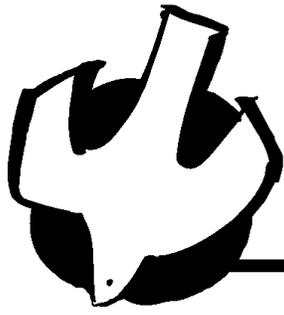


When People Fail

July 13, 2025



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship! In our service we receive God's grace through his Word and sacraments. As he works to strengthen our faith in Jesus, we respond to his goodness with our prayers, praise, and offerings. We are glad to be here and glad that you have joined us today!

- Restrooms are located in the main hallway, narthex, and back classrooms.
- If you wish to step out of the service to calm your child, please feel welcome to use the Fellowship Hall or the Toddler Sunday School Room (located in the back-corner classroom of the building, connected to the Fellowship Hall). Both of these rooms have televisions showing the worship service. Also, please do not hesitate to ask an usher or any member if you need help locating anything. We want to make you feel welcome.

Serving the Lord and Serving Us:

Pastor: Pastor Paul Mueller

We Come into the Presence of God

MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.

OPENING HYMN: 230, Lord, Jesus Christ Be Present Now



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in
2 Un - seal our lips to sing your praise; Our souls to
3 Un - til we join the hosts that cry, "Ho - san - na
4 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with
you in wor - ship raise. Make strong our faith; in -
to the Lord most high." Then in the light of
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



grace di - vine, And let your truth with - in us shine.
crease our light That we may know your name a - right
that blest place We shall be - hold you face to face.
Trin - i - ty, Be praise through-out e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: *Lutherische Hand-Büchlein*, 2nd ed., Altenburg, 1648; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.
Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND (LM) *Cantionale Germanicum*, Gochsheim, 1628.

Stand

INVOCATION

Minister: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line at the end of the sixth staff.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Zechariah 13:7-9

Awake, O sword, against my shepherd,
and against the man who is my associate, declares the Lord of Armies.
Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered,
and I will turn my hand against the little ones.^[a]

⁸This will take place in the whole land, declares the Lord:
Two thirds of those who remain in it will be cut off and perish,
but one third will be left in it.

⁹I will put that third into the fire,
and I will refine them as silver is refined,
and I will test them as gold is tested.
They will call on my name, and I will answer them.
I will say, "This is my people."
And they will say, "The Lord is my God."

PSALM OF THE DAY: 22

M: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

C: Why are you so far from saving me?

M: I am a worm and not a man,

C: scorned by men and despised by the people.

M: All who see me mock me;

C: they hurl insults, shaking their heads:

M: "He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD rescue him.

C: Let him deliver him, since he delights in him."

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M: My strength is dried up, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth;

C: you lay me in the dust of death.

M: A band of evil men has encircled me,

C: they have pierced my hands and my feet.

M: They divide my garments among them

C: and cast lots for my clothing.

M: But you, O LORD, be not far off;

C: O my Strength, come quickly to help me.

M: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

C: and to the Holy Spirit,

M: as it was in the beginning,

C: is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SECOND LESSON AND SERMON TEXT

Acts 5:1-11

Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property. ² With his wife's knowledge, he kept back part of the proceeds for himself. Then he brought a portion of it and laid it at the apostles' feet.

³ But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? ⁴ Was it not yours before it was sold? And after it was sold, was not the money at your disposal? How could you plan such a thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God."

⁵ When Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. Great fear gripped everyone who heard about it. ⁶ The young men got up and wrapped up his body. Then they carried him out and buried him.

⁷ About three hours later, his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. ⁸ Peter asked her, "Tell me, is this how much you got for the land?"

"Yes," she said, "that was the price."

⁹ Then Peter said to her, "How could you two agree to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look! The feet of those who buried your husband are standing at the door, and they will carry you out too!"

¹⁰ Instantly she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in, they found her dead. Then they carried her outside and buried her beside her husband. ¹¹ Great fear gripped the whole church and all who heard about these things.

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Alleluia. (*Galatians 4:6 cf. NIV*)

Stand

GOSPEL

Luke 9:18-24

"One time when Jesus was praying alone and the disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?"

¹⁹ They answered, "John the Baptist,' but others say, 'Elijah,' and others say, 'one of the ancient prophets come back to life.'"

²⁰ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

And Peter answered, "The Christ of God."

²¹ He gave them a strict command not to tell this to anyone. ²² He said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and experts in the law. He must be killed and be raised on the third day."

²³ Jesus said to all of them, "If anyone wants to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

HYMN OF THE DAY: 451, Precious Lord, Take My Hand



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws



stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
near, When my life is al - most gone,
near And the day is al - most gone,



Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I
At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my



light. Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.
fall. Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.
hand, Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; Lead me home.

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SERMON

TEXT: Acts 5:1-11

THEME: When People Fail

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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.**

Be Seated

OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the friendship register found in your pew.

The members of Trinity make joyful offerings to support this church's ministry. A portion of our offerings is also used for the training of future pastors and teachers, and the worldwide mission work carried out by our fellowship, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Our guests are under no obligation to give, but any gifts freely given are welcome and will be put to work in service to God's kingdom.

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

M: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

M: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

M: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

M: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Special prayers

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

Be Seated

CLOSING HYMN: 332 Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing,
 2 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en,
 3 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished,
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you



Nev - er a - lone. Wak - ing, sleep - ing,
 At peace and pure. Here you learned how
 Clos - er to me; Grow in love and
 And give you peace; I the Lord will



I am with you; You are my own.
 much I love you, What I can cure.
 love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free.
 smile up - on you And give you peace;



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; Here you
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here his
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior,



made you mine for - ev - er. Go, my chil - dren,
 touched him, saw his glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren,
 ten - der com - fort stilled you. Go, my chil - dren,
 Com - fort - er, and Broth - er. Go, my chil - dren;



with my bless - ing— You are my own.
 sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.
 fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.
 I will keep you And give you peace.

