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Third Sunday of Easter

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Welcome to Trinity!

A place of love, grace, and belonging, where all, without exception, are loved, honored, valued, affirmed, welcomed, and celebrated.

If we can make you feel more at home, please speak to an usher or greeter.

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

ADULTS & CHILDREN

Worship Bags are available in the Narthex or the Gym for children. Bags for preschoolers are tied with a white ribbon. Bags for elementary age children have no ribbon. After worship, used bags may be placed in the baskets next to the stands.

A nursery hosted by a member of the Trinity staff, Beth Oswald, as well as a small group of rotating volunteers who have been trained in Trinity's Child Protection Policy is available each Sunday morning beginning at 9:45 am to care for infants and toddlers who would prefer enjoying play time instead of attending 10:00 am worship. The nursery is located on the first floor of the Pence Building. Please reach out to a greeter or usher if you need assistance.

PRAYING WITH US

We encourage you to participate fully in our service, as you are comfortable. We invite you to read aloud the **bold text**. Wherever you see ✠, you are invited to cross yourself. Other actions are indicated during the service, but none are required.

LET'S GET CONNECTED

If you are new to Trinity, we are thrilled to have you here. If you would like to know more about this congregation and our ministry please share your contact information with us by filling out a Connection Card which can be obtained from the pew racks or baskets. Thank you for your presence among us.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Sarah by her Grandchildren, Ryan and Abby Sease.

Serving Today

Susan J. Crowell

Presiding Minister and Preaching

Patrick D. Preacher

Assisting Minister

Jim Parham

Pianist and Choir Director

Lector

Drake McFadyen

Prayers

Sadie Zhou

Cantor

Frank Griffin

Guitar

Duke Barsody

Percussion

John Beckford

Communion Assistant

Stopy Stopenhagen

Acolyte

Bonnie Whitworth

Children's Worship Opportunity

Mark Allen, Suzanne Rudisill

Nursery

Margaret Roth,
Chris and Lara Wannemacher

Praying for Possibilities

Vicki Rubenstein

Thompson Baby Celebration Hosts

Sharron Goodlett,
Donna Robinson, Sarah Weeks

Greeters

Mark Allen, Cathy O'Neill,
Pat O'Neill, Jeff Waddell,
David Londono

Ushers

Richard Delap, Carol Elliott,
Lani Ludian

Video

Henry Wilcox

Audio

Gregg Alley



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God Welcomes All

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

In baptism our gracious heavenly parent frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Presentation

I present Christopher Robert for baptism.

Christopher, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

Response:

I do.

As you bring Christopher to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that he may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Christopher grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response:

I do.

People of God, do you promise to support Christopher and pray for him in his new life in Christ? **We do.**

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Baptism is central to Lutheran theology. We believe that God in Christ loves each of us from birth, but in baptism, we go public with that love, being named and claimed as God's beloved children before the people of God. God's people make promises to the baptized as God makes promises in the water. Martin Luther famously said: "Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's promise and combined with God's word."

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. Christ sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your children, no longer slave but free, no longer lonely and isolated, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



Please stand as able

Water is poured on the baptismal candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:

Christopher Robert,

I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

BAPTISMAL ACCLAMATION

You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.
al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Christopher with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

The pastor marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. As the sign of the cross is made, the pastor says:

Christopher Robert Clark, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. May you, with joy, live into the fullness of who God created you to be...brave, bold, and unapologetically you. **Amen.**

Let us welcome Christopher into our church family.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share.

Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Those gathered at the font share the peace before returning to their seats.

GATHERING HYMN

We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;
2 In the wa - ter and the wit-ness, in the break-ing of the bread,
3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo-ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,
glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread-ful death like his,
God has made a new be - gin - ning from the ash - es of our past;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, glo - ry now re - sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.
in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*

2 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*

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. *Final refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The prayer of the day covers the wide variety of human longing and responsibilities of the church and humanity.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord is with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of resurrection and new life, you are always on the road with us, always making a way for us, always showing up for us. Stay with us, we pray, as you stayed with the disciples on the road. Open the scriptures to us. Make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread, in acts of justice and compassion, and in every moment of human connection. When we feel lost or disillusioned, draw near and kindle within us the fire of your love. Open our eyes to your presence in those we overlook, in communities on the margins, and in the ordinary rhythms of daily life. Make us beacons of love and light carrying the hope and joy of the resurrection into the world. In the name of the risen Christ, who meets us on every road. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

God Speaks to Us Through a Living Word

We follow a three year cycle of readings called a Lectionary. These are lessons being heard in congregations from many denominations throughout the world on this day.

