

**Trinity Evangelical
Lutheran Church**



**Contemporary Worship
Service
May 17, 2026
7th Sunday of Easter**

Good Morning and Welcome! We invite you to worship with us often, and ask if you need any assistance! If you are visiting us today, please sign the Guest Register in the Narthex, please include your address and phone number. Please place your offering envelope in the plate in the Narthex. Thank You!

Remember in your prayers:

Lynn Wolfgang, Oscar & Angie Smith, Erika Zaiser, Betty Moore, Kathy Gamler, Bill Brensinger, Becky Yescavage, Kathy Sell, Donna Day, Elaine Dotterer, Ralph Rothenberger, Anna Spencer, RuthAnn Goode, Pete Schmoyer, Mary Snyder, Linda Bewley, Mike Wyda, Marcia Auge, Millie Merkel, Ashley Essig, Vicki Mest, Mark Yarnall, Heather Johnson, Ruth Weiser and Greg Mest.

Friends & Family:

Michelle Hiriak, Linda Stark, Joyce Kemp, Linda Gilbert, Tanner Antalosky, David Panetta, Mel Harrington, Joyce Davidheiser, Rachel Lynam and Bill Coates.

Families Of:

Helene Kushnir and Robert McCarron.

Also members, relatives and friends in the community who are serving in the military including:

Christopher Heffner, BillyRay Pearce, Jr., Noah Heydt, Ben Rhode, Steven Herbst, David Crews, Jeff Lydic, Seth Kurtz and Clinton Bowen.

Our sister congregation, the Marienkirche in Borna, Germany.
(Website: Kirche-bornaer-land.de)

Please note: Names of friends and family will be kept on the bulletin prayer list for one month. If still in need of prayers, these names will then appear in the newsletter prayer list. Names on the friends and family list will only be kept on the newsletter prayer list for one year. If you wish for names to remain longer, please speak to Pastor Gene, Linda Ritter or contact the Church Office. Thank you for helping us keep the prayer list current!

Members of the Worship Team

Angie Renninger	Guitar
Kurt Yescavage	Trumpet
Pastor Zaiser	Guitar

Vocals By:

Mardell Blanford
Sharon Renninger
Janice Sheetz

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Today we will be receiving a Free Will Offering for Geraniums for Pentecost.

The Altar Flowers are presented to the glory of God by Ms. Linda Bewley, in Memory of her Son J. Keith Freese and also in Memory of Eugene & Erma Reidenauer by the Reidenauer Family.

The Bulletins are presented to the glory of God in Memory of Eugene & Erma Reidenauer by the Reidenauer Family.

The Eternal Flame Candle is presented to the glory of God by Dan & Kathy Kuser, in Memory of Alice Weller.

- **Opening Song** “Start a Fire”

Announcements, Concerns, Praises: a time for congregation to lift up prayer requests and thanks.

- **Confession and Forgiveness**

P Loving God, we come before you this day to worship and praise you, yet we know that we have not always been the people you've wanted us to be. In our actions, our words, and our thoughts, we have often disappointed you by not loving and forgiving others as you would have us do. We come asking your forgiveness, knowing that you are merciful and loving, even when we are not.

C **Dear Lord, have mercy on us. Do not count our wrongs against us, but rather forgive us for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ. Refresh our spirits, so that we can serve you and others as we ought to. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

P Our Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross so that we might be forgiven. For his sake, God does not count our wrongs against us, but rather gives forgiveness and everlasting life to all who believe. Amen.

- **The 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.**

Worship Songs	“I Will Worship” Pg. 28
	“Holy Love” Pg. 24
	“Let the River Flow” Pg. 30

FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14

⁶ When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

GOSPEL: John 17:1-11**Presentation of the Gospel by Heart**

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ “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. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ 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.”

