

# *Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church*

April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter



Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

- PRELUDE
- WELCOME
- ANNOUNCEMENTS
- PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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### **\*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.

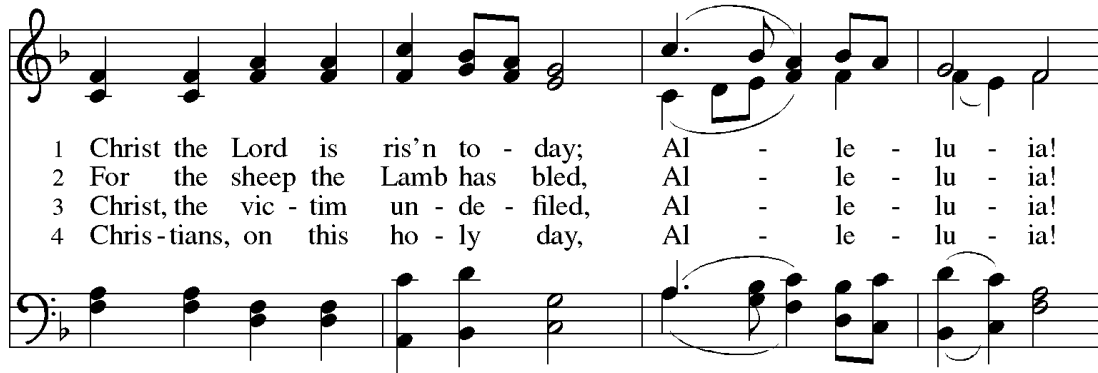
We ask this through Christ,

who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

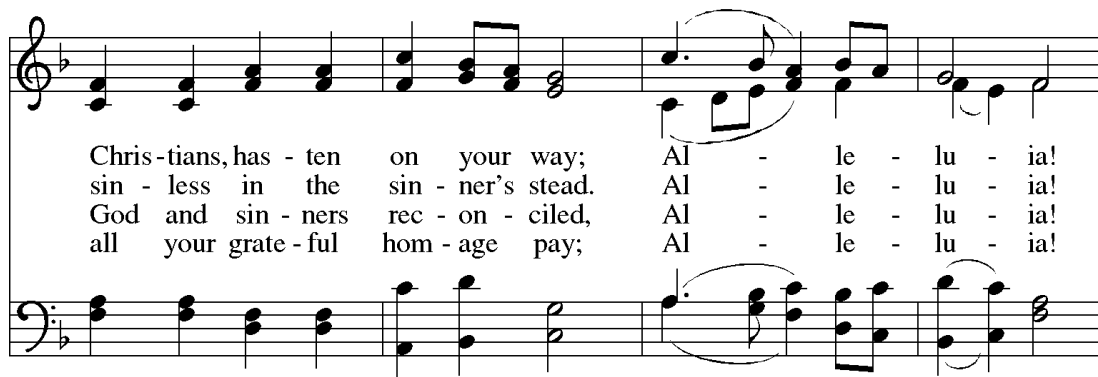
**ALL: Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN: Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!  
Green Book: 128**

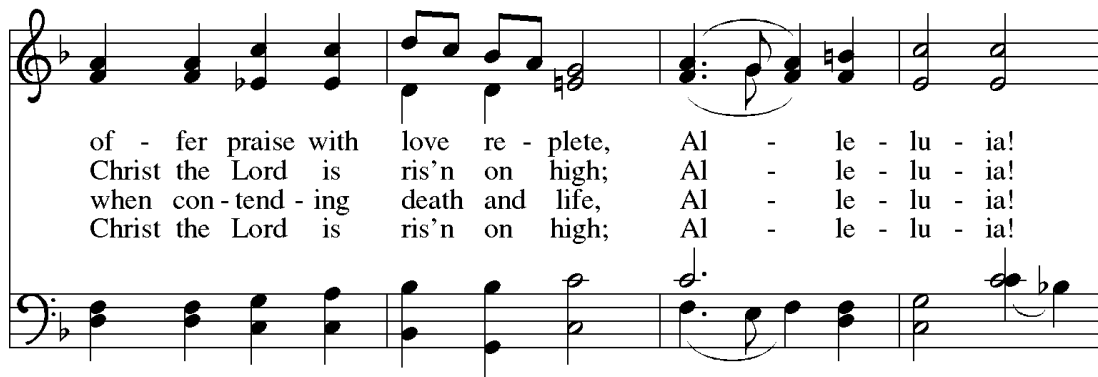
# Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!



