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The Fifth Sunday after Trinity
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Faithful Through the Years
Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Trinity Lutheran Church
"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8

Guest Seminarian Samuel Preus

Our *Introit* again comes from Psalm 27. Pulling from verses 7 and 9, it anticipates the words of Peter: "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" In preparation for this we pray in our *Introit*:

Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice! Have mercy also upon me, and answer me. You have been my help; do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation.

This is a confident prayer of hope in God's mercy. Left to ourselves, we would only despair. We would only say, "Depart from me, a sinner!" But the voice of our Savior, "Do not be afraid," gives us the faith to trust that God will not forsake us. Because if God is our light and our salvation, then whom shall we fear? Of whom shall we be afraid? He teaches us his way. He promises to deliver us from all evil. So as we learn about his acts of salvation, as we learn about what our Lord Jesus has done for us, then we can take courage. We can rely on his Word as we wait on him. His Word will accomplish what he sets out to accomplish. And it will strengthen our heart to say amen as we trust in him for our salvation. When we confess the Word of God it can seem like we are alone. Psalm 27 certainly expresses this loneliness. Even when father and mother have abandoned you, God is with you through his Son Jesus Christ and by his Holy Spirit. He has also preserved for himself a remnant. And he promises not to leave you or forsake you. He will gather you even as he promises to gather his whole church. With such confidence, we can boldly pray: "Do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation."

DEAR VISITORS: As a congregation in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Trinity practices ***closed communion***, which means that we only commune those who are members in good standing of sister congregations and have been instructed in the Christian faith as it is summarized in Luther's Small Catechism. If you are a visitor and desire to commune at Trinity, **please speak to Pastor Preus before the service.**

The Order of Morning Service

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Hymn of Invocation ∞ *Come, follow Me, the Savior Spake*

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Stand for final stanza

Invocation, Confession & Absolution

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Please remain standing through the conclusion of the Collect of the Day.

Service of the Word



Introit

Hear, O LORD, when I cry | with my voice!*
Have mercy also upon me, and | answer me.

You have | been my help;*

do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my sal- | vation. (*Psalm 27:7, 9*)

The LORD is my light and my sal- | vation;*

whom | shall I fear?

Teach me Your | way, O LORD,*

and lead me in a | smooth path.

Do not deliver me to the will of my adver- | saries;*

for false witnesses have risen a- | gainst me.

Wait on the LORD; be of good | courage,*

and He shall streng- | then your heart. (*Psalm 27:1, 11-12, 14*)

Gloria Patri ∞ *Glory be to the Father*

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Kyrie ∞ *Lord, Have Mercy*

Gloria in Excelsis ∞ *Glory to God in the Highest*

Salutation & Collect of the Day

Sit

Old Testament Reading ∞ *Genesis 18:1-14*

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre as he was *Sitting* at the entrance of his tent during the heat of the day.

² He looked up, and there he saw three men standing not far from him.

When he saw them, he ran from his tent door to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³"My lord," he said, "if you're kind to me, please don't pass by your servant. ⁴Somebody will get a little water; then wash your feet, and rest under the tree. ⁵Let me get a bit of food for you to refresh yourselves; then go on. It was for this you were passing by your servant."

"Do as you say," they answered.

⁶ So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three

measures of fine flour, knead it, and make cakes.”⁷ Then Abraham ran to the herd, took a calf that was tender and good, and gave it to his servant, who quickly prepared it.⁸ Then he took cheese and milk and the veal he had prepared and set these before them. Then he waited on them under the tree as they ate.

⁹ “Where is your wife Sarah?” they asked him. “There in the tent,” he answered.

¹⁰ “*I will certainly come back to you,*” He said, “*at about the time it takes to have a child, and then your wife Sarah will have a son.*”

Sarah was listening at the tent door behind Him.¹¹ Abraham and Sarah were old and getting along in years, and Sarah had had her change of life.¹² And so Sarah laughed to herself. “Now that I’m worn out,” she said, “and my lord is old too, should I again enjoy myself?”

¹³ The LORD asked Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Can I really have a child when I’m so old?’¹⁴ *Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? I will come back to you at about the time it takes to have a child, and then Sarah will have a son.*”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Gradual

O God, be- / hold our shield,*
and look upon the face of Your a- / noointed.

O LORD God of hosts, / hear my prayer;*
give ear, O God of / Jacob! (Psalm 84:9, 8)

Epistle ↪ 1 Peter 3:8-15

⁸ Finally, all of you, live in harmony, be sympathetic, love your fellow Christians, be tenderhearted and humble.⁹ *Don't pay back evil for evil, insult for insult, but bless others instead, knowing that you were called for this, to inherit a blessing.*

¹⁰ *Of you want to love life and enjoy happy days,
stop speaking evil or saying anything to deceive.*

¹¹ *Turn away from wrong and do good.
Be eager for peace and go after it.*

¹² *The Lord watches the righteous and hears their prayer,
but the Lord is against those who do wrong.*

¹³ Who will harm you if you're eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you suffer because you're righteous, you are happy. *Never let others terrify or trouble you.*¹⁵ *But give your hearts completely to Christ as Lord.* And always be ready to answer anyone who asks you to explain the hope you have, but be gentle and respectful.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand



Alleluia Verse

Alle- / luia.*

Alle- / luia.

***The king shall have joy in Your / strength, O LORD;*
and in Your salvation how greatly shall he rejoice! Alle- / luia.*** (Psalm 21:1)

Triple Hallelujah

Gospel ↪ *Luke 5:1-11*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹One day Jesus was standing by the Sea of Galilee, and the people were crowding Him as they were listening to God's Word. ²He saw two boats on the shore of the sea. The fishermen had stepped out of them and were washing their nets. ³So Jesus got into one of the boats (it belonged to Simon) and asked him to go out a little way from the shore. Then He sat down and taught the people from the boat.