Sermon

- **Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy
Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.**

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the
Father. He will come again 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**

Prayer of the People

Closing Songs “Better Is One Day” Pg. 6
 “Light the Fire Again” Pg. 32

- **Mission Statement and Sending**

L People of Trinity, what is our mission?

C **We shall, as individuals and as a congregation, strive through
word, worship, and witness to further the kingdom of God by knowing
and sharing Christ’s Love in our hearts, in our homes, in His church, in
the community, and in the world.**

- **Sending**

L Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and
forever.

C **Amen**

Today is the deadline for the June Newsletter, please submit your information to Karen in the Church Office.

Prayer Listing: If you wish to make any changes to the Prayer List for the June Newsletter, please see Linda Ritter, Pastor Gene or contact the church office.

There will be a **new member group** meeting on Sunday mornings, May 17th-31st, 9:15AM in the pastor's office. If you are interested in joining Trinity, please speak to Pastor Gene.

Pastor Zaiser will be hosting an **evening Bible study** on Wednesday evenings until June 3rd, 7-8:30PM, in the parlor. The subject will be the Gospel of John.

Shoefly Pies & Sticky Buns: Orders will be taken for 8 inch Shoefly Pies & Sticky Buns, thru June 5th. **Delivery on Sunday, June 7th.** Price is \$8.00 for Shoefly Pies & Plain Sticky Buns, \$9.00 for buns w/ nuts. All proceeds will to the General Fund. Order Forms will be available in the Parish Hall. Money is due with order. Any questions, please Linda Brunner.

We will return to our Summer Worship Schedule on Sunday, June 7th, worship will be at 9AM, there will be no Contemporary Worship Service or Sunday School during June, July & August. We will return to our regular schedule on Sunday, September 6th.

Graduate Recognition Sunday will be held on June 7th. Please contact the church office and let us know of any members, friends, or loved ones who are graduating from high school, college, graduate school, basic training or any other academic or career training program.

Trinity Hoagies: "Hoagie Fundraiser" for the General Fund. 8" hoagies from Maurizio's Pizza (formerly Pappa Bernards) cost \$8.00. The hoagies will be ham, Italian and turkey (onion, no onion). There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board. **Orders are due by Sunday, June 14th and pick up on Friday, June 19th — 11:00AM-11:30AM. Please make checks payable to Dennis Schaeffer. Any questions, please see Dennis Schaeffer. Thank You for your support. Thank you also to Dennis Schaeffer for organizing this fundraiser.**

Free Will Offerings will be received the 3rd Sunday of every month, the next Free Will Offering will be Sunday, June 21st for Save the Children. Thank you for your support.

The Summer Music Schedule Sign Up Sheet is now posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex, if you would like to sing or play an instrument. Please sign up.

Trinity Night at the Reading Phillies Game, Saturday, August 29th. Tickets \$43.00 includes the "All You Can Eat Buffet" Game Time 6:45PM, Gates Open 4:45PM. There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. For more information, please see Dennis Schaeffer. PLEASE NOTE: THIS STADIUM IS CASHLESS.

You may sponsor Altar Flowers, the cost of the flowers has increased for (1) vase \$34.00 and (2) vases \$68.00, please contact Mary Snyder. If you wish to sponsor flowers and that date is not available, you can always sponsor an extra bouquet of flowers for \$40.00. When sponsoring flowers, please use a flower envelope found in the rack in the narthex or clearly mark the envelope "Flowers". If you sponsored flowers in the past but no longer wish to, please let Mary Snyder 610-473-8885 or the church office know. If you wish to sponsor the bulletins, the cost is \$15.00 to offset the cost of printing.

Trinity's Gift Card Program - Gift card orders are accepted before and after the church service the first Sunday of each month and distributed the second Sunday. Order forms for Redners, Giant and Raise Right (for other retail gift cards) are available in the narthex. The Raise Right order form is also available for download on Trinity's website. Payment must be submitted with your order. **Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and include your phone number on your order form.** If you have any questions regarding this fund raising program please see Sharon Kemp, Kathy Kuser or Kurt Yescavage.

