

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

April 16th, 2023

Second Sunday of Easter



In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

- PRELUDE
- WELCOME
- ANNOUNCEMENTS
- PRAYER REQUESTS

*For sections with an *, please stand as you are able*

***Thanksgiving for Baptism**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.

ALL: Amen.

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,

holy and merciful,

holy and mighty,

you are the river of life,

you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.

In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.

Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

ALL: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.

Empower our witness to your resurrection.

Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

L: Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

Where despair prevails, grant hope.

Where chaos reigns, bring peace.

We ask this through Christ,

who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

ALL: Amen.

***OPENING HYMN: Thine is the Glory**

Green Book: #145

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!

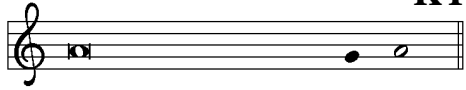
Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939
Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759

***GREETING**

L: The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

***KYRIE**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



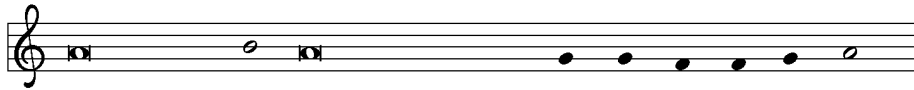
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

Assisting minister



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

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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

Refrain



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



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

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

L: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.

L: ^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ²²“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

L: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 16

In your presence there is fullness of joy. (Ps. 16:11)

L: ¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

**ALL: ²All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

L: ³But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**ALL: ⁴I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**

L: ⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

**ALL: ⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

L: ⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

**ALL: ⁸I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

L: ⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

**ALL: ¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

L: ¹¹You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.

L: ³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L: The word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

***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.

***GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: ¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON: Pastor Rick Mollenkopf-Grill

***HYMN OF THE DAY: Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain**

Vs.1-4

Green Book: 132

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain



1 Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4 For to - day a - mong the twelve Christ ap - peared, be - stow - ing
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Now we cry to our King im - mor - tal,



God has brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en;
 with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;
 his deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.
 who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal.



loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad - den faith-ful hearts which with true af - fec - tion
 Neith - er could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,
 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!



led them with un - moist-ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from his light, to whom is giv'n laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel-come in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, hold him as a mor - tal.
 God has brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, Johann Horn, c. 1490–1547

*NICENE CREED

L: Let us confess our faith together using the words of the Nicene Creed:

**ALL: 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**

L: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Each prayer ends with these words:

L: Hear us, O God.

ALL: your mercy is great.

L: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

ALL: Amen.

***THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

L: The peace of the LORD be with you always.

ALL: And also with you.

**You are invited to greet your neighbors with a sign of Christ's peace. Please be sure to have your neighbor's consent before sharing greetings with a handshake or other physical touch. Otherwise, sharing a wave, peace sign or a high-five are great ways to share the peace from a distance.*

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Any financial gifts you wish to give towards the ministry of Trinity may be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the worship space. We give thanks for your sharing of your offerings this and every day.

L: Generous God,

ALL: in this meal you offer your very self.

We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.

In the breaking of this bread

reveal to us the Risen One.

In the pouring of this wine

pour us out in service to the world;

through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

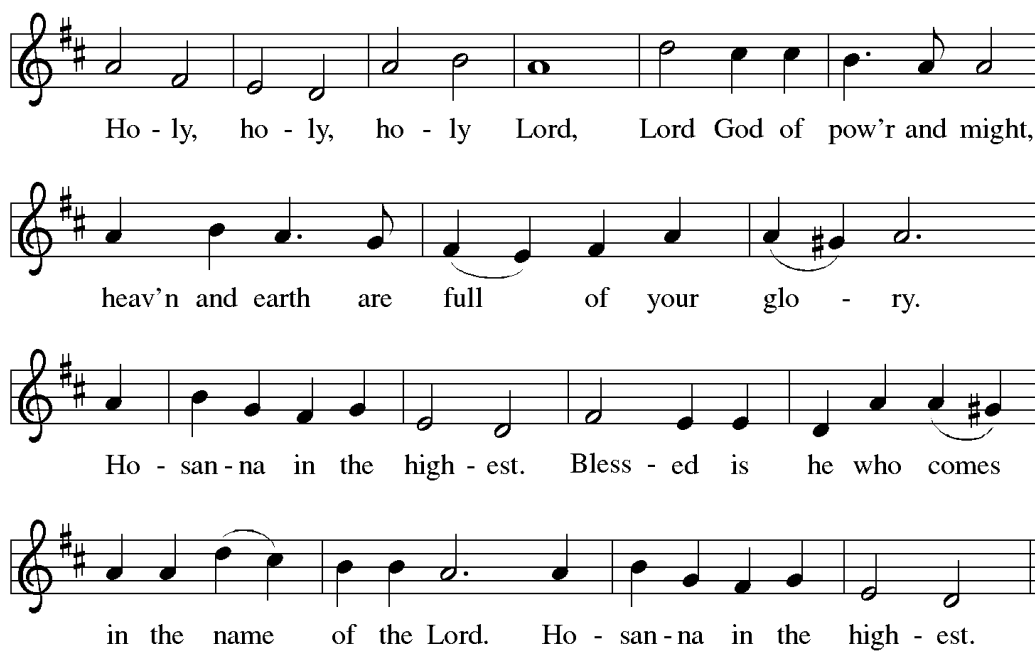
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
 that we should at all times and in all places
 give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
 for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
 the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
 who in dying has destroyed death,
 and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
 And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
 with earth and sea and all their creatures,
 and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

L: In 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.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

ALL: 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**

L: Come and know Christ,
broken and poured out for you.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

The minister will give instruction on the distribution of communion.

