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Sunday, May 29, 2022  
7th Sunday of Easter  
Memorial Day Weekend



**INTRODUCTON** *Today we come to worship to reflect on the ways we have seen the hand of God at work in our nation and world. While we honor those who have fallen and those who have sacrificed and served our country so faithfully, we honor in this service as well the faithfulness of our God and the sacrifice of his Son for us on the cross to save us in our battles against sin, death and the devil. Let the powerful words of Scripture, an original sermon and the rousing hymns for a national holiday in this service remind us that we have a God who stands guard over us.*

## **JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **PRELUDE**

*stand*

**Hymn "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" p 890**

**Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword;  
His truth is marching on.  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.**

**P** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**C** Christ's blood sets us free to be people of God. Hallelujah!

**P** Give glory to God, whose strong hand and mighty arm have gained the victory.

**C** Christ's blood sets us free to be people of God. Hallelujah!

P In every circumstance, we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us.

**C Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**

P In Christ Jesus, God had fashioned us to do those good things which will glorify the Father in heaven.

**C Christ's blood sets us free to be people of God. Hallelujah!**

P "Continue in my Word," the Savior said, "and you will know the truth, the truth that makes you free."

#### **HYMN**

**He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;**

**He is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.**

**Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!**

**Our God is marching on.**

**Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah!**

**Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.**

#### **Prayer of the Day:**

**Heavenly Father, we are blessed to live in a nation that celebrates and defends liberty for its citizens. Still, like the saints of old, we "desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one." Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, our Savior, you have set us free from sin and death. Fill us with your Spirit so that we might live now as faithful servants of Jesus, our King, until we enjoy the eternal liberty of that better country where we will live forever in your presence. Hear our prayer for the sake of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.**

#### **HYMN**

**In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,**

**With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.**

**As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free;**

**While God is marching on.**

**Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah!**

**Glory, glory! Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.**

#### **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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

L: A reading from Isaiah

The **First Reading**, Isaiah 25:6-8

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

The **Psalmic Response** is sung to the tune Regent Square 87 87 87 p 275:  
(Angels from the Realms of Glory)

**In the past our God did guide us  
Pilgrims in a new-found land.  
In his shelter God did hide us  
With a strong and saving hand.  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Firm upon his grace we stand!**

**Thank the Lord, his praises voicing  
For his promised faithfulness.  
All who seek the Lord, rejoicing,  
Walk in paths of righteousness.  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Shout his praise, his name confess.**

L: A reading from First John

The **Second Reading**, 1 John 3:15-18

Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands.*

The **Hymn** is sung by the congregation to the tune My Country, 'Tis of Thee:

**Come, thou almighty King,  
Help us thy name to sing;  
Help us to praise.  
Father all-glorious, O'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.**

**Come, thou incarnate Word,  
Gird on thy mighty sword;  
Our prayer attend. Come and thy people bless,  
And give thy Word success,  
And let thy righteousness On us descend.**

**Come, holy Comforter,  
Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour! Thou, who almighty art,  
Now rule in ev'ry heart,  
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.**

P: The holy gospel according to John.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

The **Gospel Reading**, John 17:24-26

Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The **Gospel Response** is sung by the congregation to the tune My Country, 'Tis of Thee:

**To thee, great One in Three,  
Eternal praises be Hence evermore!  
Thy sov'reign majesty May we in glory see,  
And to eternity Love and adore.**

*The assembly is seated.*

The **Homily for Memorial Day** is delivered by the pastor:

*The assembly stands.*

## **THE NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **The Prayers :**

Glory be to you, O God, for the blessings you provide in this most favored land.

Glory be to you for those who have gone before us, for those who worked and strove, who fought and died, that we might live in peace and liberty. Oh, make us worthy of our heritage, great God; help us to remember.

Glory be to you, O God, for the blessings that continue to surround us. Make us responsible stewards of your bounty, that all may have a share in your goodness and come to know your love.

Let your blessing rest upon those among us who are in need or want of any kind. *[Specific names and causes may be named here.]* In your great mercy, bless them with your grace and power, that they may come to join in singing, “Hallelujah!”

Glory be to you, O God, for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the message of his labor in our behalf, his death for our redemption, his resurrection and rule. Let that glorious message be proclaimed freely through this land of liberty, that we may joyfully acknowledge your lordship and faithfully live according to your will.

Glory be to you, O God! So continue to bless us on our pilgrim way that, when you call us hence at last, we may join the heavenly chorus—there where we have our true citizenship—and sing forever, “Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!”

*The assembly is seated.*

### **Responding in Love**

**Our Offerings** *This is our response to God's grace.*

#### **Our Offering of Music**

### **CHOIR ANTHEM *I Will Heal Your Land***

*The assembly stands.*

### **OFFERTORY**

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit with me.*

*Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me.*

*Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Living God,

you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign,  
and you welcome us all at your table.

Reach out to us through this meal,  
and show us your wounded and risen body,

that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING *P.144* (in the beginning of the hymnal)**

**Dialogue**

**Preface by the Pastor**

**Holy Holy Holy**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

### **Words of Institution**

Holy God, you alone are holy,  
you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:  
beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell;  
with every breath.

**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness:  
through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness;  
out of exile; into the future.

