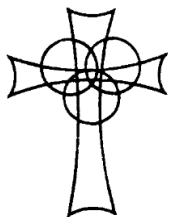


Jesus came
and stood among
them and said,
“Peace be with you.”

John 20:19, NRSV



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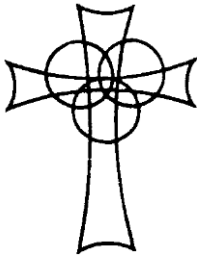
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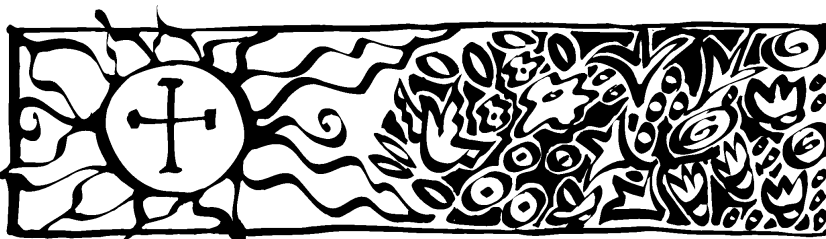
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Second
Sunday of
Easter



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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Pastor and People of Trinity Lutheran are glad that you are joining us in worship today. We are an “Easter People.” As such, we celebrate Christ’s victory over sin and death not only one Sunday of the Year, but every Sunday! Jesus Christ is worshipped here as the Living Lord and is seen alive as He comes to us in His Word and Sacraments. We pray that you will discover the same Lord Jesus as you worship with us today.

PRAYER UPON ENTERING WORSHIP

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. Amen.

CONCERNING HOLY COMMUNION

Lutherans believe that in this Sacrament the very Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are present in, with, and under the physical elements of bread and wine. And this Sacrament is distributed to the Baptized of the Church who believe in the Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, sincerely repent of their sins, and desire to receive God’s forgiveness in this Holy Meal. Those who are present at this celebration who are baptized, have been instructed in the meaning of this Supper, and believe likewise are welcome to commune with us at this Altar today. Anyone who desires, child or adult, may come forward to receive a blessing.

Persons who have questions about what Lutherans believe or have any spiritual concerns are asked to speak with an Usher so that they can direct you to the Pastor so that you may speak with him before communing.



The Divine Service of Word and Sacrament in the Season of Easter

Divine Service, Setting One
Lutheran Service Book, Page 151ff

✠ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✠

✠ **The Preparation** ✠

The Music for Meditation

The Prelude

“Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom”

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 481

“Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom”

1 Scat - ter the dark - ness, break the gloom; Sun, re - veal an
2 Bear - ing the stan - dard from on high As the Lamb of
3 Ban - ners of tri - umph, be un - furled! Trum - pets, sound through -

emp - ty tomb Shin - ing with joy for all our sor - rows,
God to die; He who for us, so cruel - ly treat - ed,
out the world! Cry - ing and sighs, give way to sing - ing:

Hope and peace for all to - mor - rows, Life un - e -
Lives a - gain— our foes de - feat - ed! Where is your
Life from death, our Lord is bring - ing! Let there be -



clipped by doubt and dread: Christ has ris - en from the dead!
sting, O death and grave? Christ has shown His strength to save!
gin the ju - bi - lee— Christ has gained the vic - to - ry!

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The Invocation and Easter Acclamation:

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Confession of Sins and Absolution:

P Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

C We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:3-4

P Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again. The death He died, He died to sin, once for all. The life He lives, He lives to God. Knowing that we have been raised with Christ, let us confess our sins that our lives may be raised and renewed by the power of His forgiveness.

from Romans 6:9-11

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.



P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

✠ **The Service of the Word** ✠

The Introit of the Day

Psalm 105:1-5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2-3

P Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

C **Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!**

P Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!

C **Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!**

P Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

C **Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.**

P He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

The Kyrie Eleison:

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P 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.



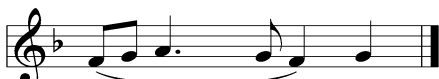
C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.



The Hymn of Praise

This Is the Feast

Refrain

C 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
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

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.