COMMUNION HYMN: 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.

COMMUNION HYMN: That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

To be sung during the distribution of communion - until distribution is complete

Green Book: 154

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the sun shone
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with con - stant
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in this our
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to you, once



out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing eyes re -
 love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will ev - er
 Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our strength and
 dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther e - qual



stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord! Al - le - lu - ia!
 raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise. Al - le - lu - ia!
 shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield. Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin hymn, 4th or 5th cent.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: ERSCHIENEN IST DER HERRLICH TAG, Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561

*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in God's grace, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Gracious God,

ALL: in you we live and move and have our being.

With your word and this meal of grace,

you have nourished our life together.

Strengthen us to show your love

and serve the world in Jesus' name.

Amen.

*BLESSING

L: The God of all,

who raised † Jesus from the dead,

bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.

ALL: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN: Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises
Blue Book: 722**

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.

Text: South African; tr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984
Music: HALELUYA! PELO TSA RONA, South African; arr. *Freedom Is Coming*
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***DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Office hours

Pastor Rick: Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tracy: Thursdays 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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*God's love is powerful...powerful enough to wade through our doubts, fears, and challenges.
And, God's love is for YOU and ALL*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Strength & Healing for:

Roger Hofmeier - continued healing
Sharon Dixon – continued healing
Jake Smith – prayers for healing
Terry Smitch
Jim Blake
Sarah Popalardaro
Leah Kissel - waiting for a liver transplant
Michele Sion - strength to face the days ahead
Flo Goeseke – continued healing
Anne Golpl – healing from cracked ribs
Jeff Saylor – comfort for him & his family
Kathryn Johannes – continued healing
Bob Whiting – cancer
David Styne – pancreatic cancer
Harold Gardner – healing

Patience & understanding for:

Eileen Kittel – chemo
Al Buza - testing
Scot Baron
Joanne Goeske Taylor – radiation treatments

The family & friends of:

Wyatt Francis
Betty Rehwaldt
Herman Neutshlander
Pastor Alan Griep

Prayers are a powerful way to lift up people who are sick, injured or suffering for God's healing, and also to give thanks for good news. Trinity sees prayer as an essential ministry, and has several ways we pray for those in need, and for you to take part in those prayers:

- 1. Trinity has a vibrant Prayer Chain ministry. Please contact Sue Kidder, our Prayer Chain coordinator, at 716-542-2095 anytime if you would like your prayer request(s) to be shared with our Prayer Chain group. Sue uses our OneCall phone system to share prayer requests with our group ASAP. Also, let us know if you would like to be a part of the Prayer Chain.*
- 2. Trinity maintains a prayer list in both the Sunday bulletin and the Beacon newsletter. Let us know about names you would like listed in the church office, or via the signup sheet at worship. Names remain listed for about a month unless you let us know otherwise.*

3. *If you wish for names to remain anonymous, you can let us know privately. We also have a moment of silent prayer during worship to lift up any one person or situation too sensitive to share otherwise.*

Counters: April: MaryLou, May: Jennifer, June: Dale

Bible Study

Join us as we resume on Wednesday, April 19th from 6:30-7:30.

Choir

Choir is meeting Wednesdays at 7:30 all are welcome!

Sunday School

Our next Sunday School is April 23rd. Our May dates are: May 7th & 21st

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School: Sunday July 16-Thursday July 20th. It will run from 5:30-8pm each night, at Town Line Lutheran Church in Alden.

Adult Forum

Adult Forum Book Study: Tattoos on the Heart

We'll continue in our book at these upcoming Adult Forum times following Sunday worship:

10:45 am **TODAY**

10:45 am on April 30th

Options to get your copy of Tattoos on the Heart:

-The Erie County Public Library has copies available for loan.

-You can also purchase your own copy elsewhere.

Council & Committee Retreat

Council members and anyone who is associated with a committee is invited to attend the Council & Committee retreat **from 8:30am – noon on May 20th**. We will start with a pot-luck breakfast before getting down to business.

Outdoor Cleanup Day

Thank you to all who gave their time to help with the outdoor cleanup and beautify the church!

Summer Worship and Picnic: Mark your Calendars

Trinity is going back to Akron Falls Park for worship and fun and food! We'll have our Summer Worship and Picnic at the Brooklyn St. shelter in Akron Falls Park at 10:30 am on Sunday, July 16th!

Hope Haven

Hope Haven is a non-profit inpatient chemical dependency rehabilitation program that provides an opportunity for WNY adults to overcome alcohol and substance abuse. They are in need of donations of the following items:

Magazines
Journals or composition notebooks
playing cards
yarn
crochet needles
puzzle books
adult coloring books
colored pencils
exercise equipment

To donate any of the following items, please contact Shannon Kern at 716-462-1212.

3rd Grade Bible

Reminders about Trinity's new Third Grade Bible program:

- If you wish to sponsor a Bible for one of our children, the cost is \$30. Please see Pastor Rick for details.
- May 7th: Third Grade Bible workshop during Sunday School time for children and parents. We'll share some Bible basics, and ways you can use your Bible with your family.
- May 21st: Third Grade Bible Sunday when we'll present Bibles the children signed up for the program. Families are welcome to come and participate!