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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

AS WE GATHER At the end of Jesus' talk to the disciples, He promises "I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you" (John 16:22). When we are filled with such joy, singing is inevitable. Much of today's worship has us singing a few (or all) of the stanzas of familiar hymns. Let us join the joyful multitude in heaven and earth!

PRE-SERVICE: *"The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)"* (Praise Team)
 "Doxology (Amen)" (Praise Team)

WELCOME & GREETING

OPENING SONG *"All Creatures Of Our God and King"*

Vs.1 *All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia*

Vs.2 *Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along
O praise Him alleluia
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia*

Vs. 3 *Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him alleluia
Praise praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit three in One
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia*

Ending *O alleluia alleluia
O alleluia alleluia
O alleluia alleluia
O alleluia alleluia alleluia*

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INVOCATION

Assistant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son I and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 98:1-2, 4

Assistant: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

People: **His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**

Assistant: The Lord has made known His salvation;

People: **He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

Assistant: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

People: **break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Assistant: We have come together to praise and thank God for His overwhelming grace and mercy. Singing and rejoicing are natural for us, but we cannot come to God with our sins and failures. Let us therefore confess our sins and ask for mercy for the sake of Christ

People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: God has called you to life, He has given His Son to pay for your sins, and He has given you and all believers in Christ the faith to trust all His promises. 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.

People: **Amen.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: **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. Amen.**

MONTHLY VERSE (John 10:27-28)

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.”

SONG

“Echo Holy”

Vs.1 *Gathered at the highest throne
Welcomed by a melody
An anthem I have always known
A song that's always been in me*

Pre-Chorus 1 *All glory and honor
Dominion and power
To You*

Chorus ***A million angels fall
Face down on the floor
All to echo holy is the Lord
My heart can't help but sing
With all of heaven roar
Forever echo holy is the Lord***

Tag *Oh oh
Forever echo holy is the Lord*

Vs.2 *Memorized by every heart
Written in eternity
Every lifted voice a part
Joining in the symphony*

Pre-Chorus 2 *All glory and honor
Dominion and power
To You
All wisdom and wonder
Belong to no other But You*

(Chorus)

Tag *Oh oh
Forever echo holy is the Lord*

Vs.3 *Standing at the end of time
There before the throne of grace
Majesty before my eyes
I'll let it take my breath away*

(Chorus-Repeat)

(Tag-Repeat)

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APOSTLES' CREED

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 30 (*The Choice of life and death.*)

“And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God has driven you, ² and return to the Lord your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul, ³ then the Lord your God will restore your fortunes and have mercy on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the Lord your God has scattered you. ⁴ If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there the Lord your God will gather you, and from there he will take you. ⁵ And the Lord your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, that you may possess it. And he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers. ⁶ And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live. ⁷ And the Lord your God will put all these curses on your foes and enemies who persecuted you. ⁸ And you shall again obey the voice of the Lord and keep all his commandments that I command you today. ⁹ The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your cattle and in the fruit of your ground. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, as he took delight in your fathers, ¹⁰ when you obey the voice of the Lord your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, when you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹ “For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ ¹⁴ But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

¹⁵ “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰ loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND READING *2 Timothy 3:14-17* (Christians! Continue in the Word!)

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

GOSPEL READING **John 14:1-7** *(I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life)*

"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."

SONG OF THE DAY *“God So Loved”*

Vs.1 *Come all you weary
Come all you thirsty
Come to the well that never runs dry
Drink of the water
Come and thirst no more*

Vs.2 *Come all you sinners
Come find His mercy
Come to the table He will satisfy
Taste of His goodness
Find what you're looking for*

Chorus 1 *For God so loved the world that He
gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live
forever*

Vs.3 *Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the
cross
Jesus is waiting there
With open arms*

Chorus 2 *For God so loved the world that He
gave us
His one and only Son to save us*

**Whoever believes in Him
will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the
world**

Bridge *Praise God praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him
For the wonders of His love
(Repeat)*

Chorus 3 *For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save*
(Chorus 2)

Vs.4 *Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the
cross
Jesus is waiting
God so loved the world*

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MESSAGE

ATTENDANCE /CONNECT TIME / OFFERING (Instrumental) “God So Loved” #75 Key of E

During this time, please sign the attendance book found in the pew or use your mobile device to fill out the Connect Card or submit prayer requests on our app or online at www.trinitymerrill.com/live. You can also visit our app or www.trinitymerrill.com/give to learn more about other ways to support the ministries at Trinity.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE & THE 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.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

"Sing Wherever I Go"

