



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

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Masks are welcomed,
but no longer required.
Vaccinations are highly
recommended.
Please maintain
appropriate distancing
between households and
use hand sanitizer.



All are invited to join us at
the Lord's table for Holy
Communion.



Our AED machine is
mounted on the wall in
the stairway near the
baptismal font.



Please silence your
cell phone.



Trinity Lutheran Church
is recognized by
Reconciling Works as a
"Reconciling in Christ"
Congregation which
welcomes all LGBTQ+
persons into all facets of
congregational life.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 AM MAY 8, 2022

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those "who have come out of the great ordeal" in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

P Presiding Minister **A** Assisting Minister **C** Congregation

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Sheep May Safely Graze" from Cantata No. 208

J. S. Bach/Arr. Gilliam & McCaskill

Lisa Speece, flute

Please stand as you are able and face the font.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C** **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- P** In the waters of baptism,...now and forever.
- C** Amen

GATHERING HYMN - Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.


Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Julian of Norwich, c. 1342–c. 1413
Music: NORWICH, Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936
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GREETING

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**


HYMN OF PRAISE - Christ Is Risen! Alleluia! - Stanzas 1 & 4 (see ELW 382 for harmony)




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

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.
Music: MORGENLIED, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray. O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen**

Be seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

After the reading:

- A** Word of God, word of life.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.

After the reading:

- A** Word of God, word of life.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

TEACHING TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

- P** The Holy Gospel according to John.
- C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading:

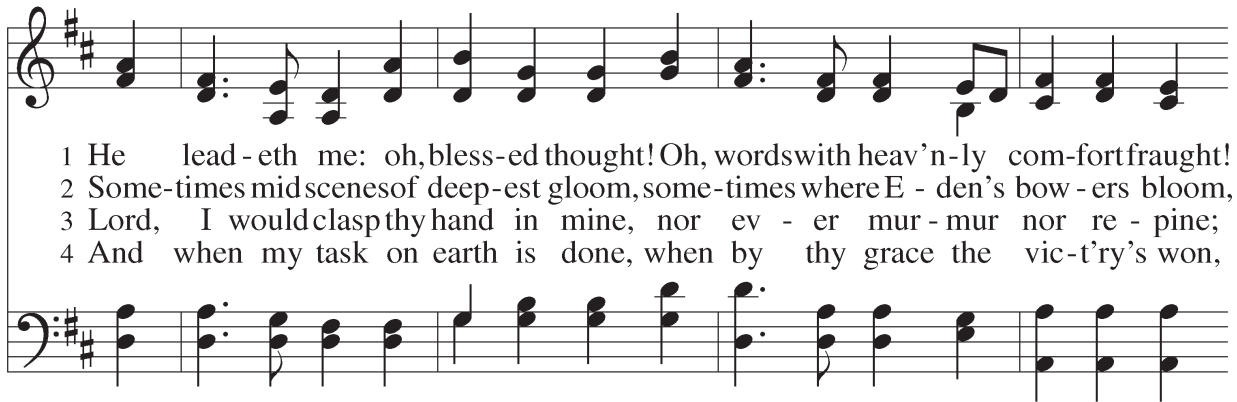
- P** The Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Be seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY - He Leadeth Me



1 He lead-eth me: oh, bless-ed thought! Oh, words with heav'n-ly com-fort fraught!
2 Some-times mid scenes of deep-est gloom, some-times where E-den's bow-ers bloom,
3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, nor ev-er mur-mur nor re-pine;
4 And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the vic-t'ry's won,

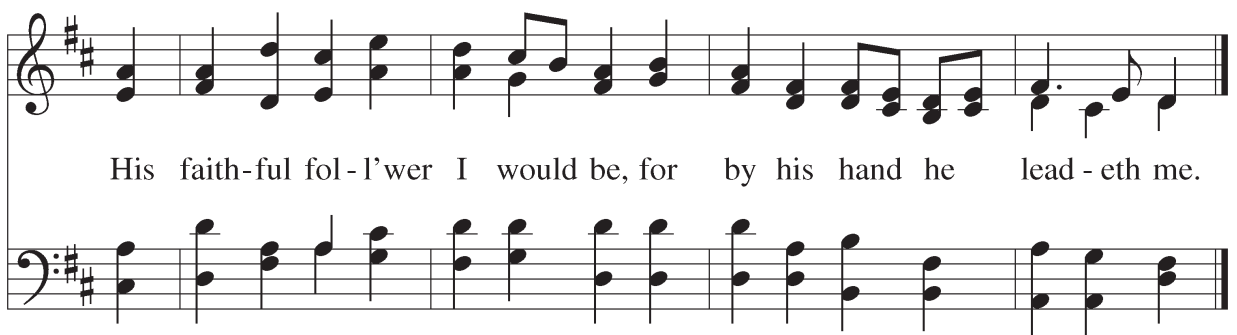


What-e'er I do, wher-e'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.
by wa-ters calm, o'er trou-bled sea, still 'tis God's hand that lead-eth me.
con-tent, what-ev-er lot I see, since 'tis my God that lead-eth me.
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jor-dan lead-eth me.

Refrain



He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me, by his own hand he lead-eth me.



His faith-ful fol-l'wer I would be, for by his hand he lead-eth me.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

After a brief silence each petition concludes:

A God, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

After the final petition:

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

C Amen

PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

Please greet one another from a distance and then be seated.

THE OFFERTORY

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

William Bradley Roberts

The Trinity Choir Lisa Speece, flute

See ELW 789 for text.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

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

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

PROPER PREFACE

Ⓟ It is indeed right, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

- Ⓟ Blessed are you,...we proclaim the mystery of faith:
☪ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
Ⓟ O God of resurrection....Grace our table with your presence.
☪ **Come, Holy Spirit.**
Ⓟ Reveal yourself to us...burning with justice, peace, and love.
☪ **Come, Holy Spirit.**
Ⓟ With your holy ones...now and forever.
☪ **Amen**

LORDS PRAYER

- ☐ Lord remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.
- ☑ **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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- ☐ The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

Be seated.

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, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

Following the direction of the usher, approach the altar, maintaing a safe distance between households. Please ask your server if you need a gluten-free wafer or prefer grape juice. As you return to your seat, place your empty glass in the corner basket. Those not partaking of communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to approach the altar for communion, inform the usher and the sacrament will be brought to you.

After all have received Communion, please stand as you are able.

TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A** We give you thanks, generous God,
for in this bread and cup
we have tasted the new heaven and earth
where hunger and thirst are no more.
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.
C Amen

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN - Give to Our God Immortal Praise - See page 12

DISMISSAL

- A** Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
A Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Give to Our God Immortal Praise

Wilbur Held

SENDING HYMN - Give to Our God Immortal Praise

1 Give to our God im - mor - tal praise! Mer - cy and
 2 He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and
 3 Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of

truth are all his ways. Won - ders of grace to
 dark - ness and the grave. Won - ders of grace to
 kings with glo - ry crown. His mer - cies ev - er

God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
 God be - long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
 shall en - dure when lords and kings are known no more!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748
 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793