

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 7:45 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit.

Welcome all visitors! We welcome all who worship with us. May the joy of Christ's presence and the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace and hope! We are honored by your presence and trust that you will join us in the praise and worship of God. Please sign our guest book in the narthex. If you are interested in church membership, please give your name and telephone number to Pastor Rankin.

Welcome to the Eucharist! All who seek to follow Jesus and who seek the gifts Jesus offers us are invited to share in this sacrament of Holy Communion. Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.

Prayer As You Enter: Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY



TRINITY U.C.C. VISION STATEMENT:

All will know the love of God through the teachings of Jesus!!

Trinity U.C.C. is called by God to:

- --Share God's love with our community
- --Serve God's children
- --Bring healing and wholeness to those in need
- --Share the Gospel in liturgy, music and study

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

CALL TO WORSHIP

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

We are together today because Christ has claimed us. We are called to be the body of Christ in today's world.

Who are we to make such a claim? Who would see Jesus Christ when they look at us?

It is not our claim that brings us together. The church is not our private club.

We are not here just for ourselves, for our own needs. We are drawn together by a larger purpose.

We have been called by Christ for a mission. The gathered community is sent out into the world.

We are here to be equipped for ministry. We have been chosen as apostles of good news.

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

CONFESSION OF SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

By our baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ, God has raised us to new life.

Let us confess to God our sins and all that waits for resurrection in our lives. (SEATED OR KNEELING)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us repent of our sin and claim the promise of God.

God of love, in our failure to keep your commandments we have clung to the old life of sin within us. We have not loved you with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Free us from the power of sin, guide us by your Spirit, and help us in our weakness, that we may live as your children, restored to new life; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

ADORATION AND PRAISE

ACT OF PRAISE

O God, open my lips.

And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Let us pray the collect together.

Eternal God, revealed to us in ways we can begin to understand through Jesus Christ, show us now what you expect of us as we seek the unity for which Jesus prayed. May we find joy in your word as we share it with others. May we discover your truth that unites us with all your children everywhere in acts of self-giving love that bring us closer to your realm. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

THE PSALTER

Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers,

But their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

The wicked are not so but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,

For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, But the way of the wicked will perish.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 5:9-13

God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God and has the promise of eternal life.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. John 17:6-19

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death-his prayer for his disciples and for all who would believe in him through their words.

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

"Living in God's Kingdom" (PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

Pastor Rankin

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and 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.

PEOPLE'S OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Here, O God, is some of the abundance you have allowed us to manage for you while we are on this earth. May it be enough to draw us closer to you and to all whom we seek to help. May our hearts follow our treasure into growing devotion to your truth and expanded commitment to the unity in love that Jesus sought for all your children. Bless this offering, and increase our joy in giving; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life and for abiding love which brings us close to you, the source of all blessing. We give you thanks that in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, born of Mary, to live in our midst, to share in our suffering, and to accept the pain of death at the hands of those whom Jesus loved. We rejoice that in a perfect victory over the grave you raised Christ with power to become sovereign in your realm. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to gather your church by which your work may be done in the world and through which we share the gift of eternal life. With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name.

Holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God, Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

We boldly proclaim: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE HOST & POURING OF THE CUP

As this grain was once scattered in the fields, and has come together in one bread, so we, with different needs and hopes, come together as one, for we share one bread.

The Bread of Life, broken for us.

The cup which we share is the cup of the New Covenant written in our hearts and witnessed by Jesus.

The Cup of Blessing, poured out for us and for the many.

RESURRECTION ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is offered for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

(Those who wish to come forward will be invited by the pastor. The pastor will serve you the host, saying, "The Body of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" The assistant will present you with the cup, saying, "The Blood of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" Grape juice is in the chalice with the cross and wine is in the other chalice. If you need the pastor and assistant to come to you, please indicate that to someone near you or the pastor. If you do not wish to come forward, you are invited to use the packaged elements in the narthex and commune in your pew. The pastor will offer a blessing everyone has communed. Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.)

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

You sanctify us in your truth; your word is truth. Send your church out into the world to spread your love and joy. Embolden all pastors, elders, and deacons to be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Your creation groans under the strain of pollution. Preserve melting glaciers and dwindling forests. Bolster those who work for climate justice and help us all to be good and faithful stewards of your creation. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

For the nation and those who govern: for all countries, regions, and people in crisis or at war. Bring your peace on earth, in our homes, and in our hearts. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your children need your loving care. Protect them from all harm. Comfort those in any affliction. Support those who grieve and bring solace to those near death. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

Your Spirit lives within us here. Inspire the work of this congregation and unite us as one. Bless all the mothers in our midst, console those for whom this day is difficult, and gather us all under the care of your loving wings. God of grace, hear our prayer.