Chorus *All my life
All I know
God's been good
Good to my soul
Mountain high
Valley low
I'm gonna sing wherever I go*
(Repeat)

Vs.1 *God is for me
He's not against me
I will hold to the plans He has for me
When I'm broken
He will fix me
I will call on the name of the Lord*

(Chorus- sing one time)

Vs.2 *He's my heartsong
In my sorrow
He's my hope and my strength for tomorrow
When the storms rise
All around me
I will call on the name of the Lord*

Chorus (Sing 2X)

Bridge *I got joy joy joy
Deep in my soul*

Instrumental *I will sing sing sing
Wherever I go*

(Chorus (Sing 2X))

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Today's radio broadcast is sponsored in loving memory of Shirley and Clifford Pfingsten's wedding anniversary on May 16th by Holly & Gary Rauen.

The Flowers on the altar today are in celebration of the 40th wedding anniversary of Crystal and Brent Duwe and in celebration of the Confirmation of Aubrey Renzelmann by Brent & Crystal Duwe and Chris and Heather Renzelmann.

Join us on May 25th from 9:00-10:30 for a farewell pancake breakfast for Devan Arntson. Come join us in wishing them well on their new endeavor.

WE NEED YOUR HELP. We are looking for a few volunteers to assist us in setting up (and cleaning up after) and helping to serve for Devan and Julia's farewell breakfast. We are also looking for donations of coffee cakes, muffins and cinnamon rolls. If you are able to help, please call Sandra Mahn at 715-536-6646. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION! It's time for our records to be updated. In order to better communicate with you, we are asking each family to please fill out the contact information form found in the Narthex. Return the forms to the office or drop in the plate. Thank you!

Senior Recognition Service will be next Sunday, May 25th at the 10:30 church service. We encourage you to wear your cap and gown. Please call the church office so we know how many seniors will be joining us.

We are excited to announce our **Summer Care program for school-aged children!** This initiative is designed for kids who have finished Kindergarten through those who have completed 4th grade. We recognize the complexities of organizing your child's summer amidst vacations, sports, work commitments, and various activities, so we're giving you the flexibility to select the days that suit your schedule best! Trinity Summer Care is available Monday through Friday from 7:00am-5:00pm. Our Summer Care season will begin on Tuesday, May 27th and conclude on Friday, August 22nd. Enrollment is open and ends on May 10th! For questions or enrollment information, please contact our Summer Care Director, Erin McKeen at erin.mckeen@tismerrill.com.

We are looking for your help. Are you retired and willing to give up an hour or two on Monday mornings? We are looking for individuals to help count offerings on Monday mornings (8:00 AM). If this is something you might enjoy, give the office a call (715-536-5482) and join our team of church volunteers. Thank you for considering.

A Note to those who attend Diane Kreager's Bible study on Wednesday's at 1:00. Our last day of Bible Study for summer months will be May 28th. We will resume in the Fall. Thank you and May you be blessed with a wonderful summer.

The last Chapel service for Trinity School will be on Friday, May 23rd (Last Day of School) at 8:10 AM. We welcome parents and grandparents and our congregation to join us as we close our last day of school for the year with our final chapel service.

REMINDER: The Church office will be closed on Monday, May 26, in honor, recognition and in memory of those gone before us. (Memorial Day)

Our **Ladies Aid** will be having their picnic for all Ladies Aid members on June 18th. Talk to Fern for more information.

NOTICE TO ALL CONGREGATION MEMBERS....

A very important Congregational Open Forum concerning our Governance and changes to our Constitution and Bylaws will be held on Sunday, June 8th between services at 9:00 AM

PLEASE ATTEND!



The flyer features a decorative border on the left side composed of various plaid patterns in shades of blue, red, and green, separated by a vertical strip of white lace. The main text is in a mix of elegant script and clean sans-serif fonts. It announces a retirement celebration for Laura Marnholtz, with a recognition service on June 1st at 8am. It also provides details for a larger event on June 1st, 2025, at 12:30 at Merrill Town Hall, including the address and an RSVP deadline of May 21. Two QR codes are included: one for RSVPing and another for sharing photos in a slideshow.

Join Us
for
A Retirement Celebration
in honor of
Laura Marnholtz
Recognition service: June 1, at the
8am service

When: June 1, 2025 @ 12:30
Where: Merrill Town Hall
(W4594 Progress Ave, Merrill, WI 54452)
RSVP by May 21

RSVP by scanning this QR code or calling the church office at 715-536-5482.

Scan this QR code to share photos for a photo slideshow.