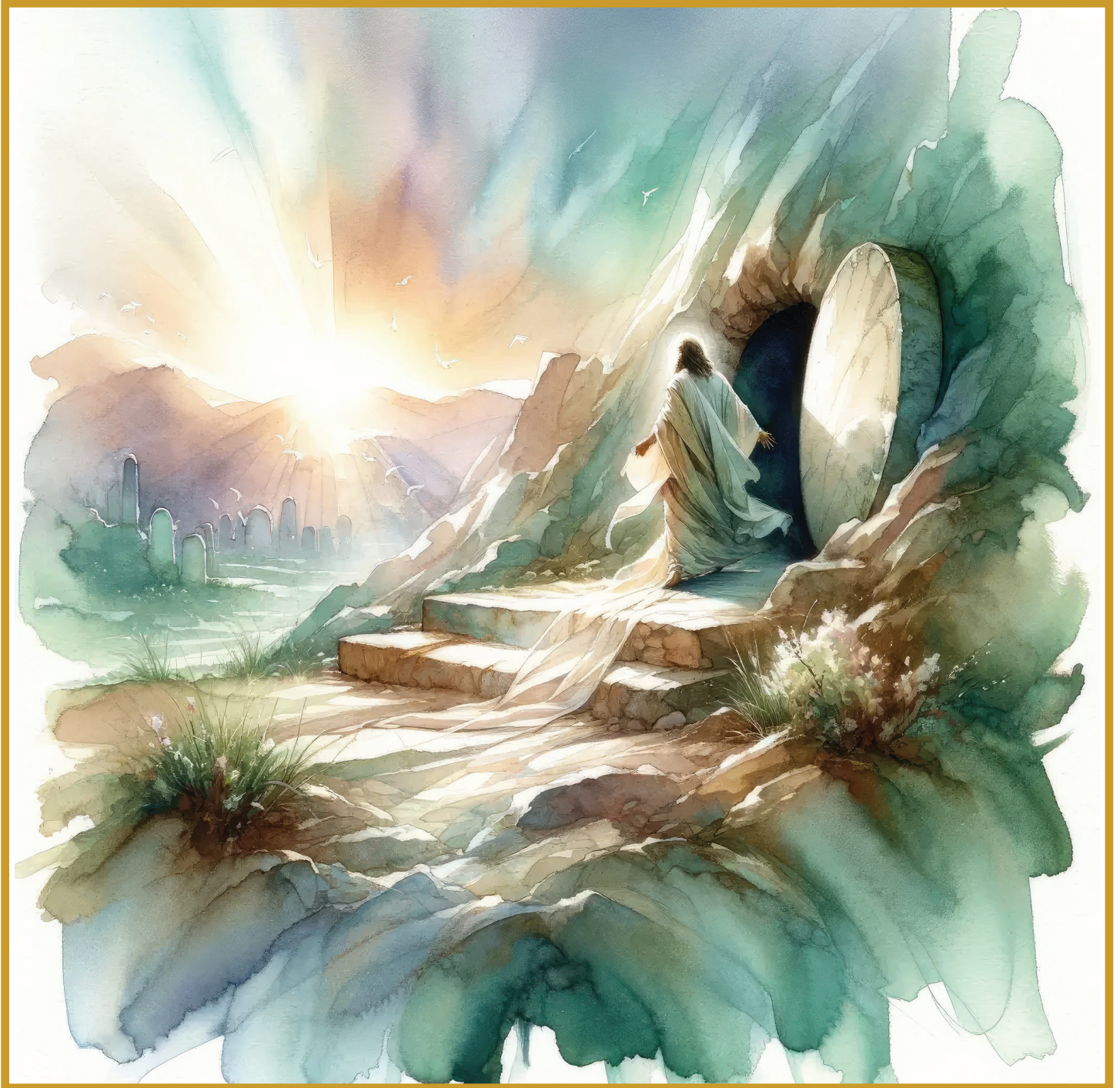




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LUTHERAN CHURCH 1909

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Fourth 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 her Dad, Don Simpson, by Steve and Donna Robinson.

