



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

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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 4

APRIL 21, 2024

Congregational words are in bold print.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Canticle of Joy

Jodi S. Acker

The Trinity Ringers Lisa Speece, flute

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 Lake Ontelaunee. 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 531 - The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing - David Himes, djembe



1 The trum - pets sound, the an - gels sing, the feast is
 2 Ta - bles are la - den with good things; oh, taste the
 3 The hun - gry heart he sat - is - fies, of - fers the



read - y to be - gin. The gates of heav'n are o - pen wide,
 peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love di - vine;
 poor his par - a - dise. Now hear all heav'n and earth ap - plaud



and Je - sus wel - comes you in - side.
 he'll turn your wa - ter in - to wine.
 the a - maz - ing good - ness of the Lord.



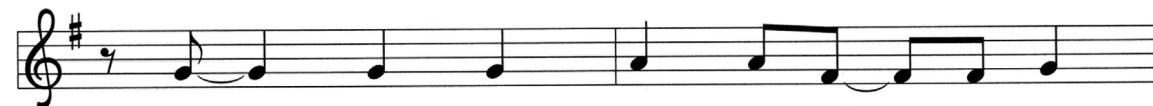
Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light.



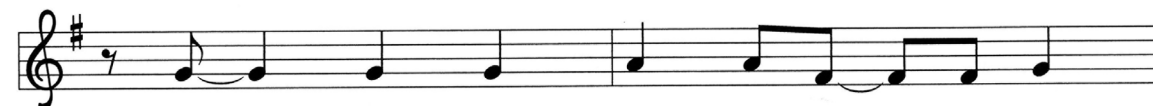
Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.



Take your place at the ta - ble of the King.



The feast is read - y to be - gin;



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Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950
 Music: Graham Kendrick
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THE FEAST IS READY
 LM and refrain

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.

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep,
you seek the lost and guide us into your fold.

Feed us, and we shall be satisfied;

heal us, and we shall be whole.

Make us one with you,

for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

After the reading:

Word of God, word of life.

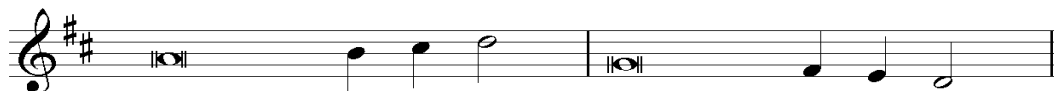
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23

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.



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



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. *Antiphon*

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence [of] my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, ... and my cup is [run]-ning 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. *Antiphon*

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

After the reading:

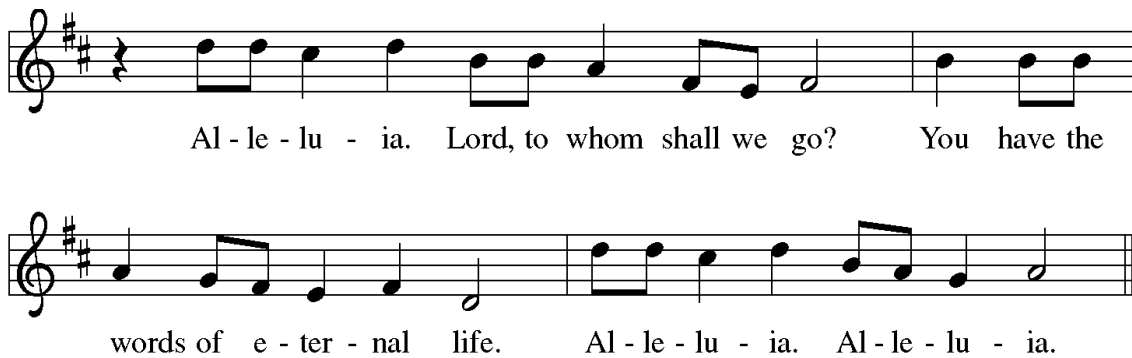
Word of God, word of life.

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: John 10:11-18

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

The Holy Gospel according to John.

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 - ELW 764 - Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
Music: Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930
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LITTLE FLOCK
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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

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

Nada me falta - Psalm 23

arr. Mark Sedio
ed. Anton Armstrong and John Ferguson

All: Refrain

Choir: 1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; you make me lie down in green pastures. To cool, fresh, clear water you lead me to drink; my suffering soul you revive.

All: Refrain

Choir: 2 You guide me along the pathway of life, though death's fearful darkness surrounds me. Your loving hand chases the evil away; your staff and your crook are my guide.

All: Refrain

Choir: 3 A table you set in the sight of my foes; you anoint me with rich smelling fragrance. My cup overflows with such bountiful gifts; such wonderful kindness to me!

All: Refrain

Choir: 4 Your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days I am living. In your safe, strong dwelling my home shall be for now and the rest of my life.

All: Refrain

Refrain

The musical notation for the Refrain is written on three staves in G minor (one flat). The first staff contains the notes: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). The second staff contains: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). The third staff contains: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). The lyrics are: El Se - ñor es mi pas - tor, na - da me fal - ta. El Se - ñor es mi pas - tor, na - da me fal - ta.

Translation: The Lord is my shepherd. I lack nothing.

Text: Psalm 23, para. MS

Music: Mark Sedio © 2023 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.