The Salutation and Collect of the Day:



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

The Congregation is seated.

The First Reading

Acts 5:29-42

²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Epistle

1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Congregation rises.

The Gradual and Verse

*adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6
Romans 6:9; John 20:29b*

P Christ has risen from the dead.

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

C **He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
he has put all things under his feet.**

P Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

C **death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia.**

P Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen

C **and yet have believed. Alleluia.**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, 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 in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, 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; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, 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 believed."

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Congregation is seated.



The Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 487

“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 His own 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
 Nei - ther 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!

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The Sermon

The Care and Feeding of Christians

Text: 1 Peter 2:2-3

✠ **The Service of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism** ✠
Celebrated for Wyatt James Pfeifer

The Baptismal Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 593

“See This Wonder in the Making”

1 See this won - der in the mak - ing: God Him -
 2 Mir - a - cle each time it hap - pens As the

self this child is tak - ing As a lamb safe in His
 door to heav-en o - pens And the Fa - ther beams, “Be-

keep - ing, His to be, a - wake or sleep - ing.
 lov - ed, Heir of gifts a king would cov - et!”

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| <p>3 Far more tender than a mother,
 Far more caring than a father,
 God, into Your arms we place him,
 With Your love and peace embrace him.</p> | <p>4 Here we bring a child of nature;
 Home we take a newborn creature,
 Now God’s precious son or daughter,
 Born again by Word and water.</p> |
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The Invocation and Address:

The Candidate for Baptism and Sponsors gather at the Font.

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.”

- P** The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

The pastor addresses the candidate:

- P** How are you named?
R Wyatt James.

The Signing with the Cross:

The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of the candidate while saying:

- P** Wyatt James, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the Crucified.

The Flood Prayer:

- P** Let us pray.
Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Wyatt James according to Your boundless mercy and bless him with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in him, which has been inherited from Adam and which he himself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that he be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your Name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, he would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- C** Amen.



The Address to the Sponsors:

- P** From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church, sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.
- P** Is it your intention to serve Wyatt James as sponsors in the Christian faith?
- R** *Yes, with the help of God.*
- P** God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.
- C** **Amen.**

The Baptismal Gospel:

Mark 10:13-16

- P** Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.
They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.
- P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

The Lord's Prayer:

- P** In order to implore the blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ upon the gathering of this child into the family of our Father, let us with all the family pray the prayer He gave us.

The pastor places his hands on the head of the candidate.

- C** **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.**

P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even ✠ evermore.

C Amen.

The Renunciation of Evil and the Profession of Faith:

P Let us all, together with sponsors and parents, faithfully speak on behalf of Wyatt James in testimony of the forgiveness of sin and the birth of the life of faith which God our Father bestows in and through Baptism.

P Wyatt James, do you renounce the devil?

C Yes, I renounce him.

P Do you renounce all his works?

C Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you renounce all his ways?

C Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth?

C Yes, I believe.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead?

C Yes, I believe.

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting?

C Yes, I believe.

The Baptism:

The pastor addresses the candidate.

P Wyatt James, do you desire to be baptized?

R Yes, I do.

The pastor pours water three times on the head of the candidate while saying:

P Wyatt James, I baptize you in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized, and anoints them with aromatic olive oil (Chrism), to symbolize the sealing with the Holy Spirit for salvation (Ephesians 1:13-14), while saying:

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.

C Amen.

The Giving of the Baptismal Garment and Candle

The pastor places a white garment on the newly baptized while saying:

P Receive this white garment to show that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

The pastor lights a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and gives it to the newly baptized while saying:

P Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

The Welcoming of the Newly Baptized:

P In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' Name as our brother in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

C Amen. We welcome you in the Name of the Lord.



The Prayers of Thanksgiving:

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Wyatt James the new birth in Holy Baptism and made him a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as he has now become Your child, You would keep him in his baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure he may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy Name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P Lord and Giver of life, look with kindness upon the father and mother of this child and upon all our parents. Let them ever rejoice in the gift You have given them. Enable them to be teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism that they may share eternally with their children the salvation You have given them; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

The Peace:

P Peace ✠ be with you.

