



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

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Our worship at Trinity follows the church's ancient form.

Everything you need for worship is in this bulletin.

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All who trust that Christ is present in Holy Communion are invited to receive Him with us today.

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Please silence your cell phone.

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Children are always welcome in our worship! Classroom 4 in the Annex has space for nursing, changing, or a sensory break, if necessary.

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Our AED is mounted on the wall in the stairway next to the baptismal font.

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At Trinity, we welcome all LGBTQ+ people as full participants in our common life. We're proud to proclaim this publicly in our city and wider church as a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 AM

EASTER 3

APRIL 14, 2024

Congregational words are in bold print.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Polyphonic Improvisation on "In Babilone"

Max Sinzheimer

Please stand in body or spirit.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. 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, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for Tulpehocken Creek. Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN - ELW 383 - Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!



1 Christ is ris-en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
2 Christ is ris-en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
3 Christ is ris-en! Earth and heav-en nev - er-more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
Walk with glad-ness in the morn-ing. See what love can do and dare.
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all - sur-round-ing, see, a spread-ing tree has grown.
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
Tell its grim, de - mon-ic chor - us: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal-ing leaves of grace a - bound-ing bring a taste of love un - known.
Je - sus is our strong com-pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na, ev - 'ry - one!

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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

Refrain



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



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.

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



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

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Refrain

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

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

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Holy and righteous God,
you are the author of life,
and you adopt us to be your children.

Fill us with your words of life,
that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

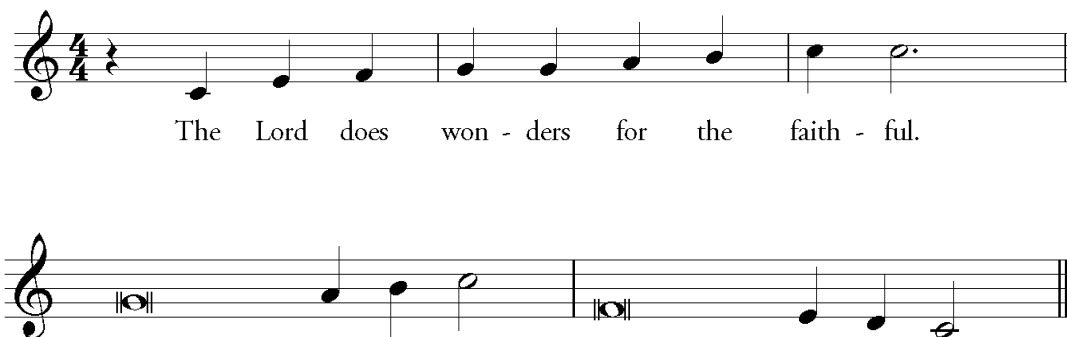
After the reading:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 4

The choir introduces the antiphon. The congregation repeats the antiphon and sings the antiphon where indicated. The congregation sings the psalm responsively with the choir.



¹Answer me when I call O God, ... defender [of] my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; ... have mercy on me and [hear] my prayer.

²“You mortals, ... how long will you dis-[honor] my glory;
how long will you love illusions ... and seek [af]-ter lies?”

³Know that the LORD does wonders [for] the faithful;
the LORD will hear me [when] I call.

⁴Tremble then and [do] not sin;
speak to your heart in silence up-[on] your bed. *Antiphon*

⁵Offer the ap-[point]-ed sacrifices,
and put your [trust in] the LORD.

⁶Many are saying, ... “Who will show us [an]-y good?”
Let the light of your face shine up-[on us] O LORD.

⁷You have put gladness [in] my heart,
more than when grain and [wine] abound.

⁸In peace, ... I will lie [down] and sleep;
for you alone O LORD, ... make me [rest] secure. *Antiphon*

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

After the reading:


Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

TEACHING TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Please stand in body or spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Be seated.

SERMON

Please stand in body or spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY - ACS 939 - Touch That Soothes and Heals



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that
2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it
3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's
4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the
ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and
peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of
wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:
shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.
kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.
tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

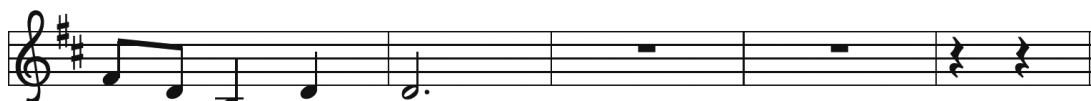
Refrain



“See my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. “Be my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, “live as



ones I died to save.”

