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**May 12, 2024 – Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Sunday Worship at 10:45 am**



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<b>Musician</b>	Michael Raunick
<b>Lector</b>	Leo Grissom
<b>Counter</b>	Dan Mowrey

### **Welcome to First Trinity!**

We welcome you! We are glad you are here, and we want you to sense much more than our welcome, for the Lord himself bids you welcome. If you are a guest today from another Christian congregation, please take our greetings back with you. If you are without a church home and have been giving thought to establishing your spiritual roots, we want to assist you. We are here to serve God and God's people. There is room for you here. Please come again soon.

## **Mission Statement**

We, the members of First Trinity Lutheran, are confessing and professing followers of Jesus Christ. We are dedicated by God to live out our faith through God's Word and Sacrament ministry.

## **Inspirational Thought for This Sunday**

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Lesson Themes for Today's Worship**

**Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

*Matthias added to the apostles*

**Psalm 1**

The LORD knows the way of the righteous. (*Ps. 1:6*)

**1 John 5:9-13**

*Life in the Son of God*

**John 17:6-19**

*Christ's prayer for his disciples*

## **Legend:**

**P:** Pastor                    **A:** Assisting Minister  
**L:** Lector                    **C:** Congregation

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**C: Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

## GATHERING SONG – TFF -135 – Come, We That Love the Lord



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;  
 2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;  
 3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets  
 4 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;



join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with  
 but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the  
 be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the  
 we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -



sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur - round the throne.  
 heav'n - ly King may tell their joys a - broad, may tell their joys a - broad.  
 heav'n - ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.  
 man - uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

### *Refrain*



We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on:



we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, stanzas; Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain  
 Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry

## 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.

## KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  For the

Lord, have mer - cy.

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

For the peace of the whole

Lord, have mer - cy.

world, for the well - be - ing of the church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of

all, let us pray to the Lord.  For this ho - ly

Lord, have mer - cy.

house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise, let us

pray to the Lord.

☐ Lord, have mer - cy. A - men

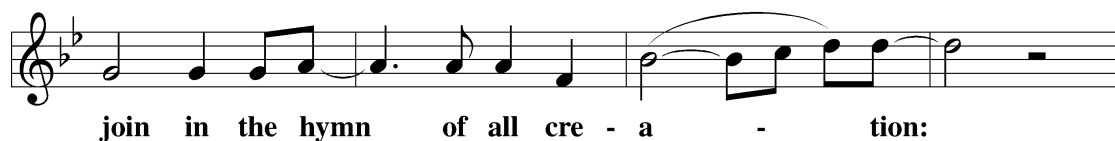
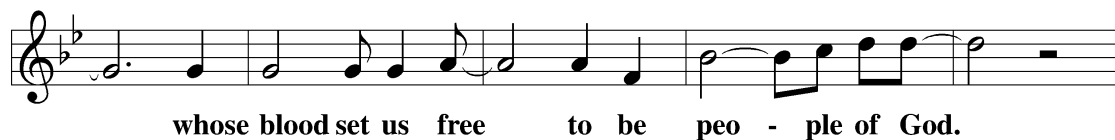
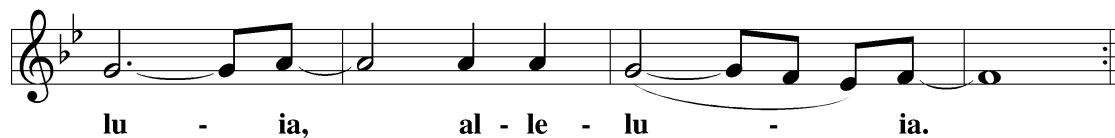
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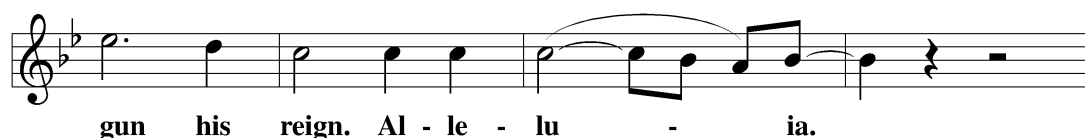
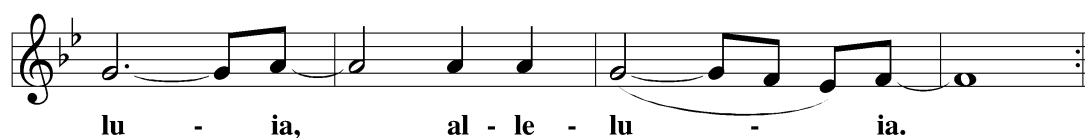
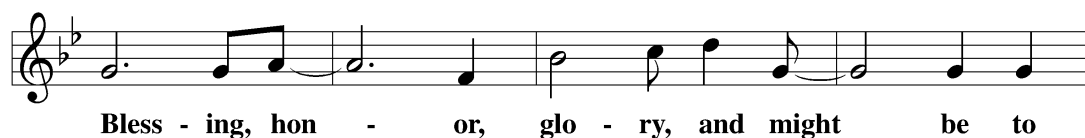
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☐ A - men

## HYMN OF PRAISE







## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

## WORD

*The assembly is seated.*

### FIRST READING

*In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.*

L: A reading from Acts, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup>"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—<sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning 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." <sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

*The LORD knows the way of the righteous.*

A: A responsive reading from Psalm 1.

