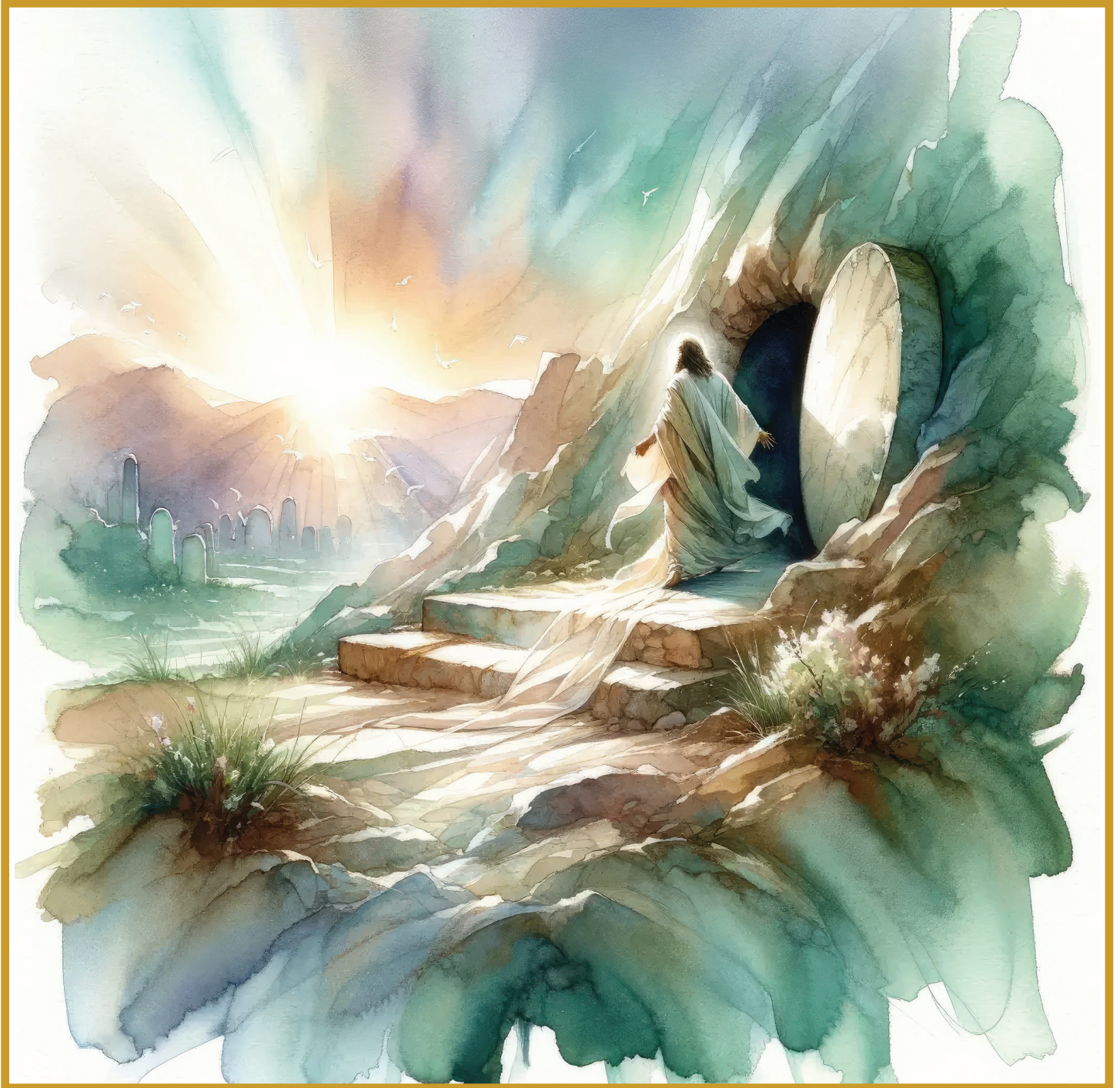




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Sixth Sunday of Easter

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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 honor of all mothers by Richard and Mary Margaret Delap.