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: CIVILITY, Gregg DeMey, b. 1972

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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

Let us pray for the church, the world, and for all of God's creation.

After a brief silence each petition concludes:

God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

After the final petition:

Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

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

Please greet one another and then be seated.

OFFERTORY

Stay with Us

Egil Hovland

The Trinity Choir

*Stay with us, Lord Jesus, stay with us.
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!
Let your light pierce the darkness and fill your church with its glory.*

Please stand in body or spirit.

CANTICLE



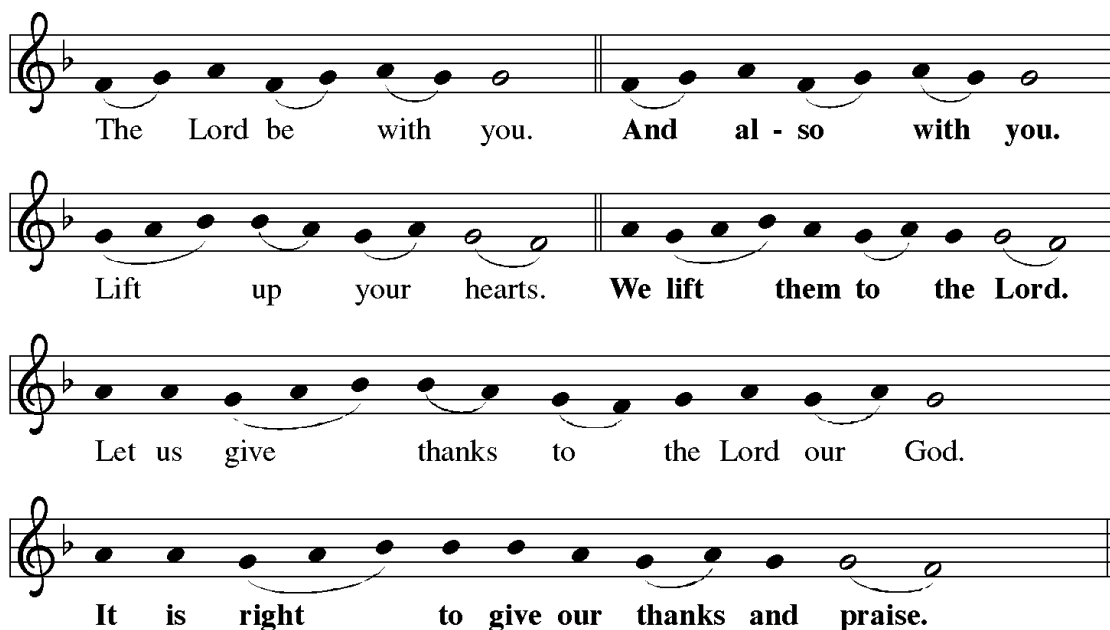
Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble
with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
Amen.