A READING

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

A reading from Acts.

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]:

³⁶ “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made both Lord and Messiah this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “What should we do?” ³⁸ Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls.” ⁴⁰ And Peter testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The Word of God for the people of God.


Thanks be to God.

The Psalm is a hymn or poem. The psalms cover the whole range of the relationship between God and God's people. The Book of Psalms, while a “book” of the Bible, consists of 150 hymns intended to be sung.

PSALM

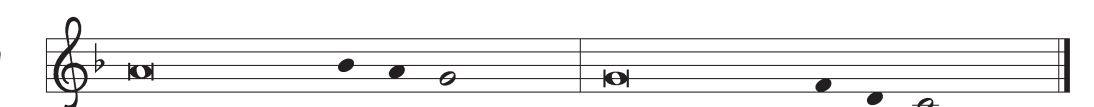
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

Psalm Refrain



I will call up - on the name of the LORD.

Psalm Tone



¹ I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,
and listened to my | supplication,



**²for the LORD has given | ear to me
whenev- | er I called.**

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me;
I came to | grief and sorrow.

**⁴Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:
"O LORD, I pray you, | save my life." R**

¹²How shall I re- | pay the LORD
for all the good things God has | done for me?

**¹³I will lift the cup | of salvation
and call on the name | of the LORD.**

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all God's people.

**¹⁵Precious in your | sight, O LORD,
is the death | of your servants.**

¹⁶O LORD, truly I | am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me | from my
bonds.

**¹⁷I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving
and call upon the name | of the LORD. R**

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD
in the presence of | all God's people,

**¹⁹in the courts of | the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah! R**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

The Road of Faith

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand as able. Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

During worship, there is always a reading from a Gospel. We stand to indicate the importance we place on Jesus' words and actions.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the twenty-fourth chapter.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ Jesus asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and be crucified. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that Jesus was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus." ²⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, Jesus interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, Jesus walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how Jesus had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Holy Attention in a Distracted World



HYMN OF THE DAY

Please stand as able.

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ 674



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

Living Savior, just as you journeyed with the disciples to Emmaus, accompany us on our journey of faith. Guide us down a road that includes all people – Queer, Transgender, as well as those who aren't. Gather us at your table, that we recognize you in the breaking of the bread. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God who gardens, you provide for the needs of all creation. Bless the fields that are being prepared for planting and send favorable weather so that the soil may yield an abundant harvest. Help our own gardening efforts to remind us of your Easter gift of life. Let the dirt gathered under our fingernails teach us to let our hearts be good soil for the seed of your Word. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Unconquerable God, where leaders abuse power, confront them and call them to repentance. Where there is corruption, bring integrity; where there is chaos, sow calm. We pray especially for an end to the ongoing conflicts in the Middle East as well as in Ukraine and Russia. Shower your love upon this earth and bring about your dream for us to not to have to pray constantly for an end to war. We are tired of war. Please bring us peace! Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

The Prayers of Intercession are always responsive, because everyone gives voice to the supplications. We include prayers for others throughout the world, in our Synod, and those connected to our congregation.