Serving Today

Susan J. Crowell

Presiding Minister and Preaching

Patrick D. Preacher

Assisting Minister

Jim Parham

Pianist and Choir Director

Lector

Geoff Reid

Prayers

Ann Berlam

Cantor

Melanie Helling

Guitar

Duke Barsody

Percussion

John Beckford

Communion Assistant

Rachel Colburn

Acolyte

Madelyn Fagala

Children's Worship Opportunity

Mark Allen, Chris Barsody

Nursery

Karen Craig, Melissa Kolb

Praying for Possibilities

Donna Potts

Refreshment Hosts

Lynn Andrews, Frank Griffin

Greeters

Mark Allen, Kurt Mueller,
Mary Mueller, Sonny Patrick,
Valerie Patrick

Ushers

Danny Fagala, David Potts,
Calvin Harmon

Video

Henry Wilcox

Audio

Gregg Alley



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God Welcomes All

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Please stand as you're able.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who raised Jesus from the tomb, broke the chains of death, and continues to set us free.

Amen.

In the name of ☩ God our Holy Parent,
Christ who destroyed death,
and the Holy Spirit who grants us peace, we give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Celebrating with water, we give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created water before then creating us in your own image. You placed us in a well-watered garden with water as a life source. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side. On this day, we gather with your people around the water of life.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

We praise you and thank you for creating each of us in your holy image. In Christ you welcome all parts of us. You welcome our brokenness, our doubts, our certainties, our Queerness, and our not-Queerness. You welcome us because you love us. In the waters of baptism we are defined by your grace and love.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Gathered around this water, remind us that you created each drop of water on this earth. You created the oceans we love to float in, the tears which sting our eyes, the water we wash ourselves clean with in showers, and the cool water we sip as sweet tea on a cool day. As you made water to take such numerous forms, so did you carefully and wonderfully make each of us to be unique in your infinite images. Just as water gets each of us equally wet, so does your love cover all of creation, without exception.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

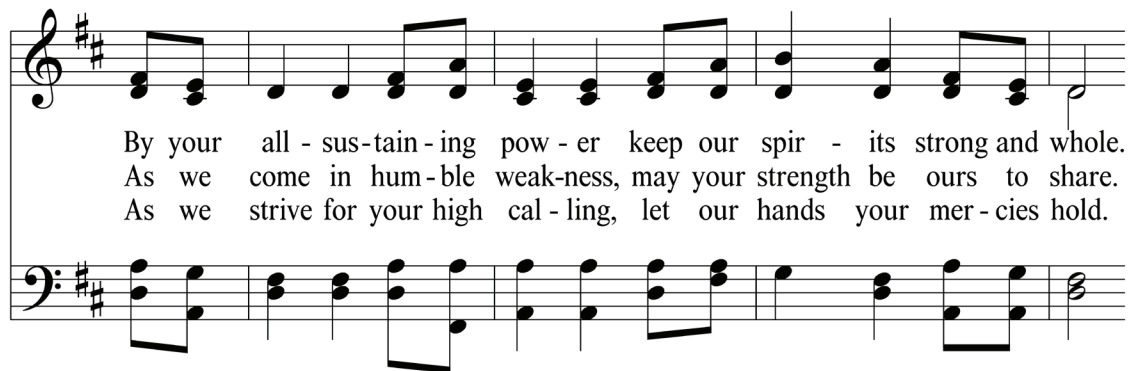
Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation. Claiming ourselves and each other as your people, we give you honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

