



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 22, 2022 - 8:30 and 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 in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Marcus Blackstone on his birthday by Connie Blackstone.

The Altar Flowers in the Gym are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the High School Seniors by John and Caroline Otten.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister	Susan Crowell
Preaching	Melissa Roberts
Pianist and Choir Director	Jim Parham
Lector	
8:30	Samantha Wallace
10:00	John Otten
Cantors	
8:30	Heather Kleckley
10:00	Melanie Helling
Prayers	
8:30	Calvin Harmon
10:00	Jonathan Preacher
Greeters	
8:30	Jeanne Blinkoff, Steve Boguski, Teresa Harrington Heather Fanning, Greg Hamluk, Zerle Hubbard
10:00	Mark Allen, Jeanne Blinkoff Debbie Farstad, Dora Welch, Melanie Wessinger
Ushers	
8:30	David Potts, Bob Thompson
10:00	Kay Cook, Richard Delap, Jerry Salley
Fellowship Hosts (after 10:00 am service)	Parish Life Committee
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of grace and glory,

**you have brought us through the night of sin
into the light of Jesus' resurrection.**

Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.

Make us alive in Christ, O God.

Make us new as you make all things new.

**Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin,
renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

Rejoice with all creation around God's throne!

The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin,
restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, obliterates shame, brings peace,
destroys injustice, and humbles earthly pride.

Jesus Christ loves you, loves all of you, and ✠ frees you from your sins.

To Christ be glory and dominion forever and ever!

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, reveled 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**

THE GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

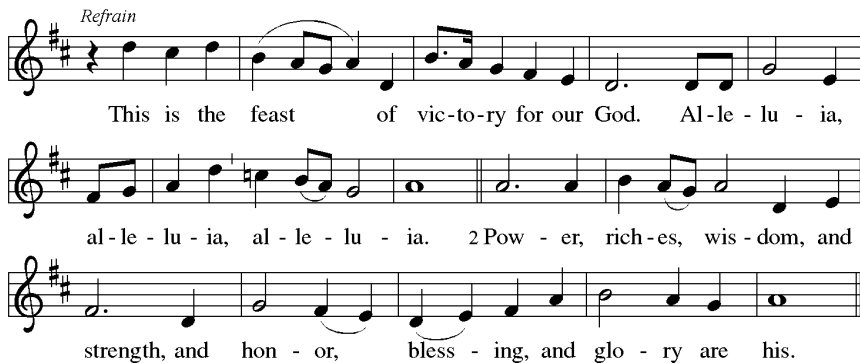
And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

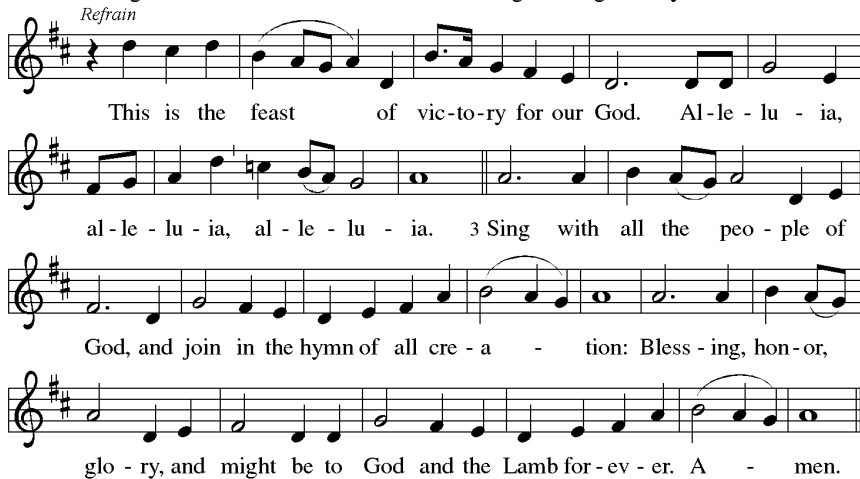
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. | Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon-or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 16:9-15

A reading from Acts.

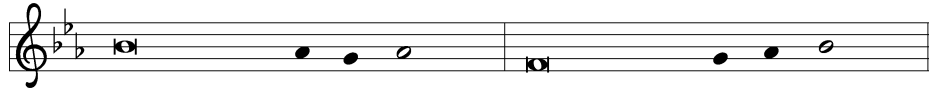
⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. ¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction.**Psalm
Refrain*

Let the na - tions be glad and sing for joy.

