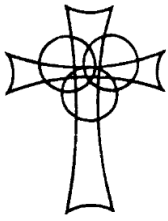


*Abide*  
IN ME  
AS I  
*Abide*  
IN  
YOU.



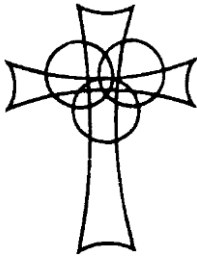
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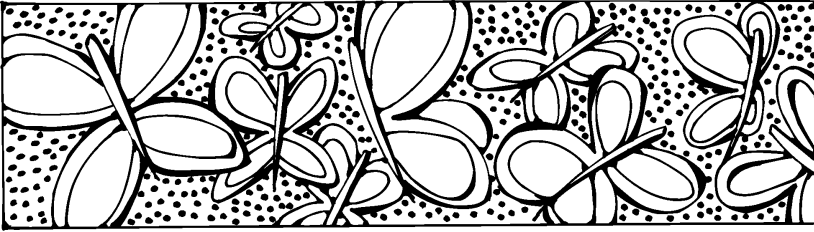


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# Fifth Sunday of Easter

APRIL 28, 2024

## ***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***

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.

## ***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 Flute & Piano Prelude

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”

The Words of Welcome

*The Congregation rises.*

The Opening Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 474*

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -  
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the  
3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the  
4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -  
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -  
sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us  
Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the  
sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: “O grave, be  
ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
o - pen!” Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

*Refrain*

Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:  
Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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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 145:1-2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16*

**P** A little while, and you will see me no longer;  
and again a little while, and you will see me.

**C** **I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.**

**P** Every day I will bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.

**C** **The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

**P** All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,  
and all your saints shall bless you!

**C** **My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,  
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.**

**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** A little while, and you will see me no longer;  
and again a little while, and you will see me.

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.



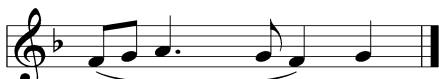
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**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.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, 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 8:26-40*

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. <sup>27</sup>And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup>And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

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

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup>And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup>Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” <sup>38</sup>And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup>And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

*1 John 4:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup>and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. <sup>4</sup>Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup>They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup>We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

The Trinity Singers

“Go Into the World”

*The Congregation rises.*

The Holy Gospel

*John 15:1-8*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

**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 # 691

“Fruitful Trees, the Spirit’s Sowing”



1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, May we rip - en  
 2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing Gifts the Giv - er  
 3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern  
 4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, May we grow till



and in - crease, Fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,  
 loves to bless; Here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,  
 and our goal, Teach us, as the years fly fast - er,  
 har - vests cease; Till we taste, in life un - end - ing,



Rich in love and joy and peace.  
 Pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.  
 Good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.  
 Heav - en's love and joy and peace.

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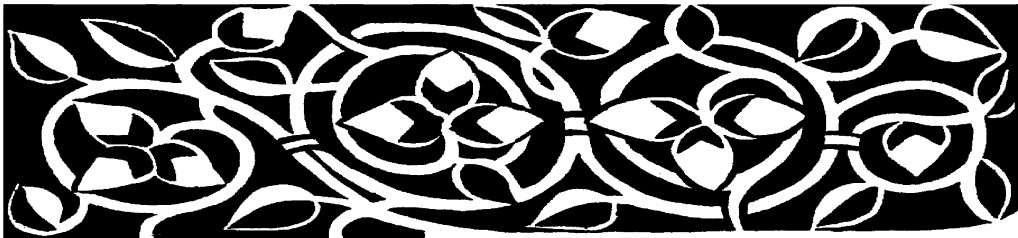
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The Sermon

What Makes Good Fruit

Text: John 15:1-8

*The Congregation rises.*



The Nicene Creed:

- C** I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.
- And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.
- And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come.
- Amen.

The Prayer of the Church:

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** Almighty Father, You sent Your Son into the world that all might be saved. Through Your Holy Spirit bring those who do not know You to repentance and faith. Grant all pastors, church workers and missionaries the skill, patience, and courage to open and teach the Scriptures as Philip did for the Ethiopian eunuch, that all may come to the waters of Holy Baptism. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Strengthen our congregation, the Mekane Yesus congregation, and Christian congregations in every place, that all her members may be kept steadfast in faith and growing love, as You have loved us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

**P** Preserve our nation in peace through those You have placed in authority, especially our President, and our governor and legislature. Give them wisdom and courage to lead according to Your will. Protect us from all those who hate us, and from all evil-doers. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We remember before You, Lord, Your children \_\_\_\_\_. According to Your gracious will, grant healing to those who are sick, or give them strength to bear their infirmities with patience and grace. Comfort those who suffer from depression, disability, or loneliness, reminding them that they are never alone in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Be present with Your peace among all those who grieve, (especially \_\_\_\_\_). Help them to hold fast through their tears to the hope that flows from the risen heart of Christ, which gives life to all those who have been baptized into His death. Lord, in Your mercy:

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We thank You that You abundantly bless Your people with all that is necessary for life on earth, as well as giving us that which gladdens our hearts. With those who rejoice we also rejoice, especially with \_\_\_\_\_. May we ever give You all thanks and praise for every blessing that You continue to shower on us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Continue to look with compassion and love upon all of Your children as we commend to Your fatherly care all those who have asked for our prayers. Especially we remember before you \_\_\_\_\_ and all of the people and concerns we now name in the silence of our hearts... Hear all these prayers, we beseech You, and grant them all according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Bless all who commune this day that we may receive the forgiveness of sins, be strengthened to live connected to Christ our Vine, and know the newness of life promised in the Body and Blood given to us here at the Lamb's high feast. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We remember with thanksgiving Sts. Philip and James, Athanasius, Friedrich Wyneken, and all those who have loved and served You in Your Church on earth, and who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

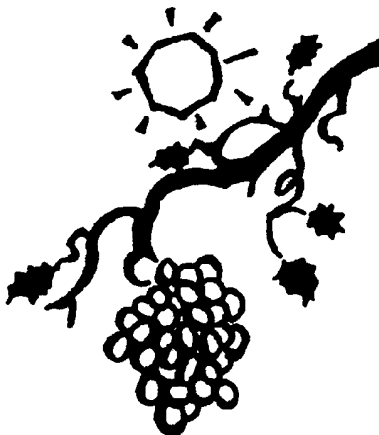
**C** **Amen.**

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 # 540

“Christ, the Word of God Incarnate”



1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of  
 2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, Food for bod - y,  
 3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant From the stump of  
 4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, Watch - ing all Your



A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,  
 food for soul; Christ, the man - na dai - ly giv - en,  
 Jes - se's tree; Christ, true vine, You nur - ture branch - es  
 lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,



Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You  
 Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the  
 To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly. Graft us in - to  
 Nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good



shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our  
 food of heav - en, Fore - taste of the feast to be; Quench our  
 You, O Sav - ior; Prune our hearts so we re - main Fruit - ful  
 Shep - herd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of



path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.  
 thirst with liv - ing wa - ter Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.  
 branch - es in Your vine - yard Till e - ter - nal life we gain.  
 God, our shep - herd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice a - lone.

*The Hymn continues on the next page...*



5 Christ, the way that leads unfailing  
 To the Father's home on high,  
 Christ, the truth that frees the captive,  
 Christ, the life that cannot die.  
 Mediator to the Father,  
 Sacrifice and great High Priest:  
 Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions,  
 There to share Your wedding feast.

△ 6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,  
 Christ, the firstborn from the dead,  
 Christ, the life and resurrection,  
 Christ, the Church's glorious head:  
 Praise and thanks and adoration  
 And unending worship be  
 To the Father and the Spirit  
 And to You eternally.

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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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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.



**C** A - men.

The *Agnus Dei*:



**C** 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 two ways, using that which you feel most comfortable: 1) individual cups containing wine and white grape juice will be offered by the Pastor, or 2) drinking from the chalice. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.*

*Music at the Distribution:*

“Crown Him Lord This Easter Day” – The Trinity Singers

*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 - joice 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.

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 # 919*

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us with Your grace  
 2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us with Your Word,  
 3 A - bide with heav'n-ly bright - ness A - mong us, pre - cious Light;  
 4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us, boun-teous Lord;



That Sa - tan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.  
 And thus now and here - af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.  
 Your truth di - rect and keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.  
 Let us in grace and wis - dom Grow dai - ly through Your Word.

- 5 Abide with Your protection  
 Among us, Lord, our strength,  
 Lest world and Satan fell us  
 And overcome at length.
- 6 Abide, O faithful Savior,  
 Among us with Your love;  
 Grant steadfastness and help us  
 To reach our home above.

*Text: Josua Stegmann, 1588–1632; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.*

*Tune: Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615*

*Text and tune: Public domain*

The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

✻ *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 Choir

The Flutist

The Parish Musician

The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel

Tracy Peele

George Kurtzweil

Paul Ritter

The Trinity Singers

Susan Kennedy

Skip Hall

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### NOTES AND NEWS

*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.

*CROP WALK* ...Dust off your walking shoes - we are officially **one week** away from the Hyattsville CROP Walk 2024! We will be walking at **Lake Artemesia on Sunday May 7th from 1-4pm** with fellow hunger-fighters. If you come to the walk, bring a non-perishable food donation for the local food pantry Help By Phone! You can still donate online at Trinity’s team page: <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/trinity-lutheran-mt-rainier-md>, or give cash/a check made out to “CWS CROP Walk” to a walker. A huge thank you to all walkers, those who have donated, and those who have kept the hungry in their prayers. See Sarah Lydia for questions ([slmccoyer@gmail.com](mailto:slmccoyer@gmail.com), 202-507-2344).