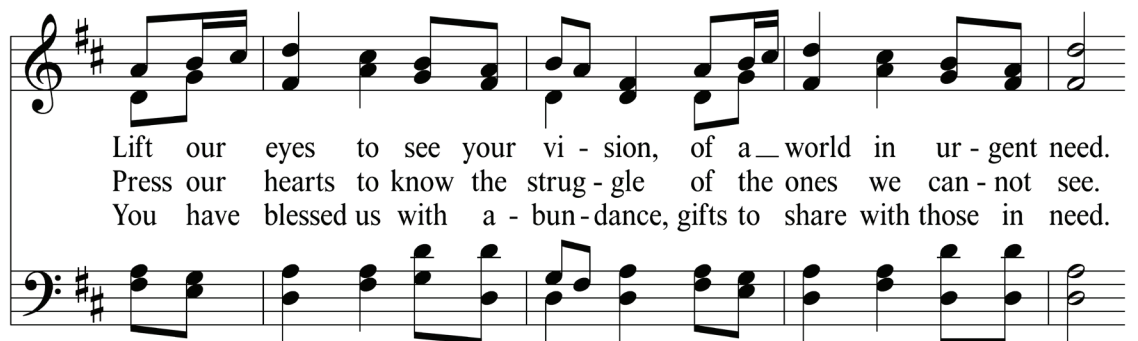
God of Justice, Love, and Mercy



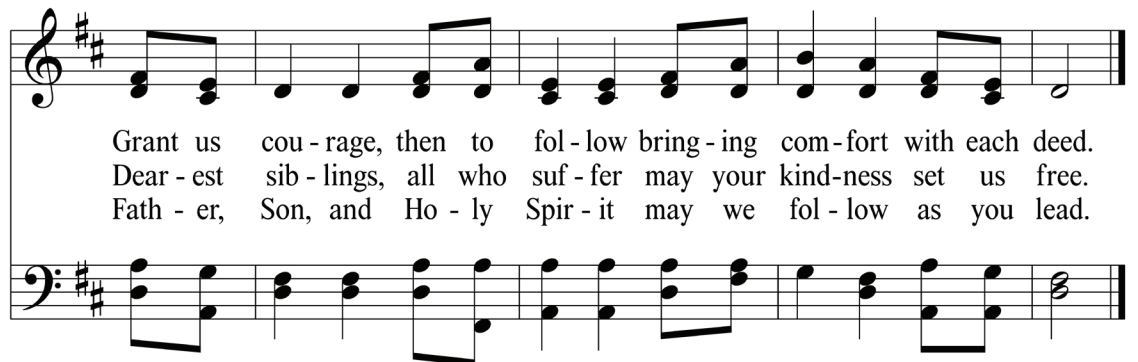
1 God of jus-tice, love, and mer-cy pour your wis-dom on our souls.
 2 God of jus-tice, love, and mer-cy with com - pas-sion let us care.
 3 God of jus-tice, love, and mer-cy send us out and make us bold.



By your all - sus-tain - ing pow - er keep our spir - its strong and whole.
 As we come in hum - ble weak-ness, may your strength be ours to share.
 As we strive for your high cal - ling, let our hands your mer - cies hold.



Lift our eyes to see your vi - sion, of a world in ur - gent need.
 Press our hearts to know the strug - gle of the ones we can - not see.
 You have blessed us with a - bun-dance, gifts to share with those in need.



Grant us cou - rage, then to fol - low bring - ing com - fort with each deed.
 Dear - est sib - lings, all who suf - fer may your kind-ness set us free.
 Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it may we fol - low as you lead.



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


Refrain



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord is with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Our Good Shepherd, you call us by name and gather us into your fold – not because we are whole, but because we are weary and wandering. Today we bring you not our polished selves, but our truth: our doubts and distractions, our complicity and harm, and our longing to be made new. Shape us into a community where honesty is welcomed, burdens are shared, and generosity flows. Set a table before us that shields us, for just a few moments, from the atrocities of this world. Protect us from voices that promise life but deal in death and destruction. Make your church not a refuge for denial, but a sanctuary for healing. Not a stage for righteousness, but a field hospital for grace. Not a place to prove our goodness, but a place to encounter your mercy. We follow you, Good Shepherd – not because we have it all together, but because you hold us together; in the name of the Risen Christ. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

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

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 2:42-47

A reading from Acts.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ 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, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day God added to their number those who were being saved.