A: <sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**C: <sup>2</sup>Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

A: <sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they <sup>4</sup>do shall prosper.

**C: <sup>4</sup>It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

A: <sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**C: <sup>6</sup>For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

A: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING

L: A reading from 1 John, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

*God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.*

L: <sup>9</sup>If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

## GOSPEL READING

*In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>6</sup>“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. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for 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. <sup>9</sup>I 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. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And 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. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON-** Rev. Amy Lindeman Allen

## HYMN OF THE DAY – TFF 220 –WHAT A FELLOWSHIP, WHAT A JOY DIVINE



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,  
 last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
 last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

### *Refrain*



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929

Music: SHOWALTER. Anthony J. Showalter. 1858–1924

## CREED

**A:** Let us confess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.

**C:** 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A: We begin our time of prayer with petitions lifted up by the congregation, offered silently or aloud. If your prayer is offered aloud conclude your prayer with the words **“God of grace”** to which we respond, **“hear our prayer”**. After the prayers have been lifted up from the congregation, we will continue with the Prayers of Intercession. For what shall we pray?

*You are invited to speak a prayer aloud.*

A: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

A: You sanctify us in your truth; your word is truth. Send your church out into the world to spread your love and joy. Embolden all bishops, pastors, and deacons (*especially*) to be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments.

God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer**

A: Your creation groans under the strain of pollution. Preserve melting glaciers and dwindling forests. Bolster those who work for climate justice and help us all to be good and faithful stewards of your creation.

God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer**

A: Your people seek wisdom, understanding, and peace. Guide all those who govern and inspire them to work on behalf of the most vulnerable in our midst. Keep safe first responders, those serving in the military, and those whose duty it is to protect others.

God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer**

A: Your children need your loving care. Protect them from all harm. Comfort those in any affliction. We especially pray for Carl Anderson, Phyllis Boston, Sandra Blackburn, Willa Jeffries, Keith Kriesel, Vera Renner, Nancy Ford-Winters, Joanne Grissom, Thomas Rezsonya, Carolyn Sue Woods, Pete and Bev Baldwin, Steve and Bev Gramstad, Davey Yonah-El, Michelle Miller, the Cochran family, David and Debbie Opel, Harry McFarland, and Cheryl Hall-Russell. Support those who grieve and bring solace to those near death.

God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer**

A: Your Spirit lives within us here. Inspire the work of this congregation and unite us as one. Bless all the mothers in our midst, console those for whom this day is difficult, and gather us all under the care of your loving wings.

God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer**

A: Your saints dwell with you in light. Keep us ever thankful for those who have gone before us in faith (*especially*). Inspire us by their witness.

God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer**

A: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. And all of God's children say...

**C: AMEN**

### **SHARING OF THE LORD'S PEACE**

A: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

A: Please take a moment to share the peace with those around you.

*You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.*

## MEAL

## OFFERING HYMN



☐ Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and  
 fill to the brim our cup of bless - 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. Grace our ta - ble with your  
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A:** Let us pray: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

**AMEN**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. And we praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: God of our ancestors, friend in our midst, your children come before you.  
 Here is food! Here is drink!

These things are yours before they are ours.

Now we are making a feast, but it is a thanksgiving:

God, we are thanking you.

With our ancestors in faith and all the hosts of heaven,

O God, we thank you and rejoice.

This food—we shall eat it in your honor!

This drink—we shall drink it in your honor!

P: We thank you for giving us life.

**C: We thank you!**

P: We thank you for giving us freedom.

**C: We thank you!**

P: We thank you for bringing us peace.

**C: We thank you!**

P: We thank you for the one who bore our sins upon the cross.

**C: We thank you!**

P: We thank you for the one who brought us over from death to life.

**C: We thank you!**

P: Father, send the Spirit of life,  
 the Spirit of power and fruitfulness.



With the Spirit's breath, speak your Word into these things.  
 Give us who eat and drink the living body and the lifeblood of Jesus, our brother,  
 life and power and fruitfulness of heart and body.

Give us true communion with your Son.

On the night of his suffering,

he gave thanks for the bread that he held in his hands.

This bread he shared among his followers, saying:

All of you, take this, eat this;

it is my body, handed over for you.

Do this and remember me.

**C: The body of Christ! Amen**

P: Then he shared drink with them, saying:

All of you, take this, drink this;

it is my blood, the blood of the new covenant  
 that begins now and lasts forever.

This blood is poured out for you and for all people  
 so that sins may be taken away.

Do this and remember me.