SILENT PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers are given by the family and friends of Don & Pat Miller: "It feels like they got married when the Old Testament was written, but it has only been 65 good years! Congrats to Don and Pat Miller!"

The Worship Aids are given by Lainie & Rich Christensen in memory of our kind, loving mothers Shirley Wolfe & Barbara Christensen.

Ministering Today

Pastor Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin

Lector Diane Rice

Money Counters Nevin Cooley, Steve Shenk, Pat Sensenig, Cherie

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Altar Guild Charlene Cristy, Anita Rohrer, Nancy Enders

KoinoniaBuilding TrusteeMinistriesKopp/RankinDave ConnorCard SOT Choir

Called to Care Betty Tyndall Visitation Marlyn Wible

Happy Birthday!

Today – Emilia Derstler, Jeff Hackenberger

Monday – Karen Olley, John Shelsky

Tuesday – Erika Otthofer

Wednesday - Troy Portser

Thursday – Iris DeMaio

Saturday – Leo Daly, Alexa Garrett, Denise Gobrecht, David Krantz

Worship Attendance, May 5 7:45-20 10:30-81 TOTAL - 101

Sunday School Attendance 21

This Week at Trinity Church

(Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-2 p.m.)

Monday 7:00 PM – SOT Choir/8:15 PM Bells

7:00 PM – Grief Group—Choir Room

Tuesday 7:00 PM – Property Committee—Isenberg Hall

Wednesday 12:30 PM – Preschool Staff Luncheon

Thursday 2:00 PM – CROP Walk Meeting---Isenberg Hall

6:30 PM – Cub Scouts

7:00 PM – Preschool Board---Choir Room

Saturday 8:00 PM – Alanon/ - AA Sunday 7:45 AM – Eucharist

9:00 AM – Sunday School

10:00 AM - Koinonia 10:30 AM - Eucharist

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S HEALING PRESENCE

MEMBERS

Joan Sensenig Hillary Bossert-Davis George & Ellie Latsha Jack Olley Denise Huggins Hedwig Hunsicker

Bob & Marlyn Wible Don & Pat Miller Nancy Patton

Dr. Janet Harriger Joann Peck Harry Himelwright
The Lehman family Mary Lou Shaab Scott & Jane Owens

Donna Wolf & Family Erika Otthofer Carmen & Jerry Richards

Stan & Pat Seachrist

Rev. Dave & Mid Gockley

Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser

Sam Minder III

Hank Fox

Donna Zirkel

Rev. Ken Trauger

Betty Tyndall and family Michael McDonough Kathleen Sensenig Adams Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline Ron Becker Danielle Huggins Holbein

Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman Dr. Blaine Connor Joann & Dawn Garvin Dr. Parry & Claire Miller Shelly Family Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman

FAMILY & FRIENDS

The family of Mary Witmer

The family of Janet Owens (sister-in-law of Scott & Jane Owens)

Quinn McCarty (grandson of Bud & Kathy McCarty)

Ken Hoshauer (husband of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)

Kurt Kalbach (brother of Dr. Cathy Houshauer)

Tuyet Nguyen (husband of Pat & Stan Seachrist's granddaughter)

Mary Call (mother of Rev. Dr. Carrie Call)

Art Cobb (nephew of John & Dolly Barr)

The Herr Family (A Trinity Preschool Family)

Sharon Brown (sister of Sandy DeLong)

Chris Rice (nephew of Diane Rice & Karen Olley)

Sally & Joe Carrol (friend of Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman)

Kurt McEllhemmey (relative of Betty Tyndall)

Mary Ann Hess (friend of Betty Tyndall)

Grace Collier (friend of Pat & Stan Seachrist)

David Brown (nephew of Shelley & Mike Wagner)

Marshawn Howse (grandson of Dave & Noreen Trostle)

Elizabeth Trostle (mother of Dave Trostle)

Norma Mallard (friend of Gail Kogut)

Annette Stork (niece of Pat Sensenig)

Logan Davis (husband of Hillary Bossert-Davis)