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!



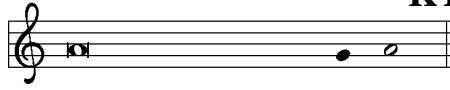
at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

**\*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.



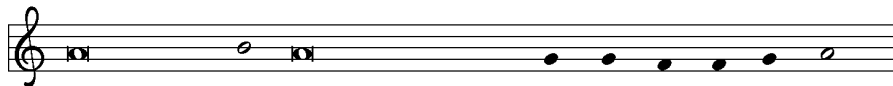
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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: O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

*Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.*

L: <sup>42</sup>[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

L: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM: 23

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)*

L: <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

**ALL: <sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

L: <sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**ALL: <sup>4</sup>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.**

L: <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**ALL:** <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25**

*Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity.*

L: <sup>19</sup>It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup>"He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

<sup>23</sup>When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

L: The word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**\*GOSPEL: John 10:1-10**

*Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.*



L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

**ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

L: [Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN’S TIME**

**SERMON: Pastor Rick Mollenkopf-Grill**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us  
Green Book: 481**

## Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



- 1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
- 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
- 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
- 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.  
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.

Text: Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847  
Music: HER VIL TIES, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

### \*NICENE CREED

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

**ALL:**

**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.

## HEALING

*A word about this service:*

*The order for healing is an expression in worship of the church's ministry of healing. Here all who sense the need for God's healing in any aspect of their lives (mind, body or spirit) may join in prayer for others and themselves. Here each person may come to receive a word of blessing and prayer. Here each one may also receive a physical gesture of healing through the laying on of hands.*

*In its ministry of healing, the church does not replace the gifts of God that come through the scientific community nor does it promise a cure. Rather, the church offers and celebrates gifts such as these: God's presence with strength and comfort in time of suffering, God's promise of wholeness and peace, and God's love embodied in the community of faith.*

L: Our Lord Jesus healed many as a sign of the reign of God come near and sent the disciples to continue this work of healing—with prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing. In the name of Christ, the great healer and reconciler of the world, we now entrust to God all who are in need of healing.

### \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L: Let us pray.

Loving God, our source and our final home, we give you thanks for the gifts of life on earth, for our human bodies and all you have created.

In your great mercy,

**ALL: hear us, O God.**

L: Merciful God, by the wounds of your Son we are healed. Bring your saving health to all people.

In your great mercy,

**ALL: hear us, O God.**

L: Holy God, your Spirit came upon us in the waters of baptism and brought us into the communion of saints.

Renew in us the grace of baptism, by which we share in Christ's death and resurrection.

In your great mercy,

**ALL: hear us, O God.**

L: Mighty God, your Son Jesus brought healing and wholeness to all. Bring your healing presence now to all who are sick or in pain. Grant hope to all who are discouraged or in despair.

In your great mercy,

**ALL: hear us, O God.**

L: Compassionate God, the strength of those who suffer, bring hope and peace to all who are in mental, physical, or spiritual distress.

In your great mercy,

**ALL: hear us, O God.**

L: Almighty God, source of human knowledge, give skill, wisdom, and compassion to all who provide medical care.

In your great mercy,

**ALL:hear us, O God.**

L: Loving God, our creator and redeemer, give gentleness and courage to family members, friends, and caregivers of those who suffer.

In your great mercy,

**ALL: hear us, O God.**

L: Redeeming God, our refuge and strength, you have bound us together in a common life. In all our conflicts as a nation, help us to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, to listen for your voice amid competing claims, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect.

In your great mercy.

**ALL: Hear us, O God.**

L: God of great and abundant mercy,  
with your presence sustain all for whom we pray.  
Drive away their suffering, give them firm hope,  
and strengthen their trust in you;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

### **LAYING ON OF HANDS**


L: Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

*Those who wish to receive laying on of hands may approach and kneel or stand at the altar rail.*


**HYMN: “Healer Of Our Every Ill”**  
**Blue Book: 738**

# Healer of Our Every Ill

*Refrain*



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.  
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

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 Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen  
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## \*PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

Living God, through the laying on of hands, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing. When they are afraid, give them courage; when afflicted, give them patience; when dejected, give them hope; and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen.**

## \*BLESSING

L: Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore your sure defense, and help you to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**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.