Serving Today

Susan J. Crowell
Presiding Minister

Patrick D. Preacher
Assisting Minister and Preaching

Jim Parham
Pianist and Choir Director

Lector
Sonny Patrick

Prayers
Carl Witherspoon

Cantor
Jeff Rehm

Guitar
Duke Barsody

Percussion
John Beckford

Communion Assistant
Antonia Blank

Acolyte
Lauren Whitworth

Children's Worship Opportunity
Melissa Kolb, Chris Barsody

Nursery
Beth Oswald, Karen Craig

Praying for Possibilities
Linda Morgan

Refreshment Hosts
Lane and Jo Lewis

Greeters
Mark Allen, Sarah Weeks,
Christopher Clark, Mary Clark,
Sherry Cochran

Ushers
William Bryant, Jr., Carol Elliott,
Lani Ludian, Calvin Harmon

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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 warm 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.

The Day of Resurrection!

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,

the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
 all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
 and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!



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.

God, you are the creator of every living thing, and in you we live and move and have our being. You are not far from any one of us, and yet your love fills the great expanse of the universe. In your promise to not leave us as orphans you sent Jesus who kept every commandment of love, and you have given us the Spirit—the Advocate. She abides with us still and will not let us go. Receive the prayers of all your children—the certain and the doubting, the joyful and the grieving, those who have long known your name and those still reaching through the night to find you. Draw near to those on the margins, to the forgotten and the cast aside, to all who have been told they are too much or not enough for your love. Unite us in your truth, reminding us it is wider than our fear. Grant us the grace we need to love you through loving one another. Through Jesus Christ, your Begotten and our Savior, who lives and dreams with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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 17:22-31

A reading from Acts.

²² Then Paul stood up before the council of the Areopagus and delivered this address: “Citizens of Athens, I note that in every respect you are scrupulously religious. ²³ As I walked about looking at your shrines, I even discovered an altar inscribed, ‘To an Unknown God.’ Now, what you are worshiping in ignorance I intend to make known to you. ²⁴ “For the God who made the world and all that is in it, the Sovereign of heaven and earth, doesn’t live in sanctuaries made by human hands, ²⁵ and isn’t served by humans, as if in need of anything. No! God is the One who gives everyone life, breath—everything. ²⁶ From one person God created all of humankind to inhabit the entire earth, and set the time for each nation to exist and the exact place where each nation should dwell. ²⁷ God did this so that human beings would seek, reach out for, and perhaps find the One who is not really far from any of us— ²⁸ the One in whom we live and move and have our being. As one of your poets has put it, ‘We too are God’s children.’ ²⁹ “If we are in fact children of God, then it’s inexcusable to think that the Divine Nature is like an image of gold, silver or stone—an image formed by the art and thought of mortals. ³⁰ God, who overlooked such ignorance in the past, now commands all people everywhere to reform their lives. ³¹ For a day has been set when the whole world will be judged with justice. And this judge, who is a human being, has already been appointed. God has given proof of all of this by raising this judge from the dead.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

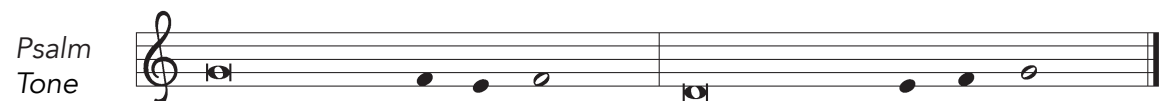
The Psalm is a hymn or poem. The psalms cover the whole range of the relationship between God and God’s people. The Book of Psalms, while a “book” of the Bible, consists of 150 hymns intended to be sung.

PSALM

Psalm 66:8-20



Bless our God, you peo - ples; let the sound of praise be heard.



- ⁸ Bless our | God, you peoples;
let the sound of | praise be heard.
- ⁹ **Our God has kept us a- | mong the living
and has not allowed our | feet to slip. R**
- ¹⁰ For you, O God, have | tested us;
you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.
- ¹¹ **You brought us in- | to the net;
you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.**
- ¹² You let people ride over our heads;
we went through | fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.
- ¹³ **I will enter your house | with burnt offerings
and will pay | you my vows—**



¹⁴ those that I promised | with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I | was in trouble.

¹⁵ **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings
with the | smoke of rams;**

I will give you ox- | en and goats. R

¹⁶ Come and listen, all you | who believe,
and I will tell you what God has | done for me.

¹⁷ **I called out to God | with my mouth,
and praised the Lord | with my tongue.**

¹⁸ If I had cherished evil | in my heart,
the Lord would | not have heard me;

¹⁹ **but in truth | God has heard me
and has attended to the sound | of my prayer.**

²⁰ Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing | love from me. **R**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

I Will Not Leave You Orphaned

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 - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Accompanied by Child Protection trained adults, children are invited to leave worship after the children's sermon to go hear the scripture read in ways more appropriate for their age. Using lectionary stories heard in worship each Sunday, the children not only hear scripture, but enjoy a related activity such as a game, craft, or music. Children return to worship during the sharing of the peace and in time to participate in the celebration of Holy Communion.