Brian & Liz Culp (son and daughter-in-law of Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman)

Jean Weglarz (neighbor of Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline)

Melby Bush (friend of Joan Sensenig)

Harvey & Dianne Sick (friends of Judy Chapman)

Aaron Flickinger (nephew of Pat & Joan Sensenig)

Tom Riley (friend of Bud McCarty)

Rev. Loy Garber (former seminarian)

Roland Anderson and family (friends of John & Kayla Brennan)

Gina McCarty (daughter-in-law of Bud & Kathy McCarty)

The Bruno family (friends of Blaine Connor)

John Martin (brother-in-law of Dolly & John Barr)

Kelly Quick (friend of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen)

Marianne Gibble (friend of Trinity)

James Malone & family

Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner)

Chad Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel)

Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig)

Don Pfeiffer (husband of Denise Pfeiffer)

Jake & Jean Otthofer (parents of Dan Otthofer)

The Martin family

Robert Richards (brother of Jerry Richards)

Ronald Himelwright (grandson of Brenda & Harry Himelwright)

Barry Richards (son of Jerry & Carmen Richards)

Tyler Miller (grandson of Iris DeMaio)

Joan Kalbach (mother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)

Jim & Kathy Long (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards)

John Siebern (Bob Siever's brother-in-law)

Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law)

THE MAY PARISH POST is available in the information racks on both floors of the church building.

DEVOTIONALS: The April-June edition of These Days are available on the table across from the church office or on the lower level by the portico entrance.

PRAYER SHAWL: The Prayer Shawl will meet Tuesday, May 21 from 1:00-3:00 PM. They will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month! Come and bring a friend. Hope to see many of you there! Contact Betty Tyndall for more information.

PENTECOST SUNDAY: Don't forget to wear red, orange, or yellow on May 19 as we celebrate Pentecost.



ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES: If someone is graduating in your family, please submit their name, school, and future plans with the church office ASAP!

KOINONIA/SUNDAYMORNING FELLOWSHIP: We are in need of koinonia sponsors for May 26! Volunteers are asked to provide light refreshments. The sign-up sheet is on the kitchen counter. If you have any questions, contact Paula Dennes. Coffee is always available between 7:45 service and Sunday School.

TRINITY PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER: We have 24 coupons left! The cost is \$8 per coupon. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table across from the church office. Make checks payable to Trinity Preschool and put in the white box outside the church office.



May 23, 1:30 PM

Look for the sign-up sheet across from the church office!!!

2024 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS: Upcoming dates for worship aids are: June 2, 9, & 16. Upcoming dates for Chancel Flowers are June 2, 23 & 30. The price for flowers is \$60. The price for worship aids is \$26. Look for the charts on the bulletin board in the narthex or call Carol in the church office.

LIFE LINE SCREENING IS ON JUNE 1. Look for information sheets on the table across from the church office!





August 12, 9am-2pm

SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

The warmer days of the Summer Camp season are right around the corner! Camp registration is open and ready for you to start planning your summer around weeks at Kirchenwald & Nawakwa! There are a wide range of camps this summer for all ages — kindergarteners through high schoolers, families, adults, and older folks. There is the 2nd annual Hartman Center Homecoming Camp (July 28-August 3). Look for more information in the Parish Post or on the table across from the church office. Contact Anne Rankin for more information!

As you know, Penn Central Conference pays 50% of camp registration fees. You can help send campers from Trinity by contribution to our Camp Scholarship Fund. Place your contribution in your weekly offering envelope and mark the special designation box with "Camp Scholarship".

UPCOMING EVENTS More Information - https://www.lutherancamping.org/events/

Lutheran Camping Night at Harrisburg Senators at FNB Field - May 17, 2024

Summer Camp Kick-off Worship & Picnic at Kirchenwald - May 19, 2024



VBS 2024

Trinity UCC, 2340 State St., East Petersburg www.trinityeastpete.org 717-569-1632

July 15 - 18 6:30-8:30 PM July 19 6:30 PM Closing Program

Caretaker And Me Class - Under Five With Caretaker
Children's Classes - Five Through Finished Sixth Grade
Youth Volunteers - Contact Mrs. Slechta
Through stories, crafts, games, and music, "Reach For The Stars" reminds us that things that seem impossible to us, are possible with God.