C Amen.

The Baptismal Party returns to their places in the congregation.

✠ **The Service of Prayer and Thanksgiving** ✠

The Congregation rises.

The Prayer of the Church:

P Let us shed our doubts and come joyfully before the Lord in prayer, confident that He will hear and answer us according to His promise.

P Lord God, like Thomas we wrestle with faith amid doubts and fears. Grant us Your Holy Spirit so that believing, we may see, and, seeing, we may rejoice in Your Son and in the power of His resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Lord God, You know the hearts of Your people and those who have wandered into error or have fallen away from the faith. Rekindle faith in them and restore them to the fold, that their voices may be one with us in prayer and praise again. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, without Your guidance, we are lost. Give to Your Church faithful pastors who will preach faithfully at all times and missionaries, teachers, and church workers through whom Your Word extends to those still in the darkness of sin and death. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, the threats against us are great, but You are greater still. Deliver us from conflict, war and oppression, and provide for us good, wise and honorable leaders who will serve the causes of justice and freedom for all. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, we live in community with our neighbors. Make us good citizens, and give to us good government in our cities and towns. Open our hearts to the stranger, and help us serve our neighbors in love as Christ has served us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, the things of this world too often distract us from the one great treasure of Christ, who died that we might live and who lives that we might never die. Guide us in the use of things, that we may ever be grateful for Your gifts and use them wisely for Your purpose and glory. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, the trials and troubles of this mortal life weigh heavy upon us. Give to the sick and to those who suffer the consolation of Your grace and healing according to Your will, especially to _____, that we may have courage, confidence and peace in every circumstance. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, You bless Your children with good things. We give You thanks for Your kindness towards us all, and especially to _____. Help us to always receive Your blessings with grateful hearts which ever acknowledge You, the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, Your risen Son is the Lord of Life. With the hope found in His Resurrection, comfort (_____ and) all those who mourn the passing of loved ones, that they may find peace in the knowledge that all those who rest in Christ live forever with Him. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, You turn Your ears to hear the prayers of the people who look to You in hope. Listen to the petitions we bring to You for _____, and for all the concerns we lift to You from the silence of our hearts ... We commend all these things into Your hands, trusting that You will grant those things for which we pray according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, even as we remember the Passover in this Holy Supper, we anticipate the heavenly and eternal meal to come, rejoicing to know that the divisions of time and space will be bridged and all Your children will be together in the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom without end. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, we praise You for Thomas and the rest of the Apostles and for all the witnesses of the Resurrection who saw the Risen Lord Jesus and believed. We also praise You for Lucas Cranach, Albrecht Duerer, and all of those who in faith believed in this Good News, even without seeing, and who now dwell in the very presence of the Living Lord. Grant to us also the blessing of believing in the Resurrection of Jesus, that we may live in hope, and finally by Your mercy, behold Him face to face in the joys of heaven's never-ending life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, we have learned to trust in Your mercy and to abide in faith amid all circumstances. Even now, we pray without fear that Your will be done for us, among us and through us, and that in all things we may learn to be content in Your grace and favor; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace:

P The Risen Christ came and stood among His disciples and said, "Peace be with you." Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.
The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The Congregation is seated.

✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

The Hymn of Preparation

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 464

“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o’er, the bat - tle done;
 2 The pow’rs of death have done their worst,
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped,

Now is the vic - tor’s tri - umph won;
 But Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed.
 He ris - es glo - rious from the dead.

The Refrain is repeated after st. 5.

Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!

4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell;
 The bars from heav’n’s high portals fell.
 Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.
 Alleluia!

5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,
 From death’s dread sting Thy servants free
 That we may live and sing to Thee.
 Alleluia! *Refrain*

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Tune: Giovanni P. da Palestrina, c. 1525–1594, adapt.

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The Congregation rises.