Need a ride? We have volunteers in the congregation who are willing to provide transportation to medical appointments, etc., for those who can't find a ride. Please contact Pastor Gene 610-322-0901 if you need a ride or would like to volunteer as a driver.

Devotionals are available in the rack in the Narthex. If you enjoy the devotionals, please make a donation to help offset the cost. Thank You.

Bibles are available in the rack in the Narthex for you to reference during worship. You may also take home to reference, please return when you are finished.

HOSPITAL INPATIENT STAY: Please contact Pastor Gene if you are admitted to the hospital and would like a visit, due to privacy laws, the hospital no longer contacts the church.

Trinity's events for the upcoming week:

Sunday, May 17th- 8:00 Cont. Worship Service
 9:15 Sunday School
 New Members Class
 10:30 Worship Service
 Wednesday, May 20th- 6:30 TLC Stitchers
 7:00 Bible Study
 Thursday, May 21st- 6:30 Sr. Choir Practice
 Sunday, May 24th-**Pentecost**
 9:15 Sunday School
 New Members Class
 10:30 Worship Service
 w/Communion

Next Week's Worship Assistants**Sunday, May 24th:****Pentecost**

Assisting Minister: Jenn McCarron
 Server: Waynette Shafer
 Lectors: Confirmands
 Ushers: Howard Shafer* & Dennis Schaeffer
 Acolyte: Erika Zaiser
 Crucifer: Diane McElwee

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:**05/10/2026**

Attendance
Worship/S.S.
 71/11

Offerings
General Hunger
 \$1,763.00 \$55.00

Benevolence Bldg. Maint.
 0 \$35.00

Updates on Church Financial Status From The Finance Committee:

The April-end monthly report from the Treasurers showed:

- The General Fund has a Negative Balance.
- During March 2026, the General Fund increased \$676 from \$-3071 to -\$2395
- Note: Compared to May 2025, we are in a significantly better financial position this year - let's keep it going and thanks to all for your continued financial support.

Please see the report and additional details including suggested action items from the Finance Committee in the Newsletter which is available by mail or on the church website.

Questions or input? Kindly reach out to a Finance Committee member as listed in the monthly newsletter, or chairperson Kurt Yescavage.

Monthly Free-will Offerings 2026

A free-will offering is scheduled for the third Sunday of each month. They are as follows:

June 21 – Save the Children

July 19 – Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes

August 16 – American Foundation for Suicide
Prevention

September 20 – Boyertown Area Multi Service

October 18 – Eastern Berks Fire Dept.

November 15 – Elf Bags (Multi-Service)

December – No free-will offering. Thank you for supporting the various Christmas giving opportunities.

Thank you for your contributions to these special causes!

THE
 CREATIVE
 PATH
 TO
 \$\$\$\$ RAISERIGHT (SCRIP)
 FOR
 YOUR
 CHURCH
 FAMILY



PLAN! WHEN? END OF PREVIOUS MONTH. **WHAT?** EVERYDAY ESSENTIALS (CVS, Staples, Walmart, WAWA, cards) GROCERIES (Giant, Redners, Walmart, Target, Visa cards) BIRTHDAYS (Amazon, Starbucks, Gap, Old Navy, Macy's cards) HOME IMPROVEMENTS (Home Depot, Lowes, Ace Hardware cards) VACATIONS (Hotels, Airlines, Cruises, Fuel cards) ANNIVERSARY'S (Long Horn Steakhouse, Macy's, AMC theater cards)

IMPLEMENT! FILL OUT THE FORM! WRITE A CHECK OR BRING CASH! TURN IN AT THE SCRIP TABLE ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH! COLLECT YOUR CARDS THE SECOND SUNDAY!

