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10:00am

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

Amen.

* **THE GATHERING HYMN:** #398
Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

* **THE EASTER GREETING**

P: Alleluia, Christ is Risen

C: Christ is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

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.

* **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 17:22-31

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we, too, are his offspring.'²⁹ "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 66:8-20

⁸ Bless our God, you peoples;

let the sound of praise be heard.

⁹ **Our God has kept us among the living
and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us;

you have tried us just as silver is tried.

¹¹ **You brought us into the net;**

you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

¹² You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*** THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Merciful God,
Receive our prayer.

*** THE PEACE**

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

**THE OFFERING
SPECIAL MUSIC**

*** THE OFFERTORY: Let the Vineyards #184**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

*** THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

Risen Christ, Living Word, you are the bread of life that nourishes and sustains us. By the power of your Word, dwell in our hearts and reveal to us again that we are the body of Christ: in our vulnerable flesh, through our baptism into your death and resurrection, and in service to the world you love. Be for us manna in the wilderness. Open us to recognize you in every meal and in all who hunger for bread, for human touch, and for healing and hope. We pray in your name, our healer and companion.
Amen.

*** 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.

THE SENDING

*** THE BLESSING**

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

*** THE SENDING SONG**

#449

We Know That Christ is Raised

* **THE DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS


A SPECIAL WELCOME to all the Mothers and those who give Motherly care who are with us this morning!

SUNDAY SCHOOL is in session every Sunday at 9:00am. We look forward each week to sharing the good news with the children.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP: Everyone is invited and welcome to attend our Sunday Worship at 10 AM every Sunday. Our blended worship takes place normally on the 4th Sunday each month with our contemporary band Voices That Reign leading us in song.

BIRTHDAY FELLOWSHIP and LOUD OFFERING take place on the first Sunday of each month. We recognize those who celebrate their birthday that month and also pass *Philip the Bucket* to collect spare change to help those in need.

PLEASE CALL the church office (609-387-1202) whenever a family member, neighbor, or friend who is a member of Holy Trinity is hospitalized or moves from one hospital to another.

 **SCHOLARSHIPS:** Holy Trinity is so blessed to be able to offer Scholarships to our youth and adults continuing their education at colleges and trade schools. If you are interested in applying please go to our website to find out more information. The deadline for applications is Sunday, May 18, 2025.

HOW CAN I HELP: If you are looking to get more involved, or maybe just help the church out with a special need or repair, please see the sign in the back of the Narthex or on the bulletin board downstairs. Every little bit helps to sustain our church and the mission of spreading the good news of our Lord and Savior.

Serving Today: May 10, 2026

Acolyte: Allyson Schmalz

Lector: Laura Poethke

Usher: Bonnie Mazza & Amber Johnson

Musician: David May

Sound Board: Amber Johnson

Serving Next Week: May 17, 2026

Communion Assistant: Ferol Howell

Acolyte: TBD

Lector: Hank Bariexca

Ushers: Bonnie Mazza & Steve Anderson

Musician: Ryan Peiffer

Sound Board: Bonnie Mazza

IF YOU ENJOY BASEBALL

NEW JERSEY SYNOD YOUTH MINISTRY MISSION

TEAM: Somerset Patriots vs. Binghamton Rumble Ponies, Saturday, June 13 @7:05pm. Gates open at 6pm. Tickets are \$10.00 each. With each purchased ticket, you will also receive a \$10 food and beverage gift card. For more information see Laura Poethke after worship.

TRENTON THUNDER FAITH AND FAMILY GAME:

Saturday, July 25 @ 6pm We have once again ordered 20 tickets for Holy Trinity to be a part of this special event. The tickets are \$8.00 each. If you would like to reserve tickets please see Bonnie or call the office. Tickets must be paid for when you reserve them.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DONATIONS: Karin Schmalz will be collecting school supplies to help students the 2026-27 school year. She will be collecting them July 19– August 23. Please see bulletin board for a list of items needed.

ONE DAY VBS JESUS IS HOLY: Saturday August 15, 2026 from 10am-2pm. Please see Laura Poethke or Karin Schmalz for more information.

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

Today: 9:00am Sunday School
10:00am Worship

Tuesday: 7:00—9:00pm Burlington Book Club

Wednesday 5:00-7:00PM Sisters of Sobriety

Friday: 7:00- 10:00PM AA

Saturday: 9:00am Holderman Celebration of Life

Next Sunday: 9:00am Sunday School
10am: Worship

