

Trinity Lutheran Church
(Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod)
201 South Pleasant Avenue
Centralia, IL 62801



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 16th & 17th, 2026
5:30pm & 8:30 am

Pastor James Hennig

Church: 618-532-2614

Website: www.trinitycentralia.org

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MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER AS YOU ENTER THE LORD'S HOUSE
Divine Service 4

OPENING HYMN: "How Firm a Foundation" LSB 728

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

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

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily

and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

C

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Psalm 51:1–12

P Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

C **according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

P Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

C **and cleanse me from my sin!**

P For I know my transgressions,

C **and my sin is ever before me.**

P Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

C **so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.**

P Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,

C **and in sin did my mother conceive me.**

P Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,

C **and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**

P Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

C **wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

P Let me hear joy and gladness;

C **let the bones that you have broken rejoice.**

P Hide your face from my sins,

C **and blot out all my iniquities.**

P Create in me a clean heart, O God,

C **and renew a right spirit within me.**

P Cast me not away from your presence,

C **and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

P Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

C **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

ALL Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

KYRIE

LSB 204

C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 204

C 1 To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 36:22-28

²²“Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. ²⁴I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my just decrees. ²⁸You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.”

P **This is the Word of the Lord.**

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

Psalm 47:8; John 14:18a, 28; 16:22b

Alleluia. God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.
Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I am going away, and I
will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice. Alleluia.

EPISTLE

1 Peter 4:7-11

⁷The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE

LSB 205

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

C These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:26–16:4

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁶[Jesus said:] “When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. ²⁷And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. ¹⁴”

have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. ²They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. ³And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. ⁴But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. “I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings” LSB 782

SERMON: Pastor Hennig
TEXT: Psalm 51:1-12
TITLE: "The Happiest Sadness"

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.

P For boldness among God's children through the resurrection of Christ from the dead;.....let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.....

OFFERING

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.
C And with you.

P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels

and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 208

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the
glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to
the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of
the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

209

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all
creation, for You have had mercy on us and given
Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in
Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been
sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us
from bondage to sin and death, and by His
resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in
Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth,
faithfully eating His body given into death and
drinking His life's blood poured out for our
salvation until we pass through death to the
promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has
taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 209

ALL 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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 209

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

LSB 209

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

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- 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away; S
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**
- 2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;**

**Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

DISTRIBUTION AND DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“You Are the Way; through You Alone” LSB 526
“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” LSB 637
“Thine Forever, God of Love” LSB 687

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 211

C

**1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.**

**2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

LSB 212

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Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be
gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give
you peace.

C Amen.

HYMN TO DEPART

“Son of God, Eternal Savior” LSB 842

In the Lord’s Service Today

Elders: Keith Phelps & Dale Mattmiller

Organists: Sherry Wessel

Ushers: 5:30-Roger; 8:30- Kurt & Jordan

Acolyte:

Scripture of the Week

John 1:12 To all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave
the right to become children of God

Attendance for 5/10/2026

Worship 85 Communion 63

Pastor: James Hennig

Principal: Mr. Larry Urban

Services: Saturday - 5:30 p.m. & Sunday - 8:30 a.m.

Website: www.trinitycentralia.org

Sunday School: PS-5th Grade – 10:00 am / Adult Bible Study & Youth – 10:00 am
School: 618-532-5434 Church: 618-532-2614 CORLHS: 618-226-3315

Trinity Prayer Needs

Ongoing Prayers: Connie Hensley, Willis Ahrens, Michael Stalter (Sylvia Mahle brother), Sarah Morgan, Morgan Barrall, Arleen Crouse, Karen Crouse, Jody Laszewski, Mark Miller, Marlene Jolliff, Marilyn Stull, Ruby Harms, Francee Kasten, Sue Miller, Mike Malone, Larry Shook, Pastor Mark Girardin, Karilyn Stull, Elza Allen, Diane Schefelker, Bruce Myers, Alicia Purcell, Rhonda Mayer, Sally Eilers, Gary Sanders, Betty Campbell, Gary Benjamin, Wayne Dersch – grandson of Phyllis Harmening, Sarah Oestrich, Shirley Koelling, Connie Cole

Prayers for All Firefighters, Law Enforcement, Officers, EMS Personnel. National, state and local government leaders and all those that serve our country. Those struggling with drug & alcohol addictions & mental illnesses and their family members. For all unborn children.