*Psalm
Tone*

¹May God be merciful to | us and bless us;
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known | upon earth,
your saving health a- | mong all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- | tions on earth. R**

⁵Let the peoples | praise you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought | forth its increase;
God, our own | God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God | give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe. **R**

A reading from Revelation

¹⁰ The angel then carried me away in the Spirit to the top of a very high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²² I saw no Temple in the city, for God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the Temple. ²³ There was no sun or moon: God's glory was its light, and the Lamb was its lamp. ²⁴ The nations will walk by the city's light, and the rulers of the earth will bring their treasures. ²⁵ The city's gates will never be shut by day, and there will be no night there. ²⁶ The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does loathsome things or tells lies. Only those whose names are written in the book of life of the Lamb will enter. ²²:¹ The angel then showed me the river of life-giving water, clear as crystal, which issued from the throne of God and of the Lamb, ² and flowed down the middle of the streets. On either side of the river grew the trees of life which produce fruit twelve times a year, once each month; their leaves serve as medicine to heal the nations. ³ There will no longer be any curse. The throne of the Almighty and of the Lamb will be there, and God's subjects will serve faithfully. ⁴ They will see the Most High face to face, and bear God's name on their foreheads. ⁵ Night will be no more. They will need no light from lamps or the sun, for our God will give them light, and they will reign forever.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON 10:00 AM

Stand as able

The Comforter

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.

GOSPEL

John 14:23-29

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the fourteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²³ Jesus answered, “Those who love me will be true to my word, and God will love them; and we will come to them and make our dwelling place with them. ²⁴ Those who don’t love me don’t keep my words. Yet the message you hear is not mine; it comes from God who sent me. ²⁵ This much have I said to you while still with you; ²⁶ but the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit whom God will send in my name, will instruct you in everything and she will remind you of all that I told you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; but the kind of peace I give you is not like the world’s peace. Don’t let your hearts be distressed; don’t be fearful. ²⁸ You’ve heard me say, ‘I am going away but I will return.’ If you really loved me, you would rejoice because I am going to God, for God is greater than I. ²⁹ I tell you this now, before it happens, so that when it happens you will believe.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Not As the World Gives

Stand as able

**Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to
earth come down! Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy
faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art; visit us with
thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry
troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit; let us
find thy promised rest. Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as
its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty to deliver; let us all thy
life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore
thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee
without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless
let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly
restored in thee! Changed from glory into glory,
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our
crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

God of new life, open your church to the unexpected ways your Spirit is at work. Guide bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in their visioning, partnership, and planning. Surround us with your peace.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Give a vision of increase and abundant harvest to farmers, laborers, and gardeners who are beginning their growing season. Join their efforts with the goodness of creation to feed all living things.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Shine your light of wisdom and peace among nations. When those in power seek to assert dominance over others, confound their efforts and make them yield to your authority.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Give safe haven to those who seek liberation, healing or peace. Create places filled with hospitality where hurting people find your presence and wholeness. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ...

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Uphold the work of ministries and organizations in our communities who assist people experiencing homelessness, citizens returning from prison, and all marginalized people. Continue to make the world and your church a more loving, kind, and affirming place for members of the LGBTQIA+ community. Accomplish your will through our efforts.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Bring an end to gun violence in our nation. Guide us all – lawmakers, citizens, victims, and perpetrators – to find a way to live with or without these weapons in safety and peace. Cleanse the hearts of those who are inspired by racism to execute violent acts on your beloved people. Comfort all those who are hurting from recent and past shootings, that they might feel the gift of your peace. Be with those in Buffalo, Laguna Hills, and Houston as they imagine life without ones they lost. Open our eyes to the fact that while these three shootings made headlines, violent and deadly acts with guns are occurring every day in our nation.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

As the school year ends, bless all those who celebrate graduations. Surround graduates with your love and wisdom as they step out into the world. Place a call on their lives to serve you in all they do, that they might bring your love and light into the world. Bless parents and teachers who worked tirelessly to raise up this generation.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Assemble your people at rivers, streams, and fonts, where we remember our baptism and welcome others into the communion of saints. Gather us with those who have died when we meet at your river of life.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

10:00 am Please be seated

We gather around the baptismal font to honor:

Campbell Balck
Chaz Haines
Thomas Lawrence

Evan Otten
Ryann Roth

Your graduation from high school reflects hard work and dedication, and we are delighted to share in your accomplishments. This is a very significant milestone in your life.

As we recognize and celebrate this milestone in your lives, we gather here at the baptismal font as a reminder of who and whose you are. When you were baptized, you were claimed by God. God's gracious love was poured out on you and you became God's precious children.

