

Trinity Lutheran Church

April 28, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter



WELCOME

LITANY

Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:
Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave!
Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Sin and death shall reign no more!
Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Let this place resound with joy!
Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

GATHERING HYMN:

We Know That Christ Is Raised (ELW 449)



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em-braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Trusting in the mercy of God,
let us confess to God and to one another
our failure to love our neighbor.

**God of mercy,
we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit.
We have not loved others as you have loved us.
We have denied the promises of baptism
and cut ourselves off from you.
Forgive us, restore us,
that we may abide in your love
and live out your mercy,
for the sake of Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

We have already been cleansed
by the word that God has spoken to us.
In baptism God claimed us
and joined us to Christ, as branches to a vine.
This is the good news of the gospel:
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

CONFESSIONAL HYMN:

There in God's Garden (ELW 342)



1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
see there the ten - drils of our hu - man
Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
self - hood feed on its life - blood.
stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending
this my resurrection;
into your hands, Lord,
I commit my spirit.
This have I searched for;
now I can possess it.
This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,
"Thanks to Christ whose passion
offers in mercy
healing, strength, and pardon.
Peoples and nations,
take it, take it freely!"
Amen! My Master!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 22:25-31

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,**

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before
the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us.

²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Word of God, word of life.
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 15:1-8

The holy gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY:

Where Charity and Love Prevail (ELW 359)



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Living God, giver of life,
hear us as we pray, saying,
Pour out your blessing, O Lord;
send us your Spirit of peace.

As the lector closes each petition:

Pour out your blessing, O Lord;

The people respond:

Send us your Spirit of peace.

By the blessing of your Spirit,
help us to live as we pray
so that the world may come to know
the gift of life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

Please place offering in one of the Bulletin Stand offering plates at the end of worship as you leave the church.

OFFERTORY: *One Bread, One Body* (ELW 496)



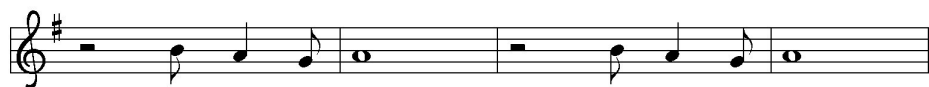
One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



wom-an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath-ered to one for all.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Lord God, we offer to you only a portion

of what you have given us.

All that we have is from your creative hand.

All that we can give away we do through Jesus' love.

All our renewal comes from the Holy Spirit's wisdom.

Deal graciously with these gifts so that others may have joy;

in Jesus' name. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

CHARGE

Let us go out with joy that we are
securely abiding as branches of the true vine.

Let us go and tell the story of faith
that is given to us by the One who never lets us go.

SENDING HYMN:

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death (ELW 452)



- 1 A - wake, O sleep-er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
- 2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,
- 3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,
- 4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
- 5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Serving in Worship

TODAY — Apr 28, 2024

Altar: Conyers Family

Preacher: L. Conyers

Reader: Damion Liles

Fellowship: Sharon & Phil Rabon

NEXT SUNDAY — May 5, 2024

Altar: Lori Johnson

Preacher: N. Keith

Reader: Abby Haff

Fellowship: Samantha Weatherston

Trinity is excited to
have new families
joining us in ministry
this May 5th!

*New Member
Sunday*

If you are interested
in being received,
please contact
Pastor Nate.



CAMPUS CABINET NEWS



Downstairs from the northwest entrance, our Campus Cabinet Food Pantry gets DAILY visitors.

*THANK YOU to ALL who donate to the pantry!
Your donations make a difference in our community!*

Our members who fill the cabinet twice a week use this list.

You can place donations on the cabinet shelves,
or leave bulk donations on the table to be stored.

CAMPUS CABINET ESSENTIALS

1. cereals, especially oatmeal singles and/or bulk
2. canned fruits, jellies, peanut butter
3. soups and crackers
4. pastas, especially macaroni & cheese
5. pasta sauces
6. canned chicken, tuna, meals
7. canned vegetables
8. rice and instant mashed potatoes
9. cooking oil, salt, pepper, spices
10. ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise

Other popular items include frozen ready meals, hot dogs, and toilet paper. Remember to leave your empty egg cartons for our generous egg donor!



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DATES TO SAVE

June 9th:

Ice Cream Social & Hymn Sing

- 1pm meet at Trinity
- 1:15 caravan to old building
- 1:45 ice cream social
- 2:15 hymn sing in sanctuary

August 11th

Worship and Picnic in the Park

- 9am no onsite Trinity service
- 10am Worship at Washington
- 11am play and cook
- 12pm eat

October 19th

GALA at Alice Hardie Center

- featured speaker:
Kristin Johnston Lagen,
Wartburg Seminary President
--Trinity's first intern

WALK IN THE WAY OF LOVE
AS CHRIST + LOVED US

EPHESIANS 5:2

Trinity Happenings:

Sun, Apr 28:	9:00am 10:15am 6:00pm	Worship Service Fellowship in Gruver Rm Community <i>Lamb of God</i> Oratorio @ LHS
Mon, Apr 29:	9:00am	<i>Becoming</i> in Gruver Room
Wed, May 1:	10:00am 6:00pm 6:30pm	Women's Study in Gruver Room Wednesday Supper in Gruver Rm Wednesday Worship in Gruver Room
Thu, May 2:	11:45am	MUGG Campus Meeting @ Rendezvous Café
Fri, May 3:	10:00am	Bob Middleton Funeral
Sun, May 5:	9:00am 9:00am 10:15am	New Member Sunday Worship Sunday School behind Gruver Rm Fellowship in Gruver Room
Mon, May 6:	9:00am 5:00pm	<i>Becoming</i> in Gruver Room TheologyPUB @ Coal Creek Downtown
Wed, May 8:	10:00am	Women's Study in Gruver Room
Thu, May 9:	11:45am	MUGG Campus Meeting @ Rendezvous Café
Sun, May 12:	9:00am 10:15am	Mother's Day Sunday Worship Fellowship in Gruver Room



**Trinity Camp-in
4th Annual!**

Camper, car, tent, out under the stars...

Save the Dates

- 📅 July 26-28
- 📍 Pole Mountain

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