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

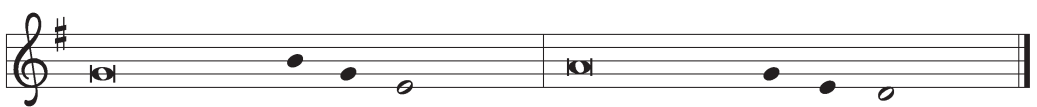
Psalm 23

Psalm Refrain



The LORD is my shep-herd; I shall not be in want.

Psalm Tone



¹ The Lord | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.

² **The Lord makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

³ You restore my | soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

⁴ **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. R**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days | of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever. R**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

God Loves ALL the Sheep

Please stand as able.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
Hal - le - lu - jah.
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the tenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep, ³the one for whom the gatekeeper opens the gate and to whose voice the sheep listen. The shepherd calls the sheep by name and leads them out, ⁴bringing out all his own and going ahead of them. The sheep follow because they know the shepherd’s voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from a stranger because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill 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.

Please be seated.

Text: Miria T. Kolling;
English and Spanish
tr. Gerhard M.
Cartford, b. 1923

HYMN OF THE DAY

Please stand as able. **God Extends an Invitation**
This hymn will be sung twice. *Nuestro Padre nos invita*

Music: NUESTRO
PADRE, Miria T.
Kolling

Spanish and
English text © 1998
Augsburg Fortress.

Nues-tro Pa - dre nos in - vi - ta a la me - sa de la
God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -

vi - da, don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -
a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we

so - tros nos reu - ni - mos, y lo nues - tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a -
gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the

sí es la co - mu - nión; pues a - sí es la co - mu - nión.
feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

In the Apostles' Creed, we respond to the proclamation of God's Word by confessing the faith that has been handed down through generations of Christians. We "believe" (from the Latin credere, meaning "to put one's heart into") as an act of trust in the story of God's creating love, redeeming work in Jesus Christ, and life-giving presence through the Holy Spirit. We say "I believe" not as an isolated individual, but as one held within the faith of the whole church, the Body of Christ, which supports and strengthens us when our own faith feels fragile. When it is not capitalized, the word "catholic" means universal—affirming that this faith belongs to the whole people of God, in all times and places.

APOSTLE'S CREED

God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

**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.**

**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.**



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.

God who leads us into spiritual community, draw all people to yourself and walk alongside us in paths of righteousness. Embolden your church to enter the valleys of the world and guide us beside the still waters of your grace. We pray for military, prison, hospital, and hospice chaplains serving near and far as they care for those experiencing dark valleys. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God who leads us to the waters of creation, awaken in us a holy reverence for the wonders you speak into being. Grant us a sense of awe and wonder at your vast waters, your green and growing earth, and even the newborn lamb following its mother in the pasture. Inspire us to tend your creation more faithfully. Where food is grown and livestock is raised for sustenance, grant us wisdom and compassion through more humane and sustainable practices that honor the dignity of every living thing. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God who leads us to peace, while bombs fall on Gaza and Ukraine, while Sudan bleeds and Myanmar burns, draw near to those who suffer and strengthen all who work for justice in the shadow of violence. Save us from the seduction of vengeance and bend the hearts of the powerful toward the way of mercy and peace. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God who leads us to healing, walk with those who are grieving, and anoint those who are ill or injured, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit. Help us to trust that your mercy and love never run out, even as our prayer lists grow longer. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God who leads us into a bright future, continually seek us out as lambs of your flock, and form us into a community where all are honored and cared for. Spread a feast before us and fill our cups to overflowing. Teach us new and innovative ways to fund ministry while holding us accountable to your dream of a church where Queer and Trans people have an honored place at your table. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God who leads us into life, we praise you for the saints who have died in faith and now dwell in your love. At our end, bring us, with them, to our heavenly home. 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.**

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.

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.

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 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.org, by scanning the QR code, or texting TLCGIVE to 73256.