Prayers for the Military Personnel: Sgt. Richard Cummins, Air Force, Germany, Brock Hawes, Marines, AZ, Chp. (CPT) Ryan Mills, Army, CO, Sgt. Brennon Blair, Army, Fort Moore, GA, Greg Mullins, Army, Fayetteville, NC, and Sgt. Ronnie Laughhunn, Marines, USA, Miles Burrus, Air National Guard, deployed

Prayers for all graduates. 8th grade Avery Arnold and those who graduated from high school and college

LIFE QUOTE May 17 “We are no longer terrified sinners but God’s own children because of what Jesus has done for us. And so, the Day of Judgment becomes good news for us—because it is the day when the One we love most returns to bring us home in peace.” *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

LIFE THOUGHT May 17 –The Seventh Sunday of Easter – The Israelites, through their idolatry, profaned God’s holy name. Yet in Ezekiel 36, God acts, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to bring the sinner back to Himself through repentance and faith. He cleanses them from every uncleanness and gives them a new heart. The sin of abortion profanes God’s holy name. But there is hope and healing in Christ for those who have been haunted by the sin of abortion. Like the psalmist, the sinner cries out, “Have mercy on me, O God ... wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin!” (Psalm 51). And He does. Through the blood of Jesus Christ, sin is covered, forgiveness is given, and life is restored. As those who have received “the Spirit of Truth” (John 15), we endeavor to speak the truth about life issues, to uphold the value and dignity of human life, and to “keep loving one another earnestly,” since “the end of all things is at hand” (1 Peter 4).

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME to our church family, we're glad that you could come! We're honored to share this day with you as we worship God's risen Son. We hope that God touches your life as we worship side by side and that you leave this place today with the peace of God inside.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP – Just a reminder, please make sure you are **signing** the Ritual of Friendship Books in the pews for your attendance.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – on Sunday after the church service in All Purpose Room. We will study the “Gospel of Matthew”. Please join us!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASSES – In the Word Bible Study is at 10 AM. The 6:30 PM Bible Study have begun.

MEN’S BIBLE STUDY- Will meet on **Wednesday** mornings at 6 AM in the All Purpose Room. We invite all the men to join us.

PRAYER PARTNERS- meet every Wednesday from 8 to 8:15 for prayer before chapel

ADULT CLASSES-Are being held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm in the multi-purpose room with Pastor Hennig.

SUNDAY SCHOOL -Children ages 3 through 5th grades meet in the east Pre-School classroom from 9:45 to 10:45am.

YOUTH GROUP- The high school youth meets every Tuesday night at 7pm at The Griffin’s House. If you have any questions or would love to attend, please let Judy know at 618-322-0205.

WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE - Ways to Contribute your offering for 2026.

1. Mail a check into the Church Office. 2. Drop your offering off at the office Monday thru Friday between 8 am – 3:30 pm. If you have any questions, please feel free to call at (618) 532-2614.

YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER- are collecting empty ink jets to recycle them. The box is located in the all -purpose room to drop them in.

The BOCE has had some questions regarding our **“You Can Make a Difference” donations**. Checks should be made out to Trinity Lutherans School. Any contributions given by Trinity members will be credited to your yearly giving totals. Any further questions or suggestions contact the school office or Nancy Freels (618-322-6788 or nlfreels@gmail.com). Remember: There are so many ways YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE by volunteering. Come see what God is doing at TLS!