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

GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the fourteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ “Jesus said to the disciples: If you love me, you will obey my commandments and ¹⁶ I will ask the One who sent me to give you another Advocate, another Helper to be with you always— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept since the world neither sees her nor recognizes her; but you can recognize the Spirit because she remains with you and will be within you. ¹⁸ I won't leave you orphaned; I will come back to you. ¹⁹ A little while now and the world will see me no more; but you'll see me; because I live, and you will live as well. ²⁰ On that day you'll know that I am in God, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Those who obey the commandments are the ones who love me, and those who love me will be loved by God. I, too, will love them and will reveal myself to them.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

An Unknown God Made Knowable

HYMN OF THE DAY

Please stand as able.

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

Njoo kwetu, Roho mwema

The musical score is written for a soprano and bass voice part. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff for the soprano and a bass clef staff for the bass. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.
1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.
2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.
3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.

Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.
It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.
Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.



Refrain

Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,
nor rootless liberty;
turn disquiet to contentment,
doubt into certainty.

5 Keep us fervent in our witness,
unswayed by earth's allure.
Ever grant us zealous fitness,
which you alone assure.

Text: Wilson Niwagila; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922
Music: NJOO KWĒTU, ROHO MWEMA, Wilson Niwagila; arr. Egil Hovland, b. 1924
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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.**

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.

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.

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 in whom we live and move and have our being, you are not far from any one of us. You have made us to seek you, and in Christ you have found us. Guide your church and its leaders to proclaim a love that leaves no one outside its reach, that welcomes every gender, every sexuality, every body and soul made in your image. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You made the world and everything in it. Renew the rivers and forests of the Carolinas, guard the Reedy and Saluda from pollution and neglect, and raise up faithful stewards of this land. Teach us to more fully care for those pushed to the margins by the burdens of environmental harm. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You call us to love you by keeping your commandments, and you set leaders among us to pursue justice, yet our governmental leaders continue to fall short of your dream. Grant wisdom and equity to the judges and lawyers of our courts, courage to our first responders, and truth to those who govern, especially as they make decisions that shape the safety and dignity of Queer and Trans neighbors, immigrants, women, and all who are vulnerable. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send to us your Spirit, the Advocate, who abides with us and does not leave us orphaned. Draw near to all who feel abandoned: those who are sick in body or spirit, those without shelter on Greenville's streets, those who hunger, those who grieve, those who carry the particular wounds of rejection for who they are or whom they love. We pray especially for those we name aloud or silently in our hearts ... Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You are the God who is not unknown to us — you have shown us your face in the risen Christ who promises to be with us always. Bless all who offer care across this community: parents and chosen family, mentors and friends, those who open affirming spaces for marginalized people in a city still learning what welcome means. Inspire us all to love as we have been loved. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You are the source of life in whom even death has no final word. Inspire us by the faithful departed who trusted your promises. We thank you for saints who clung to your grace and now rest in your mercy. May their courage sustain us. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You are a mother who comforts her children, who nurses and holds and refuses to forget. On this day we give thanks for the gift of those who mother in all the forms that love takes. We pray for mothers who gave birth and those who adopted; those who are cisgender and Trans, partnered and single, young and aging. We pray for those for whom mothering has been a joy, and those for whom it has been marked by grief, by loss, or by circumstances beyond their choosing. Bless all those who mother without being called mother as they hold those they care for in steadfast love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**



God of resurrection and new life, nearer to us than our own breath, use us and these prayers to bear witness to the love that will not let us go, through Jesus Christ, the one who came that we might truly live. **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.*

God Invites Us to the Table

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Will Not Leave You Comfortless
Music: Everett Titcomb
Text Incorporating John 14:18 with Alleluias

*I will not leave you comfortless.
I will come to you yet again: Alleluia.
And our heart shall be joyful.
Alleluia.*

Adult Choir

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.

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.

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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Lamb of God'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one flat) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have'. The second staff continues with 'mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the'. The third staff continues with 'world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the'. The fourth staff concludes with 'sin of the world; grant us peace.' The word 'grant' is underlined with a red line in the original image.



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!

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.



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



ev - 'ry - one.



