to the world.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- L** Though Christ is our cornerstone and has changed our identity to be His chosen people, we often build upon things other than Jesus. Such building crumbles to the ground, for unless we build on Christ, we labor in vain. Still, our heavenly Father is merciful, and He invites us to draw near to His throne in confidence to ask for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

- L** Heavenly Father,
C **though we are Your chosen people, we have acted in accordance with the world rather than Your Word. We have proclaimed hatred and violence rather than Your excellencies. Forgive us, renew us, and restore as Your newborn, chosen, priestly people, on account of Jesus. Amen.**
L Though Jesus Christ was rejected and killed, God raised Him from the dead, 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.**

7:30a HYMN **“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds ”** *LSB 465, sts.1 & 4*

9:00a SONG **“IN CHRIST ALONE”** *Getty / Townend*

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 7:55–60

But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.⁵⁶ And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”⁵⁷ But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him.⁵⁸ Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul.⁵⁹ And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”⁶⁰ And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING 7:30a – “Call to Praise” – Haan

9:00a – “Psalm 8” and “Amigos de Cristo”

EPISTLE

1 Peter 2:2–10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation—³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious,⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.⁶ For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”⁷ So the

honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸ and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:1–14

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do 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 authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. ¹² “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY **"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"** *LSB 633, sts. 1-2, 4, 6-8*



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal
 6 Now no more can death ap - pall, Now no
 △ 8 Fa - ther, who the crown shall give, Sav - ior,



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love
 more the grave en - thrall; You have o - pened par - a - dise,
 by whose death we live, Spir - it, guide through all our days:



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!
 And Your saints in You shall rise. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Three in One, Your name we praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

SERMON

"The True God"

Rev. James L. Mayland

CREEDAL HYMN **"We All Believe in One True God"**

LSB 953



1 We all be-lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
 2 We all be-lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and Mar - y's son,
 3 We all con-fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who from both in truth pro-ceeds,



Ev - er - pres - ent help in need, Praised by all the heav'n - ly host;
 Who de - scend - ed from His throne And for us sal - va - tion won;
 Who sus - tains and com - forts us In all tri - als, fears, and needs.



All He made His love en-folds, All cre - a - tion He up-holds.
By whose cross and death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y.
Bless-ed, ho - ly Trin - i - ty, Praise for - ev - er be to Thee!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(After each petition, the following is said...)*

- L** ...Lord, in Your mercy
C hear our prayer.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MISSION STATEMENT: *To gather people who grow in faith and share Jesus with all.*

VISION STATEMENT: *To strive to be a mature and faithful congregation that is focused on our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

OFFERING MUSIC 7:30a – “Perfect Peace” - Williams
9:00a – “Cornerstone” - Mote/Liljero

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22

- L** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.
L Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.
L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

- L** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious

resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS HYMN

"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of Hosts by all a - dored.
 Saints a - bove "Ho - san - na" sing, Praise the ris - en
 Christ, our King. Al - le - lu - ia.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

- L** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- L** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:6-13

C 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.

PAX DOMINI

L The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, have mer - cy Lord:

Grant us grace; from sin re - store.

Ris - en Christ, our Lord, we pray, Peace be - stow on

us this day. Al - le - lu - ia.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *Gluten Free Wafers are available upon request.*

Christ invites all repentant sinners to partake His feast of forgiveness – the Lord's Supper. LCMS communicant members are invited to examine their faith and receive the Savior's body and blood. Visitors wishing to commune should see a Pastor or an Elder before service. We ask this because we love you.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

7:30a – “Bread of Life from Heaven” - Briehl/Haugen
“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” LSB 739

9:00a – “Christ Be My Leader” LSB 861
“Who You Say I am ” - *Fielding/Morgan*

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

L Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this Meal. Daily remind us of our identity in You as a newborn, chosen, priestly people called to proclaim Your excellencies; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

L The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Church of God, Elect and Glorious ”

(to the tune of “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”)



1. Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, Ho - ly na - tion, cho - sen race;
2. God has called you out of dark - ness In - to His most mar - velous light;
3. Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, Stran - gers to God's heart of love;
4. Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, Be the peo - ple He in - tends;



Called as God's own spe - cial peo - ple, Roy - al priests and heirs of grace;
brought His truth to life with - in you, Turned your blind - ness in - to sight.
But He brought you home in mer - cy, Cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove.
Strong in faith and swift to an - swer Each com - mand your Mas - ter sends:



Know the pur - pose of your call - ing, Show to all Hismight-y deeds;
Let your light so shine a-round you That God's name is glo - ri - fied;
Let His love flow out to oth - ers, Let them feel the Fa-ther's care;
Roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing Through your sac - ri - fice and prayer;



Tell of love that knows no lim - its, Grace that meets all hu - man needs.
And all find fresh hope and pur - pose In Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.
That they too may know His wel - come And His count less bless - ings share.
Give your lives in joy - ful ser - vice Sing His praise, His love de - clare.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER ACCLAMATION

- L** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

PRESIDING MINISTER: Rev. Timothy D. Smith, Associate Pastor

PREACHER: Rev. James L. Mayland, Senior Pastor

ORGANIST: Mr. Matt Hoehne

MUSICIANS: 7:30a – Sanctuary Choir

9:00a – Praise Team, Brett Schwantes, lead & 4K-5K-1st Grade Students

ELDERS: 7:30am—Bob Zimmerman, Doug Beisner; 9am—Dan Schwantes, John Schult

ACOLYTES: 7:30am—; 9am—

TECH: 7:30am—; 9am—

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WELCOME TO TRINITY!

Your presence is very special to us. May your faith be strengthened and your life enriched as you join us in worship to God!

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

7:30am & 9am Sunday

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE UPPER SANCTUARY—

5pm Saturday

- **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**—Holy Communion is celebrated on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays of the month in the Upper Sanctuary. We invite those who have been instructed in the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church to receive the Sacrament of the Altar. Others are asked to speak with a pastor before receiving the Sacrament. *Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*
- **LARGE PRINT**—large print copies of the bulletin are available on the table in the Narthex or you may ask the usher for one.
- **CHILDREN'S BULLETINS**—for ages 3-6 & 7-12 years, are available on the table in the Narthex.
- **NURSERY**—for children ages 3 & under. The upper level nursery is located near the Church Lounge on Sundays. *Please Note: The upper level nursery will be unstaffed unless volunteers are available.*
- **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**—Sunday School is available for children 4 years old through 6th Grade at 10:15am on Sunday mornings during the school year. Christian Education courses for adults and young adults are held at 10:15am on Sunday mornings & various times throughout the week during the school year. Trinity is committed to Christian Education through the 4K-8th grade School, our Childcare (infant through 13 years), and through our association with Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School.
- **ELEVATOR**—is located next to the nursery on the upper level. On the lower level the elevator is located across from Classroom #101, which is past the offices. Use as needed.
- **RESTROOMS**—Narthex level across from the Library, lower level next to the elevator.
- **JOINING TRINITY**—We invite you to become part of this Christian community! If interested in membership, please speak with an elder or pastor, and we will contact you.

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