As you continue in this baptismal journey of faith, be mindful of these words of Scripture:

Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Jeremiah 29:11

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Ephesians 6:10

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to God in heaven. Matthew 5:16

As you celebrate your achievements and prepare to begin new endeavors, we invite you to be mindful of your grounding in faith and of God's call upon your life.

As a token of our love and our hopes for you, we give you these Trinity blankets. May they give you comfort and warmth on long trips and late nights. May they help you remember your place in this community of faith. May they remind you, that no matter how far away from us you are, you are always wrapped in God's warm and loving embrace.

Stand

Let us pray. Gracious God, we praise you for blessing us and claiming us as your own. We thank you for Campbell, Chaz, Thomas, Evan, and Ryann, and for the blessing they are to us. Be with them as they begin this new journey in life. Give them wisdom and discernment in decision-making; courage in the face of challenge; strength to confront temptation; comfort in distress; and the peace that comes with the knowledge that you will never let them go. We ask this blessing upon each of them, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

All are encouraged to remain at your seats and extend a sign of peace by waving, bowing, making the peace sign, placing your hand over your heart, or sending a text.

Peace be with you.

Peace be with you.

Please be seated

MEAL

OFFERING

8:30 am

Peace I Leave with You
Walter Pelz

Adult Choir

10:00 am

Many Gifts, One Spirit
Jim Parham

Youth and Children's Choir

Stand as able.

OFFERING HYMN

Thine Is the Glory
(Verse 1)

#376

**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. Living God,
**you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together
in your peaceable reign,
and you welcome us all at your table.
Reach out to us through this meal,
and show us your wounded and risen body,
that we may be nourished and believe
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we await the day when Jesus shall return
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.
Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and 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.**

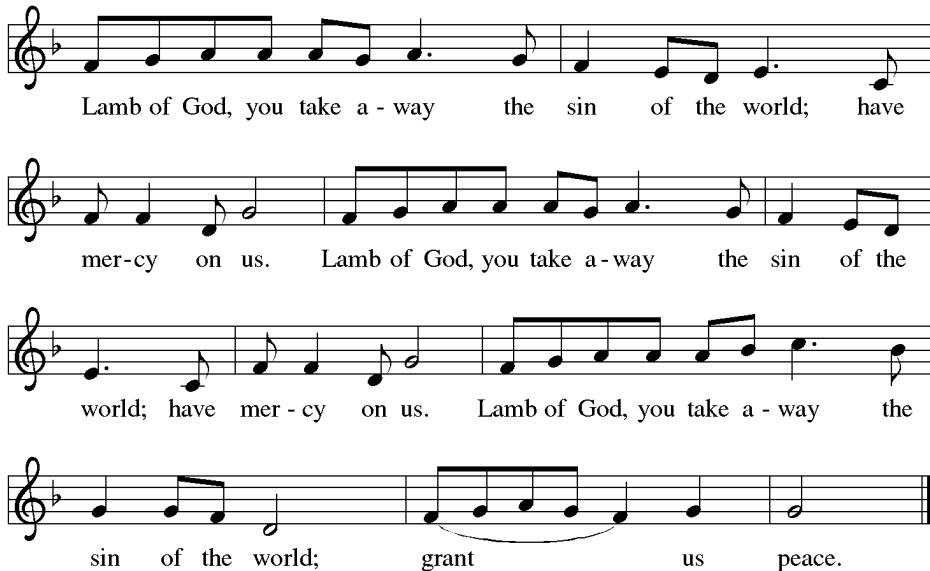
Please be seated

COMMUNION

Worshippers will come forward to receive the bread and wine and then return to their seats to consume the elements.

All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's love and grace.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Come Down, O Love Divine

#804

**Come down, O Love divine; seek thou this soul of mine
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near; within my heart appear
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**O, let it freely burn, till worldly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**Let holy charity mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing
true lowliness of heart, which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

**And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long,
shall far out-pass the pow'r of human telling;
no soul can guess Love's grace till it become the place
where-in the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.**

Shall We Gather at the River

#423

**Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?**

Refrain

***Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.***

**On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. *Refrain***

**Ere we reach the shinning river, lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. *Refrain***

**Soon we'll reach the shinning river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. *Refrain***

Stand as able

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Living God,

We give you thanks, for in this bread and cup
we have tasted the new heaven and earth
where hunger and thirst are no more.

Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Now all the Vault of Heaven Resounds

#367

**Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds,
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

Everyone is invited to gather in the back corner of the Gym for refreshments and fellowship in honor of Trinity's High School Graduates.

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