God Invites Us to the Table

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Adult Choir

The Shepherd of My Soul

Music: Austin C. Lovelace; Text: Paraphrase of Psalm 23 by Joseph Swain (1761-1796)

O Thou in whose presence my soul takes delight,
On whom in affliction I call,
My comfort by day, and my song in the night,
My hope, my salvation, my all.

Where dost thou, dear Shepherd, abide with thy sheep,
To feed them in pastures of love?
Say why in the valley of death should I weep,
Or alone in this wilderness rove?
O why should I wander an alien from thee,
Or cry in the desert for bread?
Thy foes will rejoice when my sorrows they see,
And smile at the tears I have shed.

He looks! And ten thousand of angels rejoice,
And myriads wait for his word;
He speaks! And eternity, filled with his voice,
Re-echoes, re-echoes the praise of the Lord.

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!

Text: Bernard Kyamanywa, b. 1938; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: Tanzanian Traditional

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MFURAHINI, HALELUYA
9999 with refrain

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:



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.

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

Irlandaise by Claude Bolling

Jo Lewis, flute

Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain
where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!



The choir sings the verses, and all sing the chorus.

Room at the Table

Piano introduction

Music and Lyrics: Carrie Newcomer



- 1 Let our
- 2 Too
- 3 No



hearts not be hard-ened to those liv - ing on the mar - gins. There is
long we have wan-dered bur-dened and un - done, but there is
mat-ter who you are, no mat - ter where you've been, there is



room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry - one. This is
room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry - one. This is
room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry - one. Here and



where it all be-gins, this is how we ga - ther in. There is
how it all be-gins. Let us sing the new world in. There is
now we can be the be - loved com-mun - i - ty. There is



room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry - one.
room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry - one.
room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry - one.

Chorus



There is room for us all, and no gift is too small. There is



room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry - one. There's e -



nough if we share. Come on pull up a chair. There is



room at the ta - ble for ev - 'ry - one.

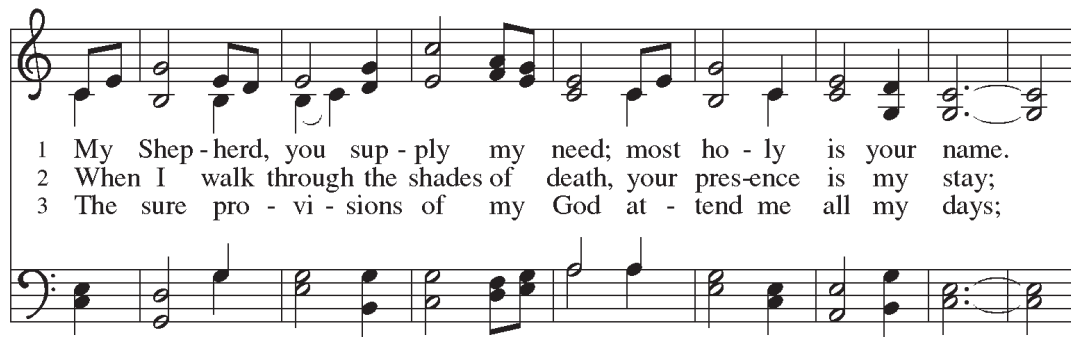


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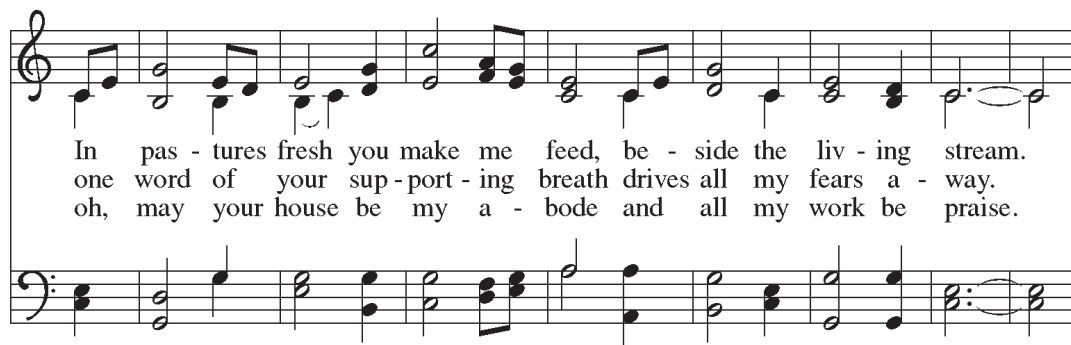


ev - 'ry - one.