Healing Savior, your resurrection brings hope to a hurting world. Heal those who are sick, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Strengthen the weary, give courage to the despairing, and comfort the dying. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God whose angels sing songs of love, we give you thanks for the gift of music in this place and in your world. Thank you for all those who gave faithfully to support the building of the organ currently being installed in our Sanctuary. Bless the hands who build and install as well as all who have made this dream a reality. May the pipes of a completed organ soon vibrate with praise to you, Creator of harmony! Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We give you thanks for the baptism of Christopher Clark. Having passed through your waters, he begins his lifelong journey as a follower of Jesus. We pray that he may never go a day without feeling the power of your radical love. As you have clothed him in Christ, so clothe him in abundant grace to share with the world. Strengthen family, chosen family, and friends who strive to raise Christopher in the faith. Bless and strengthen Mary and Robert to be faithful parents, so that together they might bear witness to your inclusive love for all people. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Gracious One, you have made us your own through the gift of baptism. Unite us in genuine love for one another and uphold this community in your name. Use your living waters to show the world that we all get equally soaked in your love, no matter our gender, sexuality, skin color, or citizenship. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Eternal Light, we give thanks for all who have nurtured your church's life in ages past. Bring us at last with them to the brightness of your glorious presence. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ is with you always.
And also with you.

Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated.

The Peace has been exchanged in worship since the time of the first Christians. It is a profound act to offer the miraculous peace of God to one another before we join in communion with God and each other.



God Invites Us to the Table

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Adult Choir

Stay with Us

Music: Gregg DeMey, Text: Egil Hovland; Text: Luke 24:29
and the *Phos hilaron* (3rd cent. Vespers lamp-lighting hymn)

Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us.
Stay with us, it soon is evening.
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us,
it soon is evening, and night is falling.

Jesus Christ, the world's true light!
Shine so the darkness cannot overcome it!
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, it soon is evening.
Stay with us, Lord Jesus, for night is falling.
Let your light pierce the darkness
and fill your church with its glory.

Stay with us, Lord, stay with us,
it soon is evening, and night is falling.

The Offertory is when we bring our gifts of bread, wine, money, and our very selves to present to God as our initial act of thanksgiving. This collection is a visible reminder that our whole lives are God's, and a part of what God has given us we give back in thanksgiving for all that we have and all that we are. Financial contributions can be placed in the offering plates during worship, mailed to the church, or given electronically by going to our website trinitylutheran.ws, by scanning the QR code, or texting TLCGIVE to 73256.



OFFERTORY HYMN

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
5 Christ has a - ris - en to set us free.

Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, to him prais - es be.

For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;

e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
he reigns tri - um - phant, hea - ven - ly king.

Refrain

Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.

Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen Christ,
**on this morning of hope that refuses to stay buried,
we bring our gifts —
imperfect, heartfelt, and alive with possibility.
You who destroyed the power of death
also break open our fear, our scarcity, our stinginess.
Plant in us a resurrection generosity,
that dares to imagine a world made new.
Bless these offerings, we pray,
that they may become shelter for the weary,
welcome for the stranger,
justice for the oppressed,
and belonging for all who have been told they are not enough.
May what we give today help build a community
where every body is honored,
every story is sacred,
and love rises again and again.
In the name of the Risen One,
who calls us into courage, compassion, and community.
Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

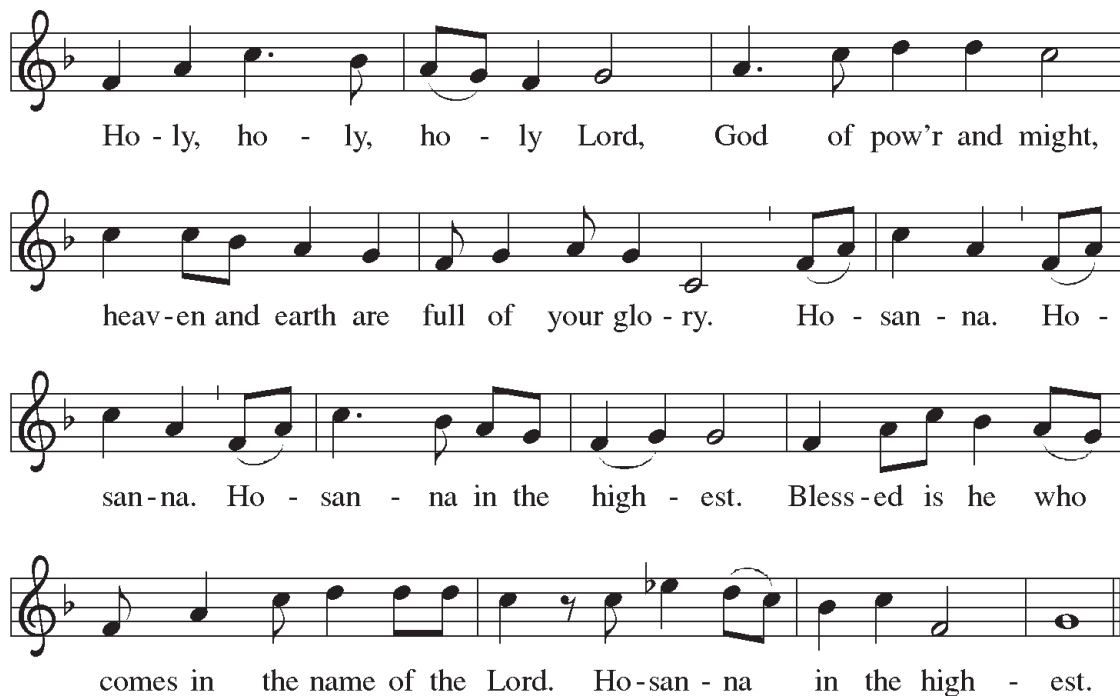
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is indeed our joy and honor
that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you,
O God of resurrection and new life.