The Preface Dialogue:

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



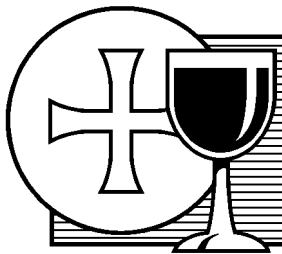
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



The *Sanctus*:

C 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.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving:

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His Body and His Blood on the cross. Gathered in the Name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His Body and drink His Blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



The Words of Our Lord:

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

The Proclamation of Christ and the Lord’s Prayer:

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

The *Pax Domini*:

- P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always.



The *Agnus Dei*:

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.

The Congregation is seated.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

Holy Communion is celebrated in this place in the joyful confidence that Jesus Christ Himself comes to us to give us in bread and wine His very Body and Blood to offer to us the forgiveness of sins. All Baptized Christians who have been instructed in the meaning of this Sacrament and confess with us Christ's Real Presence in this Holy Meal are welcome to commune with us at this Altar. A fuller explanation of what Lutherans believe concerning Holy Communion may be found on page one of this worship folder.

Holy Communion is distributed to the congregation at the chancel rail. Please follow the direction of the ushers to make your way to the Altar. You may kneel or stand as you feel comfortable. The Sacrament is distributed in the following manner...Please extend your hand to the assistant to receive the Body of Christ. Christ's Blood may be received in one of three ways, using that which you feel most comfortable: 1) individual cups containing wine and white grape juice will be offered by the Pastor, 2) intinction: dipping the bread lightly into the chalice held by the Pastor, or 3) drinking from the chalice. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

The Distribution Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 470

"O Sons and Daughters of the King"



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav' n - ly
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, The faith - ful
 3 An an - gel clad in white they see, Who sits and
 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!
 wom - en went their way To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay,
 speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."
 came their mas - ter dear And said, "My peace be with you here."



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard
 That they had seen the risen Lord,
 He doubted the disciples' word.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,
 And look upon My hands, My feet;
 Not faithless but believing be."
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied;
 He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Hymn continues on the next page...

8 How blest are they who have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days
Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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The Congregation rises.

The Post-Communion Canticle:

Thank the Lord



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Alleluia!

The Post-Communion Collect:

P Let us pray.

We give You thanks, almighty and merciful God, that You have refreshed us with Your Holy Sacrament; and we beseech You to pour out upon our hearts the Spirit of Your love, and to unite in peace those whom You have fed with the true Paschal Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Benediction:

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



The Dismissal:

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P Go in peace to love and to serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

C **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**



The Hymn to Depart

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 465

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
 △ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: “Christ has tri - umphed!
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: “Christ has tri - umphed!
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: “Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!” Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
 He is liv - ing!” Now still He comes to give us
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
 Al - le - lu - ia!” Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all
 day That by our lives we tru - ly
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: “Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!”
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 say: “Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!”
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

✠ *To God Be All Praise and Glory!* ✠

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THOSE WHO SERVE US THIS MORNING IN WORSHIP

The Celebrant & Preacher
The Lector
The Communion Assistant
The Worship Assistant
The Parish Musician

The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel
Waymond Joynes
Helen Joynes
Paul Ritter
Skip Hall

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NOTES AND NEWS

The Floral Arrangement on the Altar today has been given to the Glory of God in honor of Wyatt James’ Baptism by Rona, Paul, and Matthew Juhasz.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM ... is celebrated today for **Wyatt James Pfeifer**, infant son of Kristina and Brandon Pfeifer. His Godparents are Craig & Ashley Pfeifer. May the Lord richly bless Wyatt with His grace and Spirit and keep him close to Him forever.

COVID UPDATE ... The wearing of masks while in the church building remains optional, and you are free to wear or not wear them as you choose, or as your personal needs determine. We ask, in love for one another, that everyone continue to observe our “Stay Safe Rules” as posted at the church entrances. Thank you all for your continued patience and loving concern for our Trinity Family during this time.

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS ... Copies of the *Lutheran Service Book* in Large Print are available for use during worship for those who may have need of them. You may find them on the literature table at the rear of the sanctuary, and please return them there following the service.

LUTHERAN RADIO ONLINE AND ON THE AIR FOR YOU THIS WEEK:

KFUO Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on **KFUO.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUOradio on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/kfuo), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/kfuo), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kfuo).

