

Announcements

-Worship in July & August: Outdoor worship continues, alternating with fully-online worship. Currently, outdoor worship is scheduled for July 26, August 9, and August 23. Safety guidelines include social distancing, wearing masks, and modified worship. Full details are in the July Newsletter or online at trinitytipton.org/outdoor-worship/.

-The Women's Circle is collecting supplies for Lutheran World Relief's annual school kits drive. You can contribute any or all of the supplies needed for each kit: 4 70-sheet notebooks (wide- or college-ruled), 1 30-centimeter ruler, 1 pencil sharpener, 1 pair safety scissors, 5 unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, 5 black or blue ballpoint pens, 1 box of crayons (16- or 24-count), 1 2.5" eraser

-Holy Communion is part of our worship today, so be sure to grab what you need before worship. If you'd like a communion home visit, please let Pastor Beth know.

-Online connection opportunities: Zoom Fellowship today at 11am

(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/601353237?pwd=YjhXSE5rZ2hPaUg1SlIzMUNMNVI2dz09>)

or Sip & Scripture on Wednesdays at 7:30pm

(<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86015279481?pwd=b0o4SEwrZUxUZIYweWVyNU5WMy91QT09>)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,

so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN - ELW 531 *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing*

The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is ready to begin.
The gates of heav'n are open wide, and Jesus welcomes you inside.

Refrain:

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.
Take your place at the table of the King.
The feast is ready to begin;
the feast is ready to begin.

Tables are laden with good things; oh, taste the peace and joy he brings.
He'll fill you up with love divine; he'll turn your water into wine.

Refrain

The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the poor his paradise.
Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud the amazing goodness of the Lord.

Refrain

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, you enable your church to mighty and powerful deeds in the name of Jesus Christ. Continually guide us to use your gifts for good, that above all we might do the powerful work of forgiving and loving the lost.

Amen.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Refrain

WORD

Acts 9:32-43

The miraculous healings done by Jesus continue among the believers. In this reading, we hear how Peter raised Tabitha from death, and how beloved Tabitha was to her community.

Now as Peter went here and there among all the believers, he came down also to the saints living in Lydda. There he found a man named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years, for he was paralyzed. Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Christ heals you; get up and make your bed!" And immediately he got up. And all the residents of Lydda and Sharon saw him and turned to the Lord.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

SERMON

Do you remember when Jesus spoke to the disciples for a long time after the Last Supper, way back in John's gospel? He told them that they would "do greater things" than he had, all because the Holy Spirit was coming to empower them.

Peter sure seems to do that here! He heals a man who has been paralyzed for eight years and raises Tabitha from the dead. Amazing, right?

And yet, Peter isn't the only one who does amazing signs. Did you hear about Tabitha? She was devoted to good works and charity. She clothed dozens of people. Now, if I want new clothes, I just wander into the nearest mall and find nearly endless options. Or I go online and find truly endless options. I have summer clothes and winter clothes, dress clothes and work clothes. You probably do, too. 2000 years ago, only the very wealthy had excess clothing. Everyday people had just enough. Clothing was expensive and hard to come by.

Tabitha worked hard to make sure that there was enough clothing to go around. She dedicated her life to meeting a need in her community.

Which is more remarkable? The power of the Holy Spirit healing or the power of the Holy Spirit giving determination to tirelessly work to meet someone else's needs? The power

to be well-known as Peter was, or beloved as Tabitha was? When we hear that we'll be able to do great things in the power of the Holy Spirit, what do we imagine? It is great, hard, and holy work to care selflessly for others. It is great, hard, and holy work to forgive others. It is great, hard, and holy work to create a community where all are loved. Yet, I am convinced that's our call right now. How will we give up ourselves in order to care for our neighbors? Now there's a sign that would bring glory to God and encouragement to the world around us.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Be Glorified



1 In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
 2 In our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
 3 In your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
 4 In your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;



in my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
 in our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
 in your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
 in your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

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PRAYERS

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We pray for the church. Sustain us as we share your word. Embrace us as we struggle to find our common ground. Let your Spirit empower us to bring glory to your name and a witness to the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the well-being of creation. Protect the air, water, and land from misuse and neglect. Protect us from natural disaster and provide seasonable weather. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for all in need. For those who lack clothing, shelter, or food. For those who long for healing of body and spirit. For all who are tired, feeling despair, sick, or oppressed, especially those we name aloud or in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for this congregation. May we continue to be your church in the midst of change. Give us eyes to see your hand at work in our congregation, and give us faith to follow where you lead.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for those who have died in faith. Welcome them into your eternal rest and comfort us in our grief until we are joined with them in new life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us join together in the prayer Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

This week, share the peace of Christ by doing something selfless for other people.

OFFERING

God has given to each of us- our selves, our time, and our possessions. God gives the warmth of summer sun, the comfort of a phone call from a loved one, the reassurance of prayer. What God has given to us, God expects us to share. If you are in a position to make a contribution to support our congregation's ministry, you can mail your check to the church; the mail is being checked regularly. Thank you for your support.

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem small, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Let all that we offer be in service to you to the glory of the risen Christ. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Gathered in a home, the disciples received Jesus' promise that the bread and cup was his presence with them. In our homes, we gather around smaller tables, trusting that Jesus Christ is with us and the grace of this meal reaches us here.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took the bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples and said: Take; eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way he also took the cup after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying, Take and drink. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

Special Music- Hymn of Promise

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SENDING HYMN

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies



1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer-cy's beams I see,
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;



Day - spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

In our prayers this week:

Millie Mracek (Sally Kruse's great-niece, cancer treatment)

Our members in nursing homes or assisted living: Ron & Carolyn Belitz, Sharon Hein, Marge Seebeck, Betty Thumma, Delores Werling

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