In the rising of Jesus, you overturn the powers of death
and break open every tomb that holds your people captive.
You lift up the lowly,
restore the broken,
and call all people into the fullness of life.
You create each and every one of us in your image,
declaring every life beloved, valued, and celebrated.

Through your Spirit, you gather a people
to seek justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you –
a community where no one is cast aside.
With all the witnesses of the resurrection,
We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus (holy, holy, holy) recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, overwhelmed by the presence of God in the sanctuary, and these words were sung by the people as Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The Sanctus reminds us that this is an offering of the whole creation, which joins in singing these praises.



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.

At the right time, you sent Jesus,
An open channel of light and love,
who turned water into wine,
rejection into welcome,
hunger into fullness,
and death into life.

On 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 for 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.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts
of bread and wine,
that they may nourish us to be your hands and heart in the world;
to feed the hungry,
welcome the stranger,
and reject evil in the world and in our own hearts,
until that day when all creation is made whole
and every tear is wiped away,
and God's kin-dom of peace and justice reigns over all the earth.

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.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace. The gift of new life belongs to you...to ALL of you!
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus gave to his followers when they asked him to teach them to pray. It links our daily bread to the spiritual food we receive in Communion.

In an effort to further embrace Trinity's mission of welcome, affirmation, and hospitality, both wine and grape juice are available in the split chalice.

COMMUNION

All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Both wine and grape juice are available in the split chalice— wine in the larger section and grape juice in the smaller section. Christ's grace and forgiveness is found in the bread, wine, and grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available.

At the direction of the ushers, worshippers are invited to move to the front of the center aisle to dip the wafer into the chalice to receive Communion by intinction.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Lamb of God

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.



Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.