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need



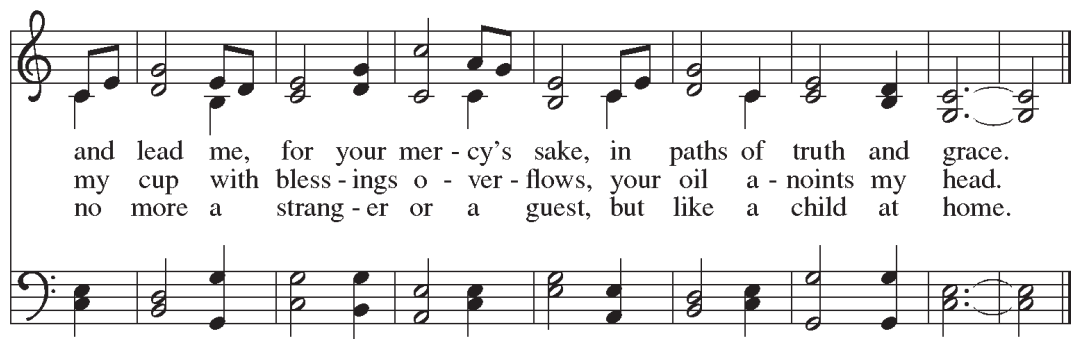
1 My Shep - herd, you sup - ply my need; most ho - ly is your name.
2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres - ence is my stay;
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh you make me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.
one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
oh, may your house be my a - bode and all my work be praise.



You bring my wan - d'ring spir - it back when I for - sake your ways,
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
Here would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;



and lead me, for your mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows, your oil a - noints my head.
no more a strang - er or a guest, but like a child at home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt., based on Psalm 23
Music: RESIGNATION, North American traditional



Guide My Feet

1 Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race.
2 Hold my hand, Lord, while I run this race.
3 Stand by me, Lord, while I run this race.
4 Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race.

Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race.
Hold my hand, Lord, while I run this race.
Stand by me, Lord, while I run this race.
Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race.

Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this
Hold my hand, Lord, while I run this race,
Stand by me, Lord, while I run this race,
Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race,

for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup



Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.



Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.



- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
- 2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - diant, nev - er turn a - way.
- 3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.
- 4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship, bless the ho - ly name.



in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!
God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.
Those who seek the Lord will lack noth - ing; taste, and have your fill.
Rise to tell God's great - ness for - ev - er, won - drous deeds pro - claim!

Text: Jeremy Young, b. 1948, refrain; *With One Voice*, stanzas, based on Ps. 34
Music: STONERIDGE, Jeremy Young
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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.**

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.



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

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

ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. *End*
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 out into the world, not as ones who have it all together,
but as ones who recognize our need for grace.
As you build tables of belonging, remember:
the church is not a showcase for perfection,
but a sanctuary for the broken
where God meets us, tends us, and sends us out to serve.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*Following worship, everyone is invited to gather
for refreshments and fellowship in the back corner of the gym.*

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.

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WILL BE ORDAINED TO THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT
INTO CHRIST'S ONE HOLY, CATHOLIC, AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH

PENTECOST SUNDAY
MAY 24, 2026 | 10:00 AM

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Bishop Ginny Aebischer
Presiding over the Ordination

Pastor Susan Crowell
Preaching

Patrick Preacher
Presiding over Holy Communion

Patrick will be installed during this service as
Pastor of Queer Ministry and Belonging
serving Trinity Lutheran Church

Clergy from all traditions are invited to vest
and/or wear a stole. The color of the day is red.