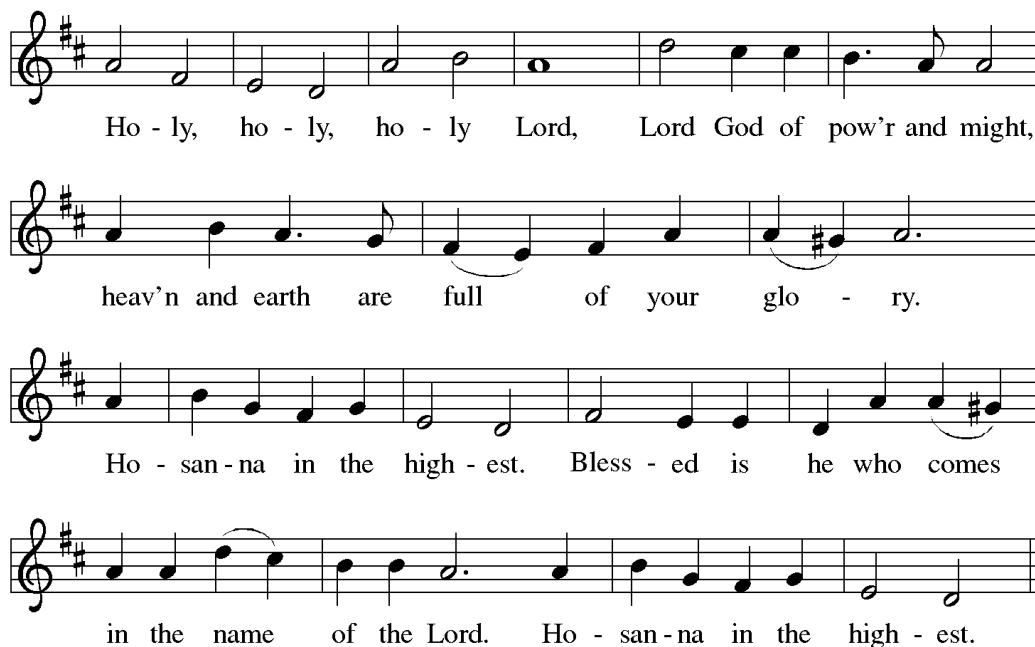
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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: You Satisfy the Hungry Heart  
Blue Book: 711**

# You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

## *Gift of Finest Wheat*



- 1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - jice.  
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.  
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
 whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

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 Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996  
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*To be sung during the distribution of communion - until distribution is complete*

### **\*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: Have No Fear, Little Flock**  
**Green Book: 476**

**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: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930  
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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:**

David Styne – pancreatic cancer

Harold Gardner – healing from fall

Brenden David – safe deployment

Helmut Bauder – healing from cataract surgery

### **The family & friends of:**

Judy Stuber Roland

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 Kruschke

## **Thank You**

The family of Wyatt Francis would like to thank the congregation for their prayers, memorials & cards. Everything was greatly appreciated.

## **RIP Medical Debt Relief**

Thanks to everyone (including our Sunday School students!) who donated to the Synod's Lenten collection. We raised \$1,112 to help people pay their medical debts! That's the same as \$111,200 in retired medical debt.) Thank you for your generosity!

## **Worship Décor Committee**

Do you love coming in and seeing how beautiful the church looks on holidays? A lot of work by Laura Pingitore and Ronda Lauridsen goes into the florals & seasonal décor, and many hands make light work...so, we are looking to form a Worship Décor Committee with more volunteers, to assist in beautifying the church and planning the floral orders, etc. The group would not meet weekly, only before the important weeks (think Pentecost, Reformation, Christmas & Easter.) If you can help out please see Pastor Rick. We're planning to meet before Pentecost (May 28<sup>th</sup>.)

## **Bible Study**

Join us for Bible Study Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30.

## **Choir**

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

## **Sunday School**

**Our May dates are: May 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> and our last day will be June 11<sup>th</sup>.**

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School: Sunday July 16-Thursday July 20<sup>th</sup>. 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 wrap up our book discussion following Sunday worship at 10:45 am Today!

## **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 20<sup>th</sup>**. We will start with a pot-luck breakfast before getting down to business.

## **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!

## **Worship in Russell Park**

We will join with our siblings at Akron First United Methodist in the gazebo at Russell Park on June 25 and August 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible**

Reminders about Trinity's new Third Grade Bible program:

- **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!