DIALOG



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

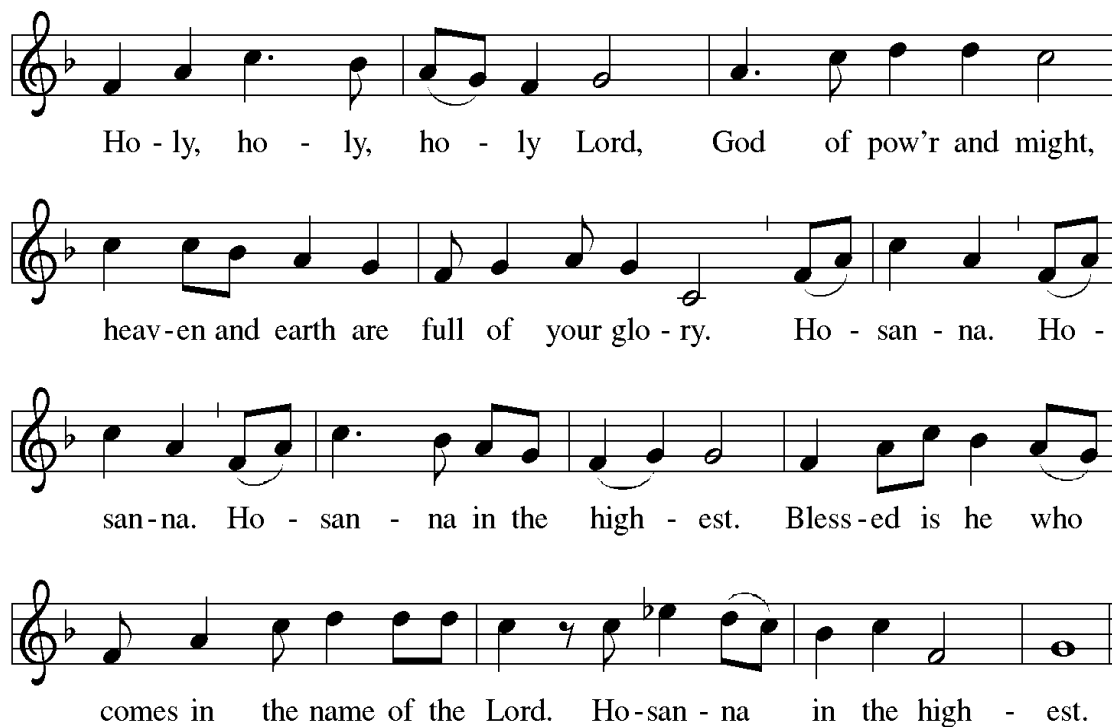
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God...
beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water...
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son...
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread...
at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit...
by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

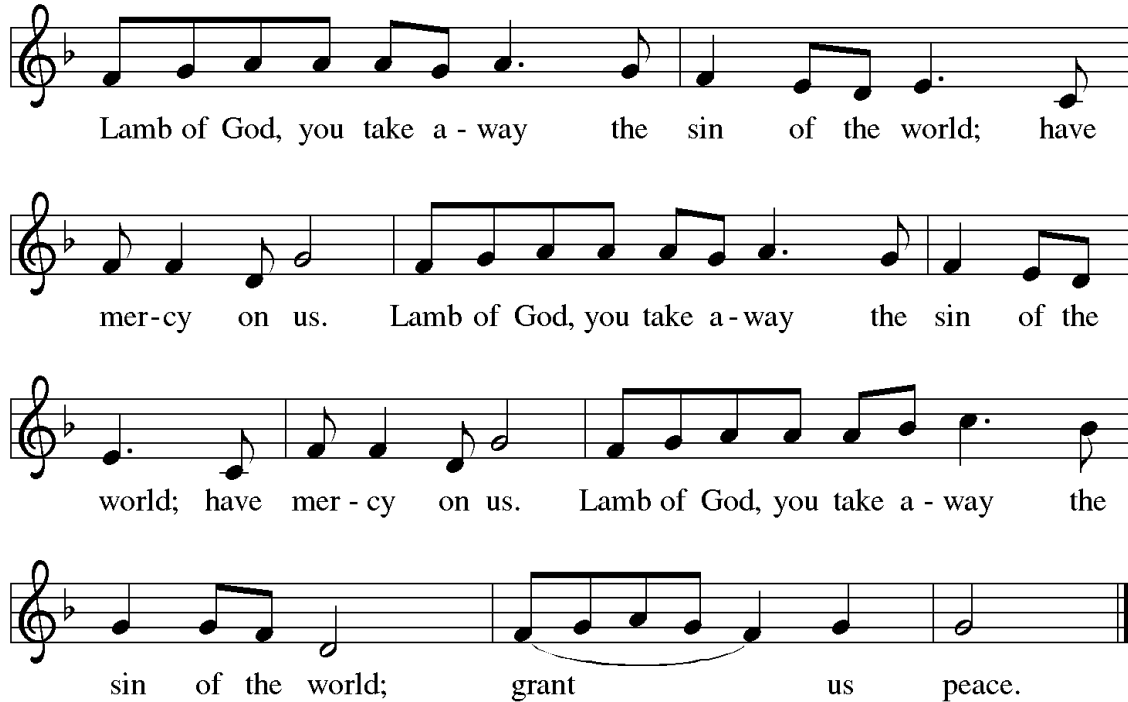
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

Be seated.

