

**SHARING THE FAITH: WEEKLY EMAIL DEVOTION  
FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 16, 2010**

**Readings for May 16, Seventh Sunday of Easter:**

**JOHN 17:20–26**

<sup>20</sup>I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup>Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

<sup>25</sup>Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

**Faith Questions:**

1. This text from John is a prayer from Jesus to his Father. What does your prayer life look like? How do you pray? What do you pray for?
2. Jesus is praying for unity among his followers in their identity with God. Jesus is praying for each of us, as his disciples. How does it feel to know that Jesus was praying for you?
3. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity. How do you live out that mission to proclaim the word in your daily life? What are some of the ways that the community of Christ called Trinity Lutheran Church lives out that mission?
4. This weekend, AnnE Zimmerman, Executive Director of On Eagle's Wings, will be our guest preacher. On Eagle's Wings is a ministry that brings the Word of God to people in Northern Canada. How can we in Lansdale be in unity with Christians from different ethnic groups or with those who have just now learned of the love of Christ? How can we be in unity with other Christians who may believe differently than we do?
5. Jesus describes mission not as something the church does; rather the church's essence is missional: we are sent to give witness in the world. Where you see Trinity Lutheran Church giving witness to the power of Christ in the world?

**Let us pray:**

Holy God, help us to be your witnesses!

*For whom else, and for what else, shall we pray? (Insert your own prayer here)*

Amen.

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