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Study 1 John 1-2 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. ET), study Judges 14-18 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 12:00 p.m. ET), and hear about the Table of Duties on Concord Matters (April 22 at 11:00 a.m. ET). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUO Radio app!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR ... Anticipation, preparation, and action are the traits that make great leaders—and great followers of Christ, the King of kings. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, April 23, 2023, for this message from Lutheran Hour Speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "The Man Who Will Be King", locally on WFAX 1220 AM or 100.7 FM at 11:00 AM and 10:00 PM, as well as at 5:00 AM and 6:00 PM on Saturdays. If you are out of the radio station's range you may listen online to WFAX worldwide at [WFAX.com](https://www.wfax.com). The Lutheran Hour can also be heard online on KFUO.org on Sundays at 12:30 PM and 5:00 PM. For more information on this media ministry, or to listen to messages on demand, visit the Lutheran Hour Ministries website at lhm.org, under “Media” and “The Lutheran Hour”.

CROP WALK ...It's our opportunity and responsibility to care for our neighbors. The CROP Walk is a nationwide fundraising effort to eradicate hunger, locally and globally. Join the congregation and other walkers on **Sunday May 7th 1-4pm at Lake Artemesia**, or online at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/trinity-lutheran-mt-rainier-md/>! See Sarah Lydia for details on joining the team, donating, or helping out in other ways.

OUR PRAYER LIST ... We are pleased to have an active ministry of prayer among us, attested by the weekly "O Christ, Hear Us" page in the bulletin, inviting us all to remember these persons and needs in our prayer during worship at Trinity and in our own personal prayers during the week. We kindly ask you to also help us keep this list current and up to date by letting us know of any changes or deletions which need to be made. To do this please contact Pastor or the church office with a note that can be placed in the offering basket at church, or with an email.

ALTAR FLOWERS ... The flower chart for 2022 is available for you to donate floral arrangements to adorn the Lord's Altar in honor of special occasions or in memory of loved ones. The chart can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. The donation for a single arrangement is \$30.00. If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email (trinity-elc-office@verizon.net).

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS ... In our weekly Prayer of the Church, the final petition is dedicated to all of the Faithful Departed who are now with the Lord and a part of the Church Triumphant. As a part of this remembrance, we recall by name the saints who are on the calendar of Feasts, Festivals, and Commemorations of our church and remembered during the current week. Some have asked for more information about these saints; so, biographies for each saint, along with a prayer and suggested Scripture readings, are now available for you on our church website.

THIS WEEK'S COMMEMORATION...

April 17 **Lucas Cranach & Albrecht Duerer**, Artists (transferred from April 6)

Visit <http://tlcmr.org/worship/celebrating-the-saints/> where you can learn more about the cycle of saints' days on the church calendar and find the biographies for each saint listed by month.

COMPASSION CENTER NEWS... Our Compassion Center is open and is once again serving members of our community with their needs for food and clothing. Please see the full page announcement in the bulletin for more information. If you are able to volunteer during the Center's open hours, please contact Elma. Thank you all for your continued help and support and prayers.

In an effort to keep the cupboards full at the Compassion Center during this time of great need in our community we will continue to need your generous donations of food. All non-perishable foods are welcome, and especially needed items include:

Peanut Butter; Pasta; Pasta Sauce; Macaroni & Cheese; Canned Tuna and Chicken;
Canned Fruit; Soup.

There is also a need for diapers, especially sizes 4, 5, and 6.

Donations can be dropped off at the Center during Center hours. And you can also leave your donations at church, and we will make sure that it is delivered to the Compassion Center. Thank you for your loving and generous support.

Center Hours: Mondays & Tuesdays: 10 AM – 4 PM
Wednesdays: 10 AM – 2 PM

Elma Pervaiz, Coordinator, LMS Compassion Center, Hyattsville, MD
Center Phone Number: 301-277-2302, ext. 23

PREPARING FOR THE COMING WEEK ...