COMMUNION CANTICLE



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.

DISTRIBUTION

All who trust that Jesus Christ is present in this holy meal are invited to receive communion.

Please follow the direction of the usher; if your pew is located on one of the side aisles, walk to the rear of the sanctuary. Two lines will form in the center aisle. The left line will commune at the left side of the altar rail; the right line will commune on the right side.

When you reach the front of the sanctuary, there are serving trays located on the tables. Please choose either an empty glass to receive wine, or, if you prefer, a prefilled glass in the center ring containing grape juice. After taking your cup, proceed to the rail. Fill in around the rail from the center to the ends. You may stand or kneel as is your preference.

The pastor will give you a piece of bread; eat it when you receive it. If you prefer a gluten free alternative, please inform the pastor.

Then, an assistant will come to offer wine from a pouring chalice. Please extend your glass to be filled with wine or indicate that you have grape juice. After drinking the wine or juice, you are welcome to remain in place for a moment of meditation.

After you finish your time of reflection, please return to your pew, depositing your empty glass in the trays located on the tables at the head of the side aisles.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION - ELW 522 - As We Gather at Your Table

1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um-phiant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.

Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944
 Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855-1932
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Please stand in body or spirit.

TABLE BLESSING

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Shepherding God,

you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.

Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

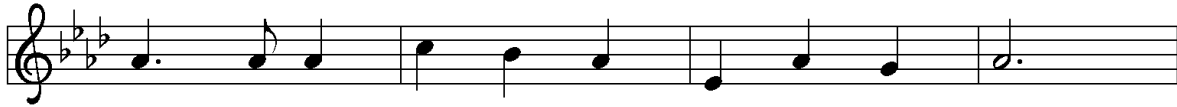
The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

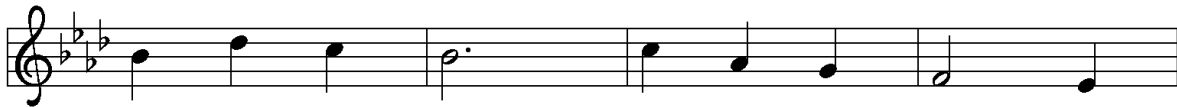
SENDING HYMN - ELW 377 - Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



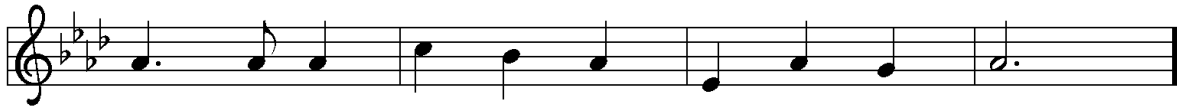
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Music: David N. Johnson, 1922-1987
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DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!

Keith Kolander

*Please join us for coffee and conversation in the Hintz Room immediately following worship.
Today's reception is hosted by the Capital Campaign Committee.*

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Special Congregational Meeting TODAY following worship

Trinity's Vestry is calling a special congregational meeting today immediately following worship for the purpose of amending the Capital Campaign approved in October 2023.

This is the only piece of business that will be conducted at this meeting. Members are invited to remain after this very brief meeting for a special Coffee & Conversation hosted by the Capital Campaign Committee.

Sunday Forum April 21st

Meet Jill Skoutelas, new Executive Director of Family Promise! Family Promise, a ministry birthed by the Lutherans here in Berks County and long-supported by Trinity, has a new Executive Director! Come and meet Jill and learn more about Family Promise's work.

Family Promise: Information and Sign Ups

Family Promise of Berks County helps families experiencing homelessness for the first time by providing a safe place to stay, vocational and interview skills training, job hunting assistance, and much more. For many years Trinity has been working with Atonement Lutheran Church to participate in the Hospitality Network. **Trinity and Atonement will be supporting Family Promise families during the weeks of 4/15/24, 7/8/24 and 7/15/24.** Sign up for the week of 4/15/2024 Family Promise April 2024. If you do not have access to the internet, and would like to contribute or learn more, please speak to Deaconess Deborah.