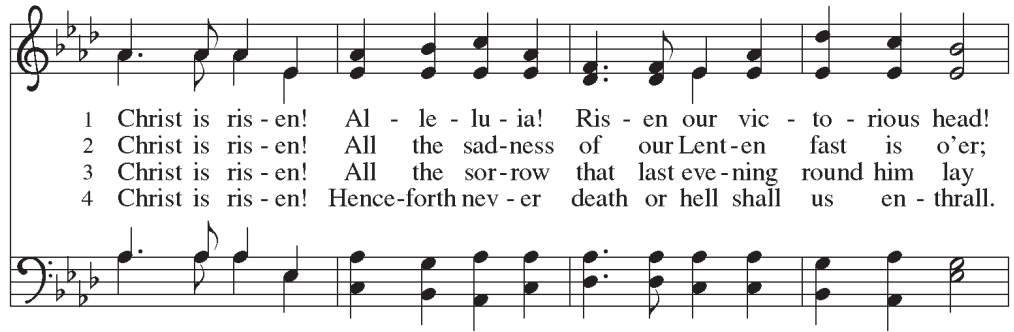


Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be

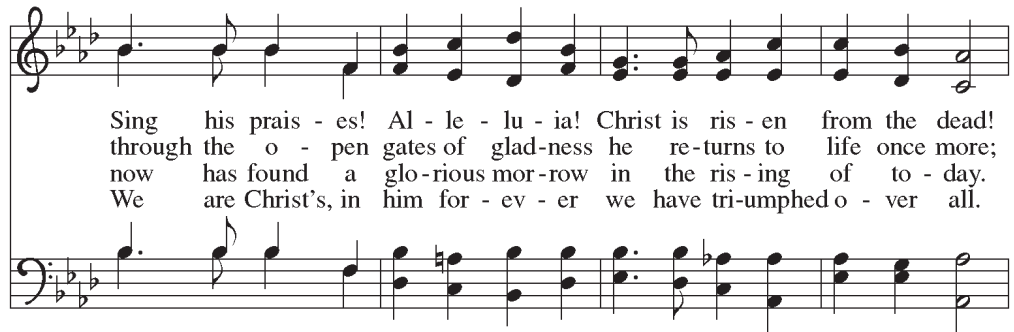


to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

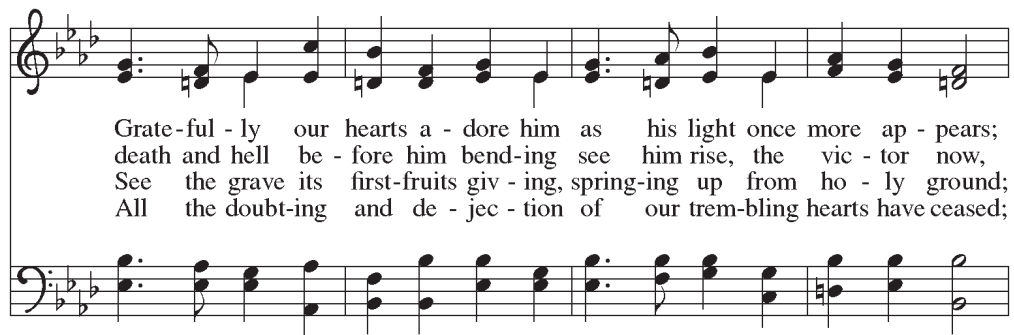
Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!



1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
2 Christ is ris - en! All the sad - ness of our Lent - en fast is o'er;
3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor - row that last eve - ning round him lay
4 Christ is ris - en! Hence - forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!
through the o - pen gates of glad - ness he re - turns to life once more;
now has found a glo - rious mor - row in the ris - ing of to - day.
We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri - umphed o - ver all.



Grate - ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;
death and hell be - fore him bend - ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,
See the grave its first - fruits giv - ing, spring - ing up from ho - ly ground;
All the doubt - ing and de - jec - tion of our trem - bling hearts have ceased;

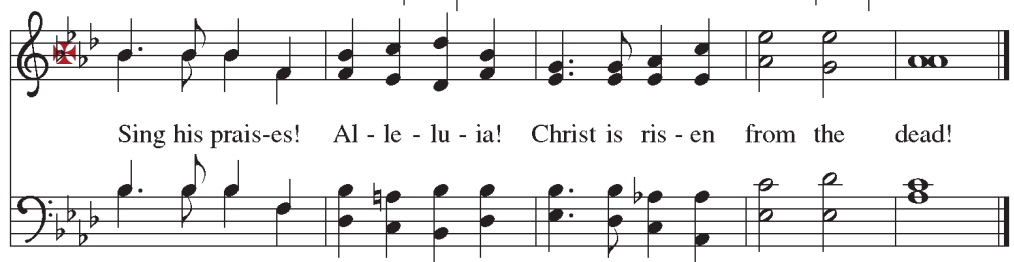


bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.
an - gels on his steps at - tend - ing, glo - ry round his wound - ed brow.
Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.
hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

Refrain



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!