⁴When He had stopped speaking, He told Simon, "Take the boat out where the water is deep, and let down your nets for a catch."

⁵"Master," Simon answered, "we've worked hard all night and caught nothing. But if You say so, I'll let down the nets."

⁶When the men had done this, they caught a very large number of fish, and their nets started to tear. ⁷So they waved to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They came, and now they filled both boats so that they started to sink.

⁸When Simon Peter saw this, he fell down at Jesus' knees. "Leave me, Lord," he said. "I'm a sinful man." ⁹He and all who were with him were amazed to see the fish they had caught, ¹⁰and so were James and John, Zebedee's sons, who were Simon's partners.

"Don't be afraid," Jesus told Simon. "From now on you're going to catch men."

¹¹So when they had brought the boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

Sit

Hymn of the Day ↪ *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*

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Sermon

Stand

Offertory

Sit

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Gathering of the Offering

Stand to sing as the offerings are brought forward

We give Thee but Thine own,

Whate'er the gift may be

All that we have is Thine alone,

A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

Please complete the
Record of Fellowship in the
folder in your pew.

Prayers

General Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Hymn ∞ *Built on the Rock the Church Doth Stand*

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Concluding Collect

Benediction

Sit

Hymn to Depart ∞ *Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise*

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Silent Prayer

Ushers for today: Matthew Otten, David Otten, Alton Swann

Next week: Keith Rethemeyer, Charlie Scheer, Karson Eads, Jacob Preus

Greeter for today: Andrew Rethemeyer

Next Week: Larry Scheer

Acolyte today: Sam Scheer

Next Week: Colton Swann

Flower and Altar Care: July: Carol Finck, Evelyn Scheer, Clare Swann

Organist: Andrew Finck

Prayer and Petitions: Wayne Scheer and Sue Eads, health concerns. Homebound: LeeAnn Rohling, Diana Scheer, Paul & Sue Laune; Missionaries: Brandt Klawitter, mission work in Norway; Pastor James May (missionary to Africa); Rev. David Preus (missionary to Romania); Michael & Naomi Erslund, Lutheran Bible Translators. Immanuel Lutheran School, Washington; Camp Trinity; Luther Classical College; Christ the King Lutheran High School.

Birthdays and Annivers: Lee Ann Rohling, 29th, Cephas Preus, 30th, Gail Helling, 4th
(Please email office@trinitynewhaven.com if your birthday or anniversary has not been listed or was incorrectly listed, so the records can be updated with correct information)

Regular Quarterly Voter's Meeting: July 19th after the Divine Service (downstairs).

Ladies Aid: July 19th after the Divine Service (conference room).

July Ladies Luncheon: The ladies of the church will be meeting for lunch on **Friday, July 17th** at Sugarfire Smoke House, 512 W Front St, Washington, at 12:30 pm. All ladies are welcome.

Grass cutting - A volunteer sign-up sheet has been placed on the bulletin board in the vestibule. Volunteers, please pick out some dates and sign-up. If you are unable to cut personally, you can make a donation and some young volunteers will cut for you. See Roger Helling if you have questions.

SELECTION of Greeting Cards from Hymns in My Heart are available for sale in the narthex, by the Trinity Ladies Aid. Check out the collection of Wedding, Encouragement, Babies, Thank You, Graduation and Confirmation Cards. The cards are \$2.00 per card. Please deposit money in money slot.

Smalcald Articles

Part III

Article III - Of Repentance.

33 In the same way Paul also preaches, Rom. 3:10-12: There is none righteous, there is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God, there is none that doeth good, no not one; they are all gone out of the way; they are together become unprofitable. 34 And Acts 17:30: God now commandeth all men everywhere to repent. "All men," he says; no one excepted who is a man. 35 This repentance teaches us to discern sin, namely, that we are altogether lost, and that there is nothing good in us from head to foot [both within and without], and that we must absolutely become new and other men.

36 This repentance is not piecemeal [partial] and beggarly [fragmentary], like that which does penance for actual sins, nor is it uncertain like that. For it does not debate what is or is not sin, but hurls everything on a heap, and says: All in us is nothing but sin [affirms that, with respect to us, all is simply sin (and there is nothing in us that is not sin and guilt)]. What is the use of [For why do we wish] investigating, dividing, or distinguishing a long time? For this reason, too, this contrition is not [doubtful or] uncertain. For there is nothing left with which we can think of any good thing to pay for sin, but there is only a sure despairing concerning all that we are, think, speak, or do [all hope must be cast aside in respect of everything], etc.

37 In like manner confession, too, cannot be false, uncertain, or piecemeal [mutilated or fragmentary]. For he who confesses that all in him is nothing but sin comprehends all sins, excludes none, forgets none. 38 Neither can the satisfaction be uncertain, because it is not our uncertain, sinful work, but it is the suffering and blood of the [spotless and] innocent Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world.

39 Of this repentance John preaches, and afterwards Christ in the Gospel, and we also. By this [preaching of] repentance we dash to the ground the Pope and everything that is built upon our good works. For all is built upon a rotten and vain foundation, which is called a good work or law, even though no good work is there, but only wicked works, and no one does the Law (as Christ, John 7:19, says), but all transgress it. Therefore the building [that is raised upon it] is nothing but falsehood and hypocrisy, even [in the part] where it is most holy and beautiful.

(Source: <https://bookofconcord.org/smalcald-articles/iii/of-the-law/>)

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