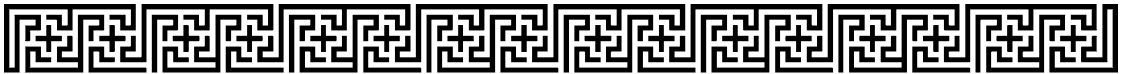
The Third Sunday of Easter, April 23, 2023

Scripture Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-25; Luke 24:13-35

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 16 – 23

May Be Subject to Change

Today	<i>The Second Sunday of Easter</i>	
	8:30 AM	Bible Study
	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	12:00 PM	EECMYM Worship (at church in person)
Monday	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
Tuesday	9:00 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
Wednesday	9:00 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
Thursday	9:00 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
Next Sunday	<i>The Third Sunday of Easter</i>	
	8:30 AM	Bible Study
	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	10:45 AM	Trinity Singers Rehearsal
	12:00 PM	EECMYM Worship (at church in person)



CHURCH STATISTICS

Holy Thursday, April 6, 2023	Worship Attendance: 13; Communed: 13.
Good Friday, April 7, 2023	Worship Attendance: 6.
Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023	Worship Attendance: 28; Communed: 28.



✠ **O Christ, Hear Us!** ✠

Intercessions for the Week of April 16, 2023

Prayers for Continued Healing and Help

For Members of Our Trinity Family:

John, Diane, Julie & Kenny, Joseph, Diane, John Tyler, Elizabeth, Waymond, Alan, George, August, David, Ernie, Paul, Art & Shirley, and Angela

For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:

Luke, grandson of Charlie & Jean; Betty, mother of Helen;
Susan, relative of Gus & Betty; Joe, friend of Cullen; Britnany, niece of Lynda;
Juliet, mother of Ras-I; Linda, daughter of Gus & Betty;
Dennis & Caron, former Concordia School Teachers; Jari, former Concordia Teacher;
Catelyn, step-granddaughter of Ernie; Nathan, son of Art; Helen, aunt of Judy;
Bernie, friend of Trinity; Randy, friend of Pepper; Sally, SED Staff;
Robin, daughter of Vincent & Tracy; George, friend of Dave & Joyce;
Danny, friend of Dave & Joyce; Hudson, son of Brendan; Paul III, grandson of Paul;
Ralph, uncle of Vincent & Tracy; Cynthia, friend of Kim

All those affected by or who are in fear of the Coronavirus Outbreak.

For our Medical Community, First Responders, and other Workers who aid us in this time.

Thanksgivings and Blessings

Mason Lowery, John Tyler Hines, and John R. Hines, who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Peter & Kim Schiebel, who celebrate their wedding anniversary this week

Wyatt James Pfeifer, son of Kristina & Brandon Pfeifer, baptized today.

We Keep In Our Prayers

- ✠ Our Trinity family, our ministries, and our mission.
- ✠ Pastor Gugssa Biru and the people of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus in Maryland.
- ✠ For the Lord to continue to move the hearts of our Trinity Members to a deeper realization of our part in His mission to the world and to be *Ablaze!* with a desire to tell the Good News about Jesus with those whom we come into contact in our lives.

- ✘ For the work of our Compassion Center, for Elma Pervaiz, our center coordinator, and for Redeemer Lutheran and the Lutheran Mission Society, our mission partners.
- ✘ Our government leaders, and for the members of our armed forces.
- ✘ For peace and justice among the residents of our nation's cities and towns where there is unrest from fear and distrust.
- ✘ For an end to racism and bigotry in our nation and world.
- ✘ For all those still affected and recovering from the effects of natural disasters.
- ✘ For our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer persecution for the faith and Name of Jesus, even to the point of shedding their blood.
- ✘ For peace in our world, especially in those places that are affected by war, oppression, or acts of terror.
- ✘ For all those we know who are sick, who grieve, and who are in any need of prayer.



A New Stole for Pastor

Today, you may notice that Pastor is wearing something new. Thanks to the members of Trinity and their thoughtful and generous gifts last summer to him on the occasion of the 25th Anniversaries of his Ordination and his Installation as Trinity's Pastor, a new stole was able to be created and purchased to mark this very special ministry milestone.