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Sunday, April 14, 2024 - Easter 3

Leaders in Today's Liturgy

Presiding and Preaching: Pr. Hans E. Becklin

Assisting Minister: Lisa Speece

Minister of Music: Karen S. Eddinger

Lector: Miles Dechant

Communion Assistant: Joshua Motley

Acolyte: William Norton-Ritz

Greeter: Allison Kalbach

Ushers: Nancy Everson and Robin Oberholtzer

Media Team: Danielle Smith, Kate Speece,

Grace Norton-Ritz and Veronika Shick

Altar Guild: Bernadette Ilgen, Jacinda Motley, Joshua Motley, Linda Motley, Charlene Norton, Robin Oberholtzer and Beth Welz

Today's altar flowers are sponsored by Lawrence Fredericks and Lourdes Rivera in memory of past loved ones

We thank Jacinda Motley, William Norton-Ritz and Declan Rosenbaum for choosing today's hymns

Immediate Prayer Requests

Dan Smith, Jerry Holleran, Harry Feinauer, Ed Wasmuth (Jeff Wasmuth's father), Deborah Lawton (aunt of Jessica Manning), and Terry Hack (brother-in-law of Maggie Shelly)

Ongoing Prayer Requests

Sandra Sittler, Ann Harnish, Amy Bornhofen, Bette Ashton (Christine Motley's grandmother), John Bornhofen, Celia Cosentino (friend of Jane Zobian), Dick Evans, Bob & Carol Hoffman (Christine Motley's parents), Katy Jablonowski (daughter of Nancy Everson), Darryl Jeffries, Tina Koch (friend of Jenn Smith), Nancy Nagle, the Sawyer family, Walter Schur, Dar Unger, David Unruh (brother of Ralph Unruh), Sandi & Tom McCarthy (friends of Carolyn & Jerry Holleran), Jonathan Bloom (friend of Jenn Smith), Patrick (manager of KRE security guard, Allen Greenawalt), and Fred Strause (friend of Peter & Deborah Graf)

Trinity Households and Ministry Partners

Tama & David McConnell; Amy, Joseph, Theo & Roen McDevitt; Pat McMahan; Matt, Jenn, Nick & Tyler Mellen and Kaitlyn & Steven Grace; and Carol Miller; Christ Episcopal Church and Fr. Bryce Wandrey; the Common Ground Recovery Community, Pr. Tom Scornavacchi, and Pr. Jayme Babczak, and Friedens Lutheran Church in Bernville and SALM Karen Althouse

Attendance April 7: --

Broadcast Schedule for this week on Comcast Channel 190

Sundays

6:00 PM World Views:
Contemporary Quaker Tradition
6:30 PM Music From Trinity:
Soli Deo Gloria (Part 2)
7:00 PM Trinity Worship Service

Wednesdays

4:00 PM Trinity Worship Service
5:00 PM Music From Trinity:
Soli Deo Gloria (Part 2)
5:30 PM World Views:
Contemporary Quaker Tradition

Trinity's Sunday morning worship is also live streamed via Facebook and YouTube. You may log on to either platform on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM and worship at the same time as the in-person congregation.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, April 14

9:00 AM: Sunday Forum: (Hintz Room)
10:00 AM: Worship (Nave)
11:15 AM: Congregational Meeting (Nave)
11:15 AM: Mixed Ensemble (Bard House)
11:30 AM: Coffee & Conversation (Hintz Room)
2:00 PM: Common Ground Worship and Meal
4:00 PM: Robert Reimer Memorial Service (Chapel)

Monday, April 15

Family Promise Hosting Week #2, 4/15 - 4/22
1:00 PM: Program Staff Meeting
7:00 PM: Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, April 16

9:30 AM: Full Staff Meeting
5:45 PM: Property Work Night

Wednesday, April 17

6:30 PM: Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
7:30 PM: Trinity Choir Rehearsal (Bard House)

Thursday, April 18

4:00 PM: Property Committee Meeting
7:00 PM: Worship & Music Committee Meeting
(The Highlands)

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