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,

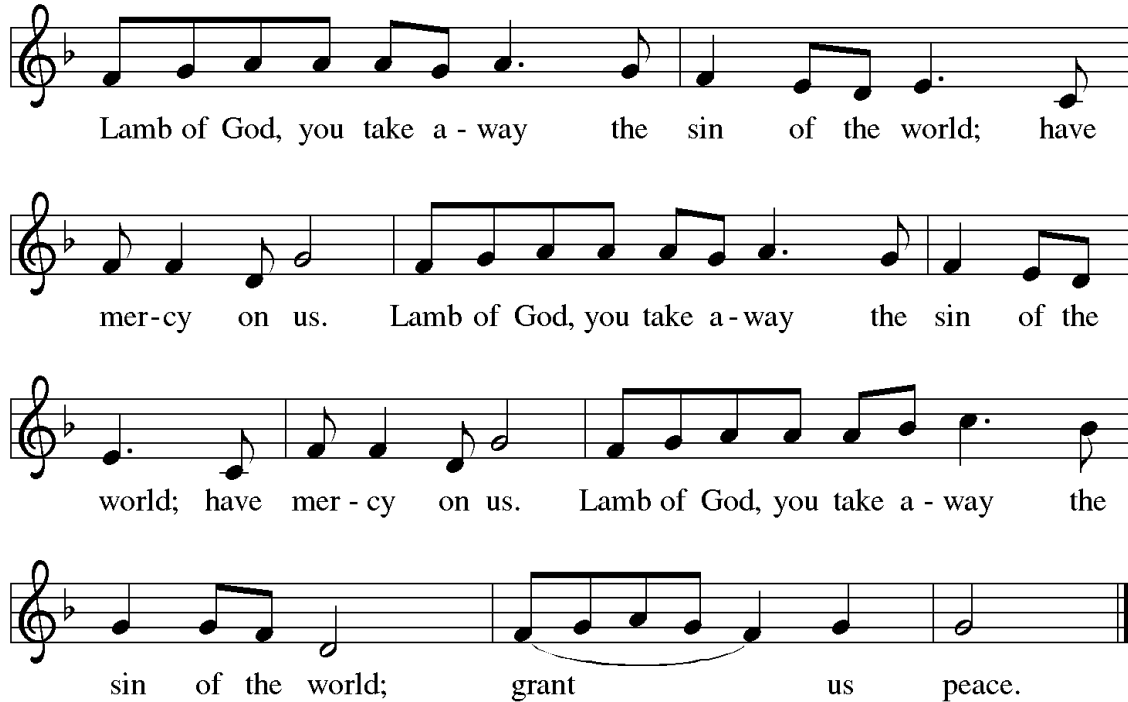
forever and ever. Amen.

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 780 - Shepherd Me, O God

Refrain
All

Shep-herd me, O God, be-yond my wants, be-yond my fears, from

to stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5

death in - to life. life.

to stanza 4

Leader or All

1 God is my shep-herd, so noth-ing shall I want, I
2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you
3 Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I

rest in the mead-ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I
lead me by path-ways of righ - teous-ness and truth, my
fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your

Refrain

walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.
spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.
rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.

Leader or All

4 You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of

Refrain

ha-tred, crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold.

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Refrain
All

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from

to stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5 *to stanza 4*

death in - to life. life.

Leader or All

5 Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life;

I will dwell in the house of my God for-ev - er - more.

Final refrain
All

Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -

yond my fears, from death in - to life.

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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 369 - Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!

of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!

at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807-1882, alt.
 Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781-1821

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Llanfair

Robert J. Powell

Please join us for coffee and conversation in the Hintz Room immediately following worship.

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Sunday Forum April 28th and May 5th: The Story of St. Stephen

In the Season of Easter, we hear stories in worship from the book of Acts. One oft-overlooked story is the ministry and witness of St. Stephen, the church's first martyr. Join Pr. Hans in Sunday Forum to open Acts and learn more about the early church's witness—and how it might inspire us today.

Concert of Reading Musical Foundation Scholarship Winners

Sunday, April 28 at 4:00 PM in the Trinity nave. Come, hear these talented young folks share their gift of music with us.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, April 21

9:00 AM: Sunday Forum: (Hintz Room)
10:00 AM: Worship (Nave)
11:15 AM: Mixed Ensemble (Bard House)
11:15 AM: Coffee & Conversation (Hintz Room)
2:00 PM: Common Ground Worship and Meal

Monday, April 22

1:00 PM: Program Staff Meeting

Tuesday, April 23

9:30 AM: Full Staff Meeting
2:00 PM: Women of TLC Bible Study
(The Highlands)
5:45 PM: Property Work Night

Wednesday, April 24

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

Thursday, April 25

4:00 PM: Property Committee Meeting

Saturday, April 25

8:00 AM Property Work Day (Welcome Center)

Sunday, April 28

9:00 AM: Sunday Forum: (Hintz Room)
9:00 AM: Sunday TLC (Room 4)
10:00 AM: Worship (Nave)
11:15 AM: Mixed Ensemble (Sanctuary)
11:15 AM: Coffee & Conversation (Hintz Room)
2:00 PM: Common Ground Worship and Meal
4:00 PM: RMF Scholarship Winners Concert (Nave)

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Sunday, April 21, 2024 - Easter 4

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Today's altar flowers are sponsored by
Donna Osborne in loving memory of her parents,
Joan and Donald Hinkle

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

Immediate Prayer Requests

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

Ongoing Prayer Requests

Harry Feinauer, George Phelps, 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)

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the Common Ground Recovery Community,
Pr. Tom Scornavacchi, and Pr. Jayme Babczak,
and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Tuckerton
and Pr. Lauren Wolfe Blatt

In-person attendance April 14: 88

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