**C: The blood of Christ! Amen**

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**C: Christ has died**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

**C: Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

*All who seek the blessings of Christ's true body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, are welcome at the communion table. There you receive Christ and the new life offered. Those who eat and drink at this table commit themselves to the care and redemption of all God had made. You may choose either wine in the outer rings or grape juice in the center of the tray given by the assisting minister. After all, have communed, please stand for the blessing of the meal.*

*You are invited to stand.*

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

☐ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise;  
 tell ev - 'ry - one what God has done. Let all who seek the  
 Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
 Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in  
 joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### BLESSING

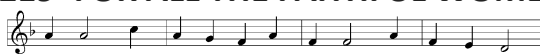
P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope  
 ✚ bless you now and always.

**C: Amen**

## SENDING HYMN – TFF 219–FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL WOMEN VERSES 1,2,3,4



1 For all the faith-ful wom-en who served in days of old,  
 2 *(Insert one or more stanzas from the bottom of this page as desired)*  
 3 O God, for saints and serv-ants, those named and those un-known,  
 4 All praise to God, the Fa-ther! All praise to Christ, the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv-en; to all, their sto-ry told.  
 in whom through all the a-ges your light of glo-ry shone,  
 And praise the Ho-ly Spir-it who binds the church as one!



They served with strength and glad-ness in tasks your wis-dom gave.  
 we of-fer glad thanks-giv-ing and fer-vent prayer we raise  
 With saints who went be-fore us, with saints who wit-ness still,



To you their lives bore wit-ness, pro-claimed your pow'r to save.  
 that, faith-ful in your ser-vice our lives may sing your praise,  
 we sing glad al-le-lu-ias and strive to do your will.

**Miriam**

5 We praise your name for Miriam  
 who sang triumphantly  
 while Pharaoh's vaunted army  
 lay drowned beneath the sea.  
 As Israel marched to freedom,  
 her chains of bondage gone,  
 so may we reach the kingdom  
 your mighty arm has won.

**Mary, Mother of Our Lord**

9 We sing of Mary, mother,  
 fair maiden, full of grace.  
 She bore the Christ, our brother,  
 who came to save our race.  
 May we, with her, surrender  
 ourselves to your command  
 and lay upon your altar  
 our gifts of heart and hand.

**Deborah**

6 All praise for that brave warrior  
 who fought at your command.  
 You made her Israel's savior  
 when foes oppressed the land.  
 As Deborah stood with valor  
 upon that battlefield,  
 may we, in evil's hour,  
 truth's sword with boldness wield.

**Martha and Mary**

10 We sing of busy Martha  
 who toiled with pot and pan  
 while Mary sat in silence  
 to hear the word again.  
 Christ, keep our hearts attentive  
 to truth that you declare,  
 and strengthen us for service  
 when work becomes our prayer.

**Hannah**

7 To Hannah, praying childless  
 before the throne of grace,  
 you gave a son whose service  
 would be before your face.  
 Grant us her perseverance;  
 Lord, teach us how to pray,  
 to trust in your deliv'rance  
 when darkness hides our way.

**The Woman at the Well**

11 Recall the outcast woman  
 with whom our Lord conversed:  
 Christ gave her living water  
 to quench her deepest thirst.  
 Like hers, our hearts are yearning;  
 Christ offers us his word.  
 Then may our lips be burning  
 to witness to our Lord.

**Ruth**

8 For Ruth who left her homeland  
 and ventured forth in faith,  
 who pledged to serve and worship  
 Naomi's God till death,  
 we praise you, God of Israel  
 and pray for hearts set free  
 to bind ourselves to others  
 in love and loyalty.

**Mary Magdalene**

12 We praise the other Mary  
 who came at Easter dawn  
 and near the tomb did tarry,  
 but found her Lord was gone.  
 But, as with joy she saw him  
 in resurrection light,  
 may we by faith behold him,  
 the day who ends our night.

**Dorcas**

13 Lord, hear our praise of Dorcas  
 who served the sick and poor.  
 Her hands were cups of kindness,  
 her heart an open door.  
 Send us, O Christ, your Body,  
 where people cry in pain,  
 and touch them with compassion  
 to make them whole again.

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**DISMISSAL**

**A:** Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**C:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

## NEWS AND NOTES

**Next Sunday's Servers:**

<b>Pastor</b>	Deacon Hope Moran
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Dan Mowrey
<b>Lector</b>	Terry Morton
<b>Counter</b>	Dan Mowrey

**Prayer Requests for This Week:**

Carl Anderson, Phyllis Boston, James Green Jr, Willa Jeffries, Vera Renner, Nancy Ford-Winters, Carolyn S. Woods, Sherman Jefferies, and Sandra Blackburn

**Next Sunday – Day of Pentecost****Acts 2:1-21**

*Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds*

**Ezekiel 37:1-14** (alternate)

*Life to dry bones*

**Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. *(Ps. 104:30)*

**Romans 8:22-27**

*Praying with the Spirit*

**Acts 2:1-21** (alternate)

*Filled with the Spirit to tell God's deeds*

**John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15**

*Christ sends the Spirit of truth*

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