This Little Light of Mine

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

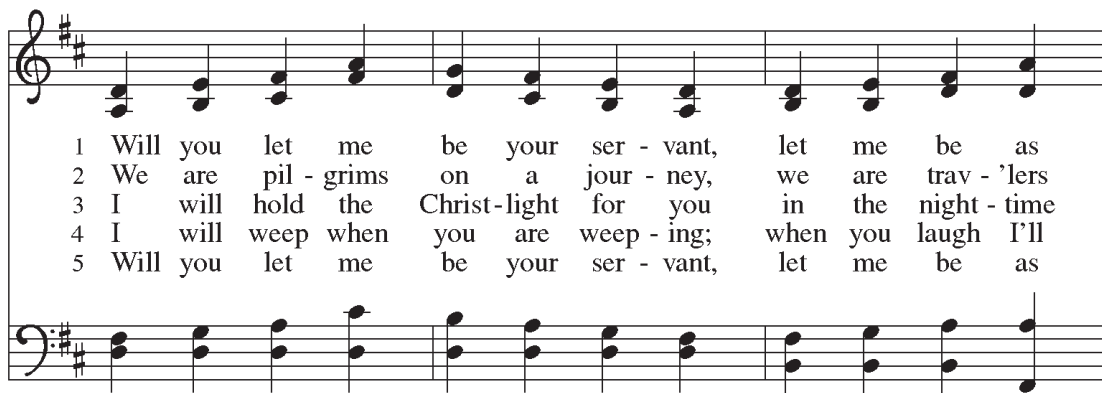
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this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night - time
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
let you be my ser - vant, too.



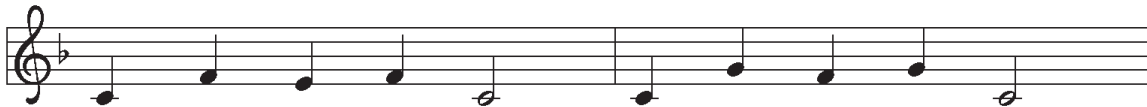
Day of Arising



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,
2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,
3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.
4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.
blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,
This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:
bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,
yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing
when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,
Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

After Communion, we give thanks for being part of the communion of God's life and for being fed so that we may go out to feed and serve others in our world.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand as able.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy One,
through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.
In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

God Sends Us to Love and Serve the World

BLESSING

May the ☩ Risen Christ meet you where you are and call you beyond where you thought you could go.
May this meal strengthen you
to practice resurrection in your daily living —
to seek justice, love your neighbor, welcome the immigrant, and widen the circle of belonging. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Note: each verse is sung twice before returning to the refrain.

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises *Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona*

Refrain— sung twice each time

The musical score is written for a soprano and bass voice part. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has two staves: a soprano staff and a bass staff. The second system also has two staves: a soprano staff and a bass staff. The music is in a major key with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our
bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your



End

ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.
prais-es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain

I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.

DISMISSAL

Beloved Community,
Go now in the company of the risen Christ,
who walks beside you on every road.
Be attentive to the holy in the ordinary moments of everyday life –
in shared meals, quiet moments, times of community and connection,
and in the faces of all you meet.
Go in peace. God in Christ is always with you on the way.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

*Following worship, everyone is invited to gather
in the back corner of the Gym for the Thompson Baby Celebration.*

Having heard the Gospel and having been fed at communion, the final act of our common worship is the Dismissal. It is not an afterthought, but an integral part of the service. Jesus' final action on earth was to send his followers into the world to make disciples, baptizing and teaching them to obey all he had commanded. And so we are sent out into the world to proclaim the Good News and be Christ's hands and feet on earth.

Activities & Opportunities

Today's Baptism: Christopher Robert Clark, son of Mary and Robert Clark

Adult Faith Exploration will meet at 9:00 am next Sunday in Rooms 12 and 13. Ann Berlam will lead a discussion entitled: *Dementia and the Way it Impacts both the Diagnosed and the Care Partner*. Please join Ann for this interesting conversation about a topic that is likely to impact everyone in one way or another at some point.

Support Group for Women in Challenging Relationships. Are you feeling exhausted, unseen, or that no matter how much you give in a relationship, it's never enough? You are not alone. This group, led by Jerry Wesley, Trinity's Coordinator for Mental Health Wellness, is a safe, judgment-free space where participants can share this with others who understand, find encouragement, practical ideas, hope, and build genuine connections with women walking a similar path. The next meeting of this group is this morning from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm on the first floor of the Education Building. Reach out to Jerry Wesley for more information. Childcare is provided.