My Life Flows On in Endless Song

1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872-1955, alt.

Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius, 1570-1615

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We Are Marching in the Light of God

Siyahamba

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the

nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - , kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba _____ *oo* _____
 We are march - ing _____ *oo* _____

Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,
 We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - , kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - , kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of, the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Si - ya - ham - ba _____ oo _____
We are march - ing _____ oo _____

Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba,
We are march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing, march - ing,

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Text: South African traditional; tr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984
Music: SIYAHAMBA, South African traditional; arr. *Freedom Is Coming*
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Additional stanzas ad lib.

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

Text: Michael Schirmer,
1606-1673; tr.
Catherine Winkworth,
1827-1878, adapt.

Music: WIE SCHON
LEUCHTET, Philipp
Nicolai, 1556-1608



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your
2 Left to our - selves, we sure - ly stray; oh, lead us on the
3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in



work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell - ing. Sun of the soul,
nar - row way, with wis - est coun - sel guide us; and give us stead -
doubt and strife be in us strong - ly burn - ing, that we be faith -



O Light di - vine, a - round and in us bright - ly shine, your strength
fast - ness, that we may fol - low you for - ev - er free, no mat -
ful un - to death and live in love and ho - ly faith, from you



in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav - en now is
ter who de - rides us. Gent - ly heal those hearts now bro - ken; give some
true wis - dom learn - ing. Lord, your mer - cy on us show - er; by your



giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.
to - ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us.
pow - er Christ con - fess - ing, we will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

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

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.

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace! Sing songs of Alleluia, for you are not alone!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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 at Ordination

Pastor Susan Crowell
Preaching

Patrick Preacher
Presiding at Table

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.

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW



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.*

Activities & Opportunities



May 10, 2026

Please hold Patrick, Jonathan, and Grayson close in your prayers as Patrick graduates from Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa with a Master in Divinity degree on Sunday, May 17.

Hospital Patient

Debbie Brune - Discharged

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 Dexter Brecht.

Honoring Our Graduates. Trinity will honor the 2026 high school graduates during worship on Sunday, May 17 at the 10:00 am service in the Sanctuary. Refreshments in their honor will be served on the front lawn following worship. Please join the Trinity family in celebration of Samuel Godfrey, Jax Jordan, Clark Lawrence, Jenna Mast, and Layton Woodward upon their graduation from high school. May they be surrounded by the love and support of this beloved community as they celebrate this milestone.

Book Discussion. Please join Pastor Crowell for a discussion of the book *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi on Thursday, June 18 at 10:00 am in Rooms 12 and 13 of the Activities Building. Anyone who loves reading and discussing books and is eager to make connections and build community is encouraged to attend. Reach out to Pastor Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws with questions or to register for the event.

Greenville Organized for Accountable Leadership is enthusiastic that House Bill 4270, which will seal eviction filing records, has passed through the house and is now in the Senate for hearings. Thanks to support from GOAL, our sister organizations in Columbia and Charleston, and similar groups, the rapid progress of this proposed bill becoming law is unprecedented. All interested in what has been accomplished this cycle are invited to come to the Celebration and Investment Drive on June 11 at 6:30, hosted by Jubilee Baptist Church, 525 Old Rutherford Rd., Taylors. SC 29687.

History Reading Group. Please join Trinity Lutheran Church History Readers on May 17 at 11:30 am in the Parlor to discuss *Partisans and Redcoats* by Walter Edgar. Contact Bob Schirmer at rwschirmer@gmail.com, 419-348-6508 or Don Todd at dktodd47@gmail.com, 803-517-8129 with questions, comments, or to be added to the email list.

Love Wins Fellowship Group. This group will meet on Thursday, May 21 at 6:30 pm in the Parlor to discuss the book *Feasting on Hope* by Hanna Miller King. For more information or to sign up to attend, contact Angie McCormack at 864-930-4026.

Week at a Glance

TODAY	WED, MAY 13	FRI, MAY 15	SUN, MAY 17
<p>9:00 am Adult Faith Exploration</p> <p>9:30 am Second Sunday Food Drive</p> <p>10:00 am Worship in the Gym and Live-stream Refreshments and fellowship to follow</p>	<p>7:00 am Men's Bible Study and Reflection Group</p> <p>6:00 pm Handbell Choir</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 Sanctuary and Live-stream</p> <p>11:30 am High School Graduates Reception</p> <p>11:45 am History Reading Group</p>