Rev. Esbenshade will facilitate the teen/adult class. Studying the book, "*Tradition In Crisis*" by Peter Schmiechen, the class will examine how "Now is the time to reclaim the church based on the grace and community of Christ."

Offerings and Projects To Be Donated To Habitat For Humanity

Register through the VBS/Rally Day Page at www.trinityeastpete.org



Look for the yellow VBS Volunteer Sign-Up Sheets on the table outside office.

Books for the adult class are available in the church office!!

Save the Dates: Be sure to mark these dates on your calendars.

<u>Lancaster Stormers Game (formerly Barnstormers)</u> <u>May 31, 2024</u>

Stormers vs. Charleston Dirty Birds

The cost is \$35 (ticket, suite rental, endless buffet for 90 minutes, gratuity). Children from ages 4-18 will be covered by our Youth Ministry account and those under 4 are free. You can sign-up by contacting Carol in the church office. We will

need a \$15 deposit when you sign-up!

A NEW STORM IS HERE

SEASON... NEW LOOK...
WINNING MENTALITY





Join us at the Caddy Shack in Manheim for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and mini-golf will follow! You can attend either lunch or golf or you can do both! The golf game will be paid by the church, but lunch is on your own! Sign-up sheet is on the table in hallway. For more information, please call Cherie Cataldi at (717) 799-2420.

<u>Friendship Fest----July 14, 2024 – 4-7 PM</u>

Food Trucks(Stoney's Barbecue, The Taco RV, Tri-County BBQ, Cool Summers Ice Cream), Craft Tables, Magician, Face Painter, Games, Fun Activities,

Auscultation Brass Concert (5-6 PM)

Proceeds from the Friendship Fest will support the Trinity Preschool!

Watch for more details in the bulletins and future Parish Posts!





AUGUST 25, 3:00-7:00 PM

(Watch for more information in the coming months!!)

TRINITY PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

Leap Into Summer Fun Workshop!

Process-oriented, Hands on Art or Science



Spark imagination! Spark creativity!

Children can:

- Make choices.
- Explore and experiment.
- Be spontaneous.



Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday June 4-6, 9:00 AM - 12 Noon

ART CAMP:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday June 11-13, 9:00 AM - 12 Noon

COST: \$90 per week

All students 3 years through entering kindergarten are welcome. Based on minimum of 8 students

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UPCOMING CLASSES AT THE PENNSYLVANIA ACADEMY OF MINISTRY

https://www.lancasterseminary.edu/programs/pennsylvania-academy-of-ministry/

PAM is a Regional Theological Education Program of the UCC and serves church leaders in the PC(USA), ELCA, UMC, and other denominations. It is housed at Lancaster Theological Seminary.

Practices of Church Leadership. May 21—June 25, 2024. Tuesdays, 7—8:30pm EST via Zoom. Instructor: the Rev. Sara Hertzog.

This nuts-and-bolts class covers the basics of leadership and administration, with practical application for everyone on the ministry leadership team. Topics include: covenant and authority; conflict; family and congregational systems; vision and mission; handling administrative tasks; spiritual care and boundaries. Clergy, lay leaders, and MIDs are encouraged to register. 2.5 CEUs. \$325.

Innovation and New Models of Leadership. July 9-Aug 13, 2024. Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm EST via Zoom. Instructor: the Rev. Dale Davis.

This challenging class engages an array of exciting leadership models and is supported by a podcast series produced especially for the Pennsylvania Academy of Ministry, featuring Gil Rendle, Karen Georgia Thompson, Doug Powe Jr., Lovett Weems Jr., John Schol, and Sarah Drummond. 2.5 CEUs. \$325.

Speak to Pastor Chris for more information!!!

Trinity Concert Series Looking For Supporters

2024

Would you like to support the Trinity Concert Series with a donation towards the expenses incurred? Please complete this form and return it with your donation to the church office, or place it in the offering plate. If you wish to Sponsor a complete concert, please speak to the Director of Music.

1848 Circle \$200.00 or More Benefactor \$100.00 - \$199.99 Patron \$50.00 - \$99.99 Well-Wisher \$0.01 - \$49.99

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In Honor/Memory Of:

FIRST READING: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, 16"Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—17 for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." 21"So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." 23So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. 24 Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Psalm 1

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

GOSPEL: John 17:6-19

[Jesus prayed:] "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. ⁷Now 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. ⁹I 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. ¹⁰All 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. 12While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. 14I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."