Attendees are welcome to wear red or rainbow.

Livestream will be available at www.trinitylutheran.ws &
[Trinity Lutheran, Greenville's](#) Facebook and Youtube pages



RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

Activities & Opportunities

Our Christian love, care, and concern is expressed to the family of Herb Lembcke at his death on April 17 and to Henry Wilcox and his family at the death of his brother.

Adult Faith Exploration continues to meet each Sunday at 9:00 am in Rooms 12 and 13. Next week's class will be led by Franklin Sease.

Support Group for Women in Challenging Relationships. This group, led by Jerry Wesley, Trinity's Coordinator for Mental Health Wellness, is a safe, judgment-free space where participants can share with others who understand, find encouragement, practical ideas, hope, and build genuine connections with women walking a similar path. Reach out to Jerry Wesley for more information. Childcare is provided.

GOAL Nehemiah Action Update. Thanks to everyone who attended the Nehemiah Action. Thirty-eight members and friends of Trinity were in attendance. GOAL's Celebration and Investment event will be held on Thursday, June 11 at 6:30 pm at Jubilee Baptist Church, 525 Old Rutherford Rd., Taylors. Please come and be a part of the celebration as the next cycle of GOAL is planned.

Congregational Mental Health Event. Everyone is invited to gather for a congregational lunch and program in the Multipurpose Room led by Jerry Wesley, LMFTA, Trinity's Coordinator of Mental Health Wellness, next Sunday, May 3 from 11:45 am to 1:00 pm. The gathering will focus on ways to promote positive mental health for ourselves and for the communities in which we belong and will include a short lesson as well as fun activities to encourage and support positive mental health for all.

New Members Joining. Trinity will receive new members next 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.

Introducing A Pray and Play Area in Worship. Worshippers in the Gym worship space will see a Pray and Play area being put together, piece by piece. A Pray and Play Area is a designated space within the worship area where young children are welcome to be present and engaged during worship in ways that suit how they naturally learn and experience the world: through movement, touch, and imaginative play. This area will include a large rug, books, simple figures, soft play items, and even Communion sets for children to enact the Lord's Supper along with the Presider. Other items will be included that connect children to the sights and sounds of worship happening around them. Rather than asking children to be still and silent a Pray and Play Area says with its very presence: you belong here! It reflects Trinity's deep theological conviction that children are not simply future members of the congregation, but full participants in the Body of Christ right now. Just as Jesus welcomed children into his midst and declared that the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these (Mark 10:14), this area will make that welcome visible and concrete. It honors the reality that children engage and pray differently than adults — and that this difference is a gift to the whole worshipping community, not a disruption to be managed.

April 26, 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
**Matthew, Grace, and
Benjamin Wessinger**
as they anticipate the arrival of another baby boy

Sunday, May 31
11:30 am following worship in the Gym

*Everyone is invited to bring a favorite children’s
book as a gift for the new baby.*

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Faith Exploration for all ages



you belong!

Caring for God’s Creation

Activities by age group

A variety of sandwiches will be served for lunch.

TODAY!



Week at a Glance

TODAY	WED, APR 29	FRI, MAY 1	SUN, MAY 3
<p>9:00 am Adult Faith Exploration</p> <p>10:00 am Worship in the Gym and Live-stream, Refreshments and Fellowship to follow</p> <p>11:30 am Together@Trinity</p> <p>11:30 am New Member Lunch and Class</p>	<p>7:00 pm Adult Choir</p>	<p>10:00 am Mahjong Group</p>	<p>9:00 am Adult Faith Exploration</p> <p>10:00 am Worship in the Gym and Live-stream</p> <p>11:30 am New Member Reception and Fellowship</p> <p>11:45 am Mental Health Congregational Event</p> <p>11:45 am Sustaining Ministry Team Meeting</p> <p>1:30 pm Congregation Council</p>