**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;  
beside the sinner; among the poor;  
with us now.

**We thank you, O God.**

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 his love for us on the way, at the table,  
and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering;  
within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks  
to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus,  
by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

**Amen.**

### **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.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

P: The risen Christ dwells with us here.  
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

*The assembly is seated.*

### **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.**

### **Communion Song** *Lamb of God You Take Away p.146*

### **SONG AFTER COMMUNION** *Jesus, Name Above All Names*

(repeat twice)

*Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord,  
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word.*

*The assembly stands.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

A: We give you thanks, generous God,  
for in this bread and cup  
we have tasted the new heaven and earth  
where hunger and thirst are no more.  
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,  
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

## **Sending**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## **Blessing**

**P:** God, the Author of life,  
Christ, the living Cornerstone,  
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,  
☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**A Benediction**, from Psalm 67, is spoken responsively by the pastor and the congregation:

**P** God, be merciful to us and bless us; make your face to shine upon us,  
**C that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.**  
**P** Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.  
**C The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.**  
**P** May God continue to bless us. May people everywhere honor him.

The **Closing Hymn** is sung by the congregation to the tune Taps 6 9 6 3:

**God of love, from above,  
Shine your face; may your grace  
Still increase.  
Stretch your hand o'er our land;  
Grant us peace.**

**Shepherd dear, kindly hear:  
Guard and keep all your sheep  
Far and near;  
Firmly hold in your fold,  
Free from fear.**

**Spirit true, shine anew  
With God's light beaming bright  
In each heart.  
Be God's Word gladly heard;  
Faith impart.**

## **Dismissal**

**P:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
**P:** Go in peace. Tell what God has done.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

### *Announcements*

We welcome our visitors and ask that you sign a Visitor Attendance and Holy Communion Card that is located in the pew rack. We ask that cards be returned via the offering plate during the receiving of the offering. We practice “open Communion” here at St. John meaning that all who believe in the “real presence” of Christ are welcomed to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We offer two choices for Holy Communion, wine or grape juice. Those worshipers desiring grape juice are asked at the communion rail to place their right hand over their heart after receiving “The Body of Christ.”

Remember in prayer: Rowan Aldridge, Dave Barner, Mary Bower, Mike Cervinsky, Agnes Cryder, Don Delaney, Mary Ellen Dougherty, Charlie Dunne, Joanne Fisher, William Greene, Fred Hoffer, Mick Miller, David Mitchell, Mary Lynn Overdorf, Jean Ann Snyder, John Truax, and all of our shut-ins; the safety of our military troops around the world (Mark Baier, Isaac Boring, Jake Cordrey, Ben Cramer, Patrick Hamlin, Paul Laidacker, Kenny Leitch, Steven Moore, Maddison Myers, Tyler O’Neal, Adam Shaffer, Richie Speicher, Aaron Stabley, Paul St. James, Jenna White); Family Promise. Bishop Eaton, our Presiding Bishop; and Bishop Collins, Bishop of the Upper Susquehanna Synod. For our Companion Synod in Liberia and Ansbach-Wurzburg, Germany. Pray for Peace in Ukraine and an end to war.

Special thanks to this week’s helper: Lector – Pam Wehler; Assisting Ministers— Dawn McCloskey and Ron Brundick; Head Usher –Lon Myers; Teller –Christine Barner; Bulletin Sponsor –Darlene Bilby.

Next week’s helpers: Lector – Kathy Brundick; Assisting Ministers – Deb Heydrich and Ron Brundick; Head Usher –Deb Heydrich; Teller – Cozette Stoltzfus; Bulletin Sponsor – Cindy Breon; Flowers—Brett and Shelby Rice;

The flowers are given in memory of our son Jared’s birthday (May 24) and in honor of our grandson Jon’s birthday (May 27) by Diana and Jim Carson.

The Sanctuary Candle is given in memory of Pap Yost by the Yost Grandchildren.

We are having a TEA !!! and fellowship time on Sunday, June 5, 2022 Pentecost ( Remember to wear your red !). Please plan on joining us in recognizing those who are Affirming their Baptism and those graduating from High School during the worship service and those receiving scholarships from the Trinity Lutheran Avis Endowment Fund.

Starting June 5, we will return to serving the Sacrament of Holy Communion by tables. We will continue using wafers rather than bread and we will no longer use the Common Cup. While there are concerns about a possible rise in Covid cases this fall, we will monitor the local situation on a regular basis.

The Lutheran Church Women's Prayer Chain is a vital ministry of St. John Lutheran.  
 Anyone in need of prayers is asked to contact any of the following persons:  
 Gloria Ely – 570-873-3597 Sarah Davidson - 570-398-0659 Joyce Braucht - 570-398-2852

**Payments for Sight and Sound "DAVID"** February 6 - \$65.00; May 1 - \$65.00 and the final payment June 17 - \$60 Fare includes bus, play, meal, tip for driver and fund raiser for Luke Antolick. The show is August 6, 2022 -- Children 10 and under \$125.00; Adults \$190.00.  
 Joyce Braucht.

***THIS WEEK'S EVENTS***

Sunday, May 29, 2022  
 9:30 a.m. Nave Worship Service

*7th Sunday of Easter  
 Memorial Day Weekend*

Wednesday, June 1, 2022  
 10:00 a.m. Trinity Episcopal Worship

Sunday, June 5, 2022  
 9:30 a.m. Nave Worship Service  
 Confirmation and honoring graduates and recipients of the Trinity Lutheran Avis Endowment Fund a TEA / time of fellowship following worship  
 Wear your RED !!

*Day of Pentecost*