GOAL Nehemiah Action Update. Over 1,000 community members (at least 30 from Trinity) gathered on Thursday, April 9 at First Baptist, Greenville to speak truth to power. A commitment was received from a Greenville county school board member and several city council members to work toward adding fifty-one mental health counselors to the staff of Greenville County Schools and to strengthen zero tolerance bullying policies by the 2027-2028 school year. State legislators in attendance at the Action voiced continued support of Bills H4270 and S983, both of which would seal or remove evictions from a tenant's record. These victories are being celebrated! However, no county council members came to support the urgent need for a Housing Court, a proven solution to reduce evictions. There is still much work to be done. All are invited to attend GOAL's Celebration and Investment event on Thursday, June 11 at 6:30 pm at Jubilee Baptist Church, 525 Old Rutherford Road, Taylors.

New Member Class. Are you interested in learning more about Trinity? More about what it means to be a Lutheran? To be a part of a progressive, inclusive Christian community? Are you considering becoming a member of the beloved community at Trinity? Pastor Crowell and Patrick Preacher will teach a two-part class on Lutheran Faith and Theology both today and next Sunday, April 26 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. These gatherings will be held after worship and will include lunch in the Multipurpose Room followed by an hour-long class for youth and adults. Childcare will be provided. Please reach out to Pastor Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws to register for these sessions and to share any dietary restrictions.

New Members Joining. Trinity will receive new members on Sunday, May 3 during worship at 10:00 am in the Gym. If interested in joining this community of faith on this date, please reach out to Pastor Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws.

Ronald McDonald House Collection. Serving neighbors beyond Trinity's walls is central to our mission. Throughout April, Trinity will collect items for the Ronald McDonald House of Greenville, located near Prisma Greenville Memorial Hospital. Requested donations include: laundry pods; travel-size toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant); juice boxes (no apple); individual snack-size chips; individual popcorn bags; and disposable utensils. Items may be brought to worship or dropped off at the church office. Please notify a staff member that your donation is for Ronald McDonald House. Questions? Text Patrick Preacher at 864-483-2590.

April 19, 2026

Farm Fun Day at Bowers Farm! A day at the farm might be just what everyone needs! The Young-ish Adult group invites the entire congregation to Farm Fun Day at Bowers Farm on Saturday, May 9, from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Sarah Bowers, daughter of Trinity and ELCA Deacon, runs the farm with her husband and daughter. The day will include a guided tour with Sarah sharing the farm's journey to organic farming, games, time with the animals, and fellowship. Guests should bring their own picnic lunch; Trinity will provide bottled water and juice. Transportation is on your own, and carpooling is encouraged. Please register by April 30 with Lara Wannemacher (LaraWannemacher@gmail.com) or Patrick Preacher (864-483-2590). The farm is located in Pomaria, SC. Learn more at bowersfarmsc.com.



Please join the Trinity family
for a baby celebration for

Keith and Elizabeth Thompson

as they anticipate the arrival of their baby girl

TODAY!

11:30 am following worship in the Gym

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Faith Exploration for all ages



Caring for God's Creation

Activities by age group

A variety of sandwiches will be served for lunch.

Sunday, April 26 following worship



Week at a Glance

TODAY	WED, APR 22	FRI, APR 24	SUN, APR 26
9:00 am Adult Faith Exploration 10:00 am Worship in the Gym and Live-stream, Refreshments and Fellowship to follow 11:30 am Thompson Baby Celebration 11:45 am Trinity Children 11:45 am New Member Lunch and Class 11:45 am History Reading Group	11:30 am The Welcome Table 6:00 pm Handbell Choir 7:00 pm Adult Choir	10:00 am Mahjong Group	9:00 am Adult Faith Exploration 10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary and Live-stream, Refreshments and Fellowship to follow 11:30 am Together@Trinity 11:45 am New Member Lunch and Class

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