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 Tune: AR HYD Y NOS (84 84 88 84) Welsh melody, 18th century.

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Council Meeting Today at 1:30pm

If you are a member of council, the next meeting is TODAY via Microsoft teams, please reach out to Steve Proksch if you need additional details.

Vacation Bible School – Can you stay to help set up?

VBS is being held this week from 9:00-11:30 am. We would appreciate your help after service today to set up! If you have any questions or would like more information about this year's VBS, please contact Erika Ohlendorf (erika.ohlendorf@gmail.com)

VBS Family Night - Everyone Welcome!

Everyone is welcome to celebrate the close of VBS on **Friday, July 18**, starting at 6 pm at Trinity. There will be a sing-along and a free supper for everyone, along with special treats. Please come and join us to thank God for another great VBS, meet VBS participants and their families, and enjoy some time together.

Call for Our Next Pastor: Pastor Josh Schultz from Great Falls, Mt. has been called to serve us. Over the next couple of weeks, with prayer and consultation with people from both churches, he will decide where he can best serve God's Kingdom. If you want to email him, that is certainly appropriate. Tell him why you think he is needed here. His email is schultzj89@gmail.com.

Join us after church for Sunday School Pastor is leading us in a WELS study called "19-minute Bible Studies on very important Chapters in the Bible."

Wine and Word Bible Study – July 17th

The Wine and Word Bible Study is **studying the book of EXODUS** and meets at the home of Bruce and Dawn Knox. Their home is located just 5 minutes from the church in Old Bridge Estates. We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 7-8:30 pm. Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine (or other drink of choice) and a small bite appetizer. Come and join us whether you drink wine or not! Contact Dawn at 703-615-9320 or dawn.f.knox@gmail.com to RSVP.

Ushers and Usher Assistants Needed

A sign-up sheet is sent via email through Sign-up Genius. You are welcome to fill in as many Sundays as you are available. If you would like to become part of the regular rotation of ushers, or even just fill in once in a while when needed, please speak to Worship Elder Andy Lutz. If you have any questions or are not getting the emails for Sign-Up Genius, please email worship@trinityofwoodbridge.org. You can also scan this code to sign up:



WHAT DO YOU THINK? Pastor Mueller is thinking about starting a monthly newsletter to edify you and that you could share with others... Would it be beneficial to have an outdoor service/picnic at a nearby park this summer? We'd still have the 10:00 service at church... Since many of our members come from a distance, would it be beneficial to have a potluck dinner after church once a month?... How about beginning a Youth Group? We would need congregation help with it... Please share your thoughts with Pastor Mueller or a member of council.

Trinity's Little Free Library is one of our church's most effective tools for reaching out to our neighborhood. Many families in the area around Trinity regularly visit our LFL for books and shelf-stable food items, especially those who are experiencing food scarcity. Particularly useful are canned or boxed foods that do not require additional ingredients besides water to prepare. Books are always welcome, too, of course! If the shelves happen to be full, there is a donation bin for overflow items in the Fellowship Hall beside the door to the hallway.

Small Choir

Trinity's choir sings about once a month during worship. Anyone is welcome to join! We'll sing hymns from our hymnal, Christian Worship. If you are interested in joining, please let John or Erika Ohlendorf know.

Lord's Supper Available to All Members

If you are a confirmed member of Trinity, Pastor would be happy to commune you at home, or anywhere else you would like to meet. Just contact him at 925-337-3635 or pmjrmueller@gmail.com with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work.



This World Isn't Our Forever Home

<https://wels.net/family-devotion/fd20250704/>

As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.
Luke 9:51

"I wish this vacation would never end! Can we stay here forever?" Ryleigh and her family had such a great time on their trip. They saw the beauty of God's world, visited their favorite theme park, and had so much fun together. But today was the last day of vacation. Tomorrow, they had to go back home. Ryleigh sighed. "I don't want it to end." Her dad smiled and said, "We've had a great time. But remember—this isn't our home. We can't stay here forever."

Jesus had a moment like that, too. One day, he stood on a mountaintop with his disciples. His face and clothes shined with glory, it was amazing! Peter got so excited that he offered to build little houses so they could stay up there forever. But that wasn't the plan. This world wasn't Jesus' home. He had something very important—and very hard—to do first.

Jesus left the mountain and headed toward Jerusalem. There, he would be arrested, hurt, and nailed to a cross. It was going to be painful. But Jesus was determined to go, because he knew this was how he would save us. Three days after he died, he came back to life! Then, later, he went back to his real home—heaven.

This world isn't our forever home either. We have lots of fun here. We laugh with family, enjoy good food, and play with friends. But sometimes, following Jesus is hard. Some people don't want to hear about him. Others might tease us or treat us badly. And sometimes, we have to give up things we really like so we can stay close to Jesus.

In moments like that, it helps to remember: This world is not our forever home. We're just passing through. One day, Jesus will take us to live with him in heaven forever.

Questions for Younger Children

What's your favorite place you've ever gone to?

Where did Jesus go after he came back to life?

What do you love most about life here on earth?

Why is it good to remember that this world isn't our forever home?

Can you think of a time when following Jesus was hard for you? (How does remembering heaven help you in that moment?)

What do you think the phrase means: "I'm just a visitor here; heaven is my real home"?

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by growing in His Word and by going with His Word

to Woodbridge and to the world.



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