*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 2024 is now 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 now **\$45.00**, the increase owing mainly to delivery charges. If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email ([trinity-elc-office@verizon.net](mailto:trinity-elc-office@verizon.net))

*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](http://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 KFUE.org:** Begin studying Daniel on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. ET), continue studying Proverbs on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 12:00 p.m. ET), and study what we believe about The Church on Concord Matters (May 4 at 12:00 p.m. ET). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) and the KFUE Radio app!

*THE LUTHERAN HOUR* ... God empowers His people to share the Gospel with those they meet along the way. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, May 5, 2024, for this message from Lutheran Hour Guest Speaker, Rev. Dr. John Nunes, "Rejoicing On the Way", 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](http://WFAX.com). The Lutheran Hour can also be heard online on KFUE.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](http://lhm.org), under “Media” and “The Lutheran Hour”.

*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 FEAST AND COMMEMORATIONS...*

May 1            **St. Philip & St. James, Apostles**  
May 2            **Athanasius of Alexandria, Pastor & Confessor**  
May 4            **Friedrich Wyneken, Pastor & Missionary**

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.



**ALLELUIA!**

**He Is Risen!**

*COMPASSION CENTER NEWS...* Our Compassion Center is open and is serving members of our community with their needs for food and clothing. 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 ongoing time of 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.

(Cans with flip open tops are especially helpful as we serve our homeless clients.)

Clothing donations are also welcome. There is a need for boys' and men's clothing, especially pants.

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 they are delivered to the Compassion Center. Thank you for your loving and generous support.

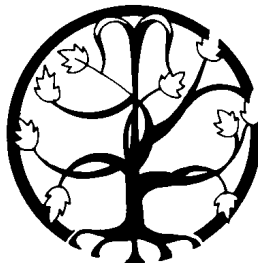
Center Hours: Mondays & Tuesdays: 10 AM – 4 PM  
Wednesdays: 10 AM – 2 PM

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

*PREPARING FOR THE COMING WEEK ...*

The Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 5, 2024

Scripture Readings: Acts 10:34-48; 1 John 5:1-8; John 15:9-17



**PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 28 – MAY 5**  
*May Be Subject to Change*

<b>Today</b>	<b><i>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</i></b>	
	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)
<b>Monday</b>	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b><i>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</i></b>	
	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)
	1:00-4:00 PM	CROP Walk at Lake Artemesia



**CHURCH STATISTICS**

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Worship Attendance: 14; Communed: 14.

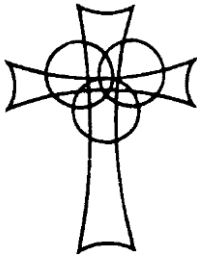
**MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR MARCH 2024:**

General Offerings received (5 Sundays): \$12,532

General Offerings needed to meet the budget: \$13,783

Withdrawals from Thrivent mutual funds: \$0

Remaining balance in Thrivent mutual funds (3/31/24): \$35,820



✠ **O Christ, Hear Us!** ✠

**Intercessions for the Week of April 28, 2024**

**Prayers for Continued Healing and Help**

*For Members of Our Trinity Family:*

John, Diane, Julie & Kenny, Diane, Travis, Waymond, Alan, Kate, August, David, Ernie, Paul, 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; 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;  
Robin, daughter of Vincent & Tracy; Oliver, son of David & Lisbeth;  
Doris, mother of Vincent; Tyler, son of coworker of Paul;  
Orbelina & Family, mother of former Concordia Students; Evelyn, aunt of Judy;  
Phillip & Amanda and Family, friends of Michelle; Kay & Bob, relatives of Carole;  
Kumar, co-worker's spouse of Joyce; The Joneses, friend of Tracy;  
Victor, co-worker of Paul; Edward, friend of Rona & Paul; Craig, husband of Edith;  
Virginia, mother of Sam; Frank, brother-in-law of Gus; Steve, father-in-law of Michelle;  
Denise, fiancée of Mark; Lori, friend of Carole; Aidan & Family, friends of Joyce;  
Barb, friend of the Varonas

**Thanksgivings and Blessings**

Robin Smith, Darla Yaun, Bonnie Priebe, Brandon Pfeifer, Emily Sahadeo, and  
Carole Dingess, who celebrate their birthdays this week.  
Gus & Noel Pratico, who celebrate their wedding anniversary this week.

**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 all those still affected and recovering from the effects of natural disasters.
- ✘ For an end to racism and bigotry in our nation and world.
- ✘ For peace and justice among the residents of our nation's cities and towns where there is unrest from fear and distrust.
- ✘ For peace in our neighborhoods and for an end to violence.
- ✘ For peace in our world, especially in those places that are affected by war, oppression, or acts of terror.
- ✘ For the students, teachers, and staff in our educational institutions.
- ✘ 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 all those we know who are sick, who grieve, and who are in any need of prayer.



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

*Worship Services are livestreamed on Facebook Live  
For more information, please visit the church website.*

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*The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel, Pastor*



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