The color white is used for altar paraments and the vestments worn by pastors during the seasons of Christmas and Easter and at high festivals of the Church Year which recall particular moments in the life of Christ, the Feast of the Holy Trinity, as well as commemorations of saints who were not martyrs and other important days of thanksgiving and praise.

This stole is the design and handiwork of Ecclesiastical Embroidery by Ruth Black of Inverness, Scotland. Her specialty is incorporating both Celtic art and themes as well as Scottish tartan in her creation of vestments and hangings for church use. Through other ministers in the kilting community, Pastor learned of her work and was very impressed by it and chose to have this stole created for him by her.

The applique symbols on the stole are among some of the most well-known in Celtic art as they are from The Book of Kells, a famous 7th Century illuminated Gospel Book, which is now found in the library of Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland. It is thought that the book was created first in Scotland and then taken to Ireland for safe keeping in order to protect it during the time of the Viking invasions.



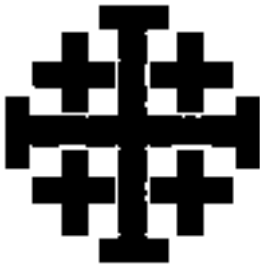
The symbols have been developed from those found on Folio 27V of The Book of Kells, symbolizing the Four Evangelists. These zoomorphic figures come from “the four living creatures” found in Ezekiel’s vision (Ezek. 1) and John’s Revelation (Rev. 4). From the early days of the Church, these creatures came to represent the Four Evangelists, because of the qualities found in their writing and presentation of the Gospels.

The winged man came to represent Saint Matthew, because his gospel portrayed the humanity of Christ, especially as he began the account of Christ’s life recounting His ancestry.

The winged lion represents Saint Mark, because his gospel emphasizes Christ’s kingship, and begins with the voice of John the Baptist crying out in the wilderness, like a lion’s roar.

The winged ox represents Saint Luke, as his gospel proclaims the sacrificial nature of Christ.

The eagle represents Saint John, whose writing in his gospel tells us of Christ and His divinity, with language which seems to soar into the very heavens (see Jn. 1).



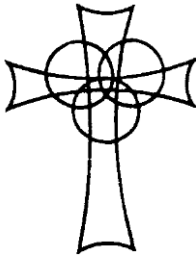
The crosses which adorn this stole are known as Jerusalem Crosses. It is also known as the “five-fold cross” and the “cross and crosslets”. It is a variant of the cross in Christian art which shows a large cross potent surrounded by four smaller Greek crosses found in each quadrant of the arms. The symbolism of this cross has been variously defined as being representative of the five wounds of Christ from His crucifixion (two hands, two feet, and the large wound in His side); as a symbol of Christ and the Four Evangelists; and as a symbol of

Christ and His Gospel being spread to the four quarters of the world. It is also a heraldic symbol as it was used as the emblem and coat of arms of the Kingdom of Jerusalem from the 1280s, as well as its use by the Franciscan Order in their role as Custodians of the Holy Land.

All of the motifs on the stole are set within a Celtic knotwork frame, which was designed and created for this stole by the artist. The line which forms the knotwork has no beginning or ending, which many have come to understand as a symbol itself representing the eternity of God and His love.

The appliques on the stole, as well as its lining and hand-knotted fringe, are made from the Clergy ancient tartan. This tartan is unique in that it is the only ancient tartan that was woven for a particular profession. There is a similar tartan which has the same sett (weave pattern) but with minor color changes that is for the family and clan name of Clark, which shares the relationship with the term and title “Clerk in Holy Orders”. This tartan is still known in the Highlands as “Breacan nan Cleirach”—the tartan of the Clergy.

Thank you all for your help in allowing Pastor to purchase this gift, and special thanks for the outstanding work by Ruth Black which brought it into reality. It will be a cherished reminder of all of the years of joyful service among the people at Trinity and of the days of ministry and service together yet to come.



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Mount Rainier, Maryland 20712

Sunday Mornings:
Adult Bible Study – 8:30 AM
Worship with Holy Communion – 9:30 AM

*Worship Services are livestreamed on Facebook Live
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