GET CREATIVE! THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX! ADD'L GIFT CARDS ON THE WEBSITE raiseright.com

**The Community Clothing Rack
Schedule**

1st Wednesday
Donations Accepted

2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays
Shoppers Welcome

2nd Thursday
Shoppers Welcome
6:00PM-8:00PM

5th Wednesday
CLOSED

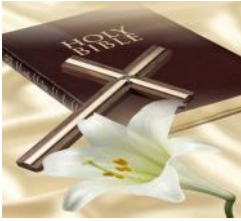
Hours
1:00PM-4:00PM

Summer Hours Only
June-August
9:00AM-12:00PM

Closed on all major holidays.
In the case of inclement weather,
Refer to Boyertown Area School district closure.
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Our mission is to serve Jesus Christ by providing
necessary clothing to the underserved.

www.StLukeGilbertsville.org

Readings for Personal Devotion



M Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24
T 1 Kings 8:54-65
W John 3:31-36
Th Numbers 16:41-50
F 1 Peter 3:21--4:11
Sa Psalm 131

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

The Rev. Dr. Eugene C. Zaiser, DMin.,
Pastor

Ms. LaRue Sheetz, Director of Music
Mrs. Karen J. Smith, Parish Secretary
Mrs. Catherine M. Yoder, Sexton

The Members of this Congregation are its
Ministers

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday
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I Will Worship

By David Ruis

I will worship (echo)

With all of my heart (echo)

I will praise You (echo)

With all of my strength (All my strength)

I will seek You (echo)

All of my days (echo)

I will follow (echo)

All of Your ways (All Your ways)

Chorus:

I will give You all my worship,

I will give You all my praise.

You alone I long to worship,

You alone are worthy of my praise.

I will bow down (echo)

Hail You as King (echo)

I will serve You (echo)

Give You everything (give You everything)

I will lift up (echo)

My eyes to Your throne (echo)

And I will trust You (echo)

I will trust You alone (Trust You alone)

Chorus

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Holy Love

By Andy Park

Many waters cannot quench Your love.
Rivers cannot overwhelm it.
Oceans of fear cannot conceal
Your love for me (Repeat) Your love for me.

Chorus

Holy love, flow in me.
Fill me up like the deepest sea
Like a crashing wave pouring over me.
Holy love, flow in me.

Many sorrows cannot quench Your love
Darkness cannot overwhelm it.
I will not fear, Your love is here
To comfort me (Repeat) You comfort me.

Chorus

Bridge

When I find You I find healing
When I find You I find peace
And I know that there's no river so wide
No mountain so high, no ocean so deep
That You can't part the sea.

Chorus

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Let the River Flow

By Darrell Evans

Let the poor man say I am rich in Him.
Let the lost man say I am found in Him.
Let the river flow.

Let the blind man say I can see again.
Let the dead man say I am born again.
Let the river flow. Let the river flow.

Chorus:

Let the river flow, let the river flow.
Holy Spirit come, move in power.
Let the river flow, let the river flow.

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Better is One Day

By Matt Redman

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty.
My soul longs and even faints for You.
For here my heart is satisfied, within Your presence.
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

Chorus:

Better is one day in Your courts,
Better is one day in Your house,
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere. (Repeat)
(Than thousands elsewhere.)

One thing I ask and I would seek; to see Your beauty,
To find You in the place Your glory dwells.

Chorus

Bridge:

My heart and flesh cry out for You, the living God;
Your Spirit's water for my soul.
I've tasted and I've seen, come once again to me;
I will draw near to You, I will draw near to You.

Chorus

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Light the Fire Again

By Brian Doerksen

Don't let my love grow cold
I'm calling out, light the fire again
Don't let my vision die
I'm calling out, light the fire again.

You know my heart, my deeds
I'm calling out, light the fire again
I need your discipline
I'm call out, light the fire again

I am here to buy gold
Refined in the fire
Naked and poor
Wretched and blind I come
Clothe me in white
So I won't be ashamed
Lord, light the fire again.

