



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 2020 - 10:00 AM



### Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

As disciples of Christ seeking peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and include all people into the fullness of God's love. We celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this place. All are invited to join this community as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another. All, without exception, are welcome in this place.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of their anniversary by John and Caroline Otten.



# GATHERING

PRELUDE

*Fugue in G Minor (BWV 578) by J. S. Bach*

WELCOME

*Stand*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the life beyond all death,  
the joy beyond all sorrow, our everlasting home.

**Amen.**

Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death,  
let us come before God who calls us to repentance.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of life,

**by the resurrection of your Son you make everything new.**

**Newness scares us, and we confess to shutting our doors in fear.**

**We have not listened to voices that challenge us.**

**We have resisted the Holy Spirit moving us in new directions.**

**Our hearts are slow to believe your promises.**

**Forgive us, O God, and renew us to embrace without fear  
the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

People of God: Christ is alive, and death has lost its power.

Through the waters of baptism

you have been born anew by the living word of God.

Know that your sins are forgiven in ✠ Jesus' name

and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you

both now and forever.

**Amen.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.”**

**I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live.”**

**I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.”**

**I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I’ll walk till trav’ling days are done.**

#### GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

Let us pray. O God our shepherd,  
you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death.  
Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security  
to the joyous feast prepared in your house,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Sit*

# WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

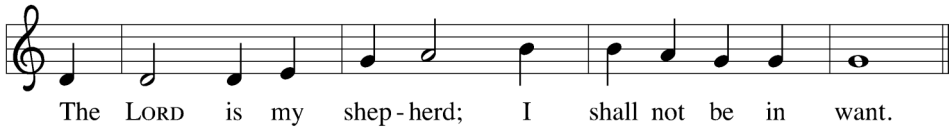
A reading from Acts.

<sup>42</sup>The baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction.**Psalm  
Refrain**Psalm  
Tone*<sup>1</sup>The LORD | is my shepherd;

I shall not | be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures  
and leads me be- | side still waters.**<sup>3</sup>You restore my | soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.** ☩<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.** ☩

A reading from First Peter.

<sup>19</sup>It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in Christ's steps, <sup>22</sup>"who committed no sin, and in whom no deceit was found."

<sup>23</sup>Who when abused, did not return abuse; when made to suffer, did not threaten; but trusted the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>Christ's own body bore our sins on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by Christ's wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDRENS' SERMON

*God's Little Lambs*

*Stand as able*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the tenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>“The truth of the matter is, whoever doesn’t enter the sheepfold through the door but climbs in some other way is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters through the door is the shepherd of the sheep, <sup>3</sup>the one for whom the keeper opens the door. The sheep know the shepherd’s voice; the shepherd calls them by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>Having led them all out of the fold, the shepherd walks in front of them and they follow because they recognize the shepherd’s voice. <sup>5</sup>They simply won’t follow strangers— they’ll flee from them because they don’t recognize the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Even though Jesus used this metaphor with them, they didn’t grasp what he was trying to tell them.

<sup>7</sup>Jesus therefore said to them again, “The truth of the matter is, I am the door for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me were thieves and bandits whom the sheep didn’t heed. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. Whoever enters through me will be safe— you’ll go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

SERMON

*Opening Doors and Inviting All to Abundant Life*

*Stand as able*

HYMN OF THE DAY

*We Are Called*

#720

**Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!**

**We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.**

***Refrain: We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;  
we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.***

**Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!**

**We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and blindness will be no more.**

***Refrain***

**Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!**

**God will reign, and we’ll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love.**

***Refrain***



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 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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Penned up in our homes but united in the one flock of believers, we pray for the church, the earth, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

For the church, O God, we pray: that we will hear and follow your voice calling to us in the word; that bishops, pastors and deacons be sustained for their shepherding tasks; that churches devastated by the virus be upheld; that in this time churches find ways to continue their ministries of education and service:

*A brief silence.*

O God, faithful shepherd of the church,  
**restore our life.**

For the earth we pray: that lands and waters be renewed; that animals and plants enjoy safe growth; that rain and soil nurture the fields; that drought and floods in Yemen be averted and locusts of Kenya cease their frenzy:

*A brief silence.*

O God, steadfast gardener of the earth,  
**restore our life.**

For the nations of the world we pray: that heads of state and legislators cooperate for the good of all; that medical experts be heeded; that government moneys serve the nations' greatest needs; that during Ramadan Muslims are granted release from prejudice:

*A brief silence.*

O God, fearless peacemaker of the nations,  
**restore our life.**

For a world so economically divided, we pray: that the millions of those unemployed be given food and shelter now and jobs in the future; that children find a fruitful means of education; that refugees be safeguarded from violence and prejudice; that, inspired by the early Christians, those who have means become ever more generous to those who endure great want:

*A brief silence.*

O God, just protector of the poor,  
**restore our life.**

For all in need we pray: that those afflicted with the coronavirus be cared for; that the sick be healed; that those in despair find hope; that those who are lonely be comforted; that medical workers be safeguarded; that those we name here receive the best possible care:

*A brief silence.*

O God, mighty healer of the sick,  
**restore our life.**

For our own desires we pray: that like the shepherds Rachel and David, each tending their father's flocks, we will be blessed for the fulfilling our tasks; and that you hear the cries of our hearts:

*A longer period of silence.*

O God, tender shepherd of each of us,  
**restore our life.**

We praise you for those who have died in the faith, remembering those we name before you here. . .

We pray that at our end, as sheep of your own fold, as lambs of your own flock, we will be gathered into your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

*A brief silence.*

O God, gateway to life,  
**restore our life.**

Into your everlasting arms we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your care for us, through Jesus Christ, our guardian and friend.

**Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Peace be with you.

 **Peace be with you.**

*Worshippers are invited to use their phones to text now or make a call later today  
to extend a message of peace to someone you love and care about.*

Sit

OFFERING AND ANTHEM

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or by following the link on the homepage of the website, [www.trinitylutheran.ws](http://www.trinitylutheran.ws).  
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*This Joyful Eastertide - Dutch folk tune, 17th Century  
Megan McDuffee, handbells*

*Stand as able*

OFFERTORY HYMN

*Thine Is the Glory*

#376

(Verse 1)

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.  
Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!**

Let us pray. Merciful God,

**our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration,  
but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives.  
Feed us again at this table for service in your name,  
in the strength of the risen Christ.  
Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things:

you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos,

and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts:

freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile,

wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness:

forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death,

the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us:

renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need.

Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

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.**

HYMN

*My Shepherd, You Supply My Need*

#782

**My Shepherd, you supply my need; most holy is your name.  
In pastures fresh you make me feed, beside the living stream.  
You bring my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake your ways,  
and lead me, for your mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.  
When I walk through the shades of death, your presence is my stay;  
one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;  
my cup with blessings overflows, your oil anoints my head.  
The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
oh, may your house be my abode and all my work be praise.  
Here would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;  
no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life,  
fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing.  
Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now, and touching ev'ry place and time.**

**In ev'ry insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives where even hope has died.**

**Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and ev'ry age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

## DISMISSAL

Christ is risen, just as he said.

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

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