NEW YOUNG ADULT BIBLE CLASS: Young Adults (high School through age 30+ are invited to come together for Bible Study at 9:45 am in the Fellowship Hall. See you there. Judy Griffin

TECH HELP: If you would like to learn how to run the screens and PowerPoint for worship services, please meet in the balcony on Tuesday, May 12th at 3:30 pm. If you are interested in learning, but are unable to attend at that time, please contact Christina DeBoard. Thank you!

CHAPEL SERVICES: The final chapel service of the school year will be held on **THURSDAY**, May 21st at 11:15 am. Everyone is invited to attend this closing chapel service.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH CENTRALIA is seeking a school secretary for the 2026-2027 school year. If interested, please contact our school office at 618-532-5434 for additional details.

CONGRATULATIONS to our 8th grade graduate, Avery Arnold, and to all high school and college graduates. Remember them in your prayers as they move on to the next phase of their lives.

Giving Statement for week 5/11/2026

General donations needed weekly	\$12,165.19
Received 5/11//2026	\$5,754.00
Short for week	(\$6,411.19)

Needed year to date	\$498,772.79
Received year to date	\$339,628.91
Short for year	\$(159,143.88)

Memorials

Backs	\$1,100.00
Knolhoff	\$935.00
Rueter	\$50.00
Blue	\$25.00
Doug Schmidt	\$50.00
Don Schroeder	\$100.00
Jerome Rakers	\$200.00
Rochelle Carder	\$500.00
Lorren Abernathy	\$ 2120.00
Beradine Liefer	\$200.00
Donald Glenn	\$125.00

The Lord's Supper

Trinity Lutheran Church is a member congregation of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. As such, we believe teach and confess, with our words and actions; that The Bible, The Word of God, is the only source and norm for our doctrine (teaching) and practice. As we observe the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper, we believe, teach and confess, (as stated in Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-25, Luke 22:14-20, and 1Corinthians chapters 10-12) The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present, in, with, and under the bread and wine, and are given for the forgiveness of sins.

1 Corinthians also teaches that one should examine themselves before they approach the Altar to receive these gifts. This examination includes the confession that, in receiving The Lord's Supper from this altar, one receives Christ Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins. This confession also includes agreement of the entire body of doctrine (teaching) that this church body (The LCMS) holds to. We believe this is what is meant by the, "unity of faith", spoken of in 1 Corinthians.

We therefore ask you; if you are not a confirmed member of Trinity Lutheran, or a fellow Missouri Synod congregation, please set a time to speak with our pastor, or one of our elders. If you would like to receive a blessing, please come to the altar and cross your arms over your chest and the pastor will give you a blessing.

A most excellent form of examination, which is good for anyone to review at all times, can be found on pages 329-330 in Lutheran Service Book. There are also many helpful prayers found on the inside front cover.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with the Pastor. May God bless you and keep you.



BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

The Pregnancy Care Clinic is so grateful for your participation in the Baby Bottle Fundraiser! As we continue the mission of compassion and care, we invite you to be a part of something truly impactful.

Here's how it works: Around 2,000 bottles are being distributed to various churches in our community. These bottles symbolize more than just containers; they represent hope, support, and the potential for transformation. We encourage you to fill these bottles with change, cash, and even checks. **Return the bottle to your church on Fathers Day, June 21.** Every contribution has the power to make a significant difference in the lives of the clients that come to the PCC for help.

The PCC is dedicated to providing education, care, and support to pregnant women, new dads, and their families. Services include free testing, ultrasounds, abortion pill reversal, and a dad's mentoring program. We strive to ensure that every client receives the help they need as they navigate the journey of pregnancy and parenthood.

This funding not only provides crucial financial backing to the Clinic but also sends a powerful message of support and compassion to those facing unexpected pregnancies. You can help make a meaningful impact and empower expecting moms and dads to embrace the journey ahead with confidence and strength.

Let's transform spare change into life-changing opportunities by making a positive impact and spreading the hope of Jesus' love. Together, we can make a world of difference, one bottle at a time.



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