Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

"Knowing, Loving and Sharing Christ"



The Third Sunday of Easter Sunday, April 14, 2024 | 11:00 am

WELCOME

Welcome in the Name of our Lord Jesus! We are glad to have you here today to share in God's gifts to us in Word and Sacrament. If you are a visitor and would like more information about our community, please see an usher or one of our clergy. We will be delighted to talk to you!

Holy Communion is offered to all the baptized who believe in Christ's real presence in the Sacrament. **Hearing assistance devices** are available ~ please see an usher.

Parents of Young Children:

• We offer a staffed nursery for infants through children 3 years old, if you desire. Please see an usher for more information.

"Worship Bags" are available for younger children to use during worship. Please ask an usher for more information

PRELUDES

Matthew Noonan, Organist

Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren (Praise to the Lord) by Helmut Walcha (1907-1991)

> Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren, by Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for self-examination

Most merciful God.

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**





APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

And also with you.

KYRIE



HYMN OF PRAISE

WORTHY IS CHRIST





PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Help us, almighty God, that our joyful celebration of the resurrection feast may be reflected in our daily work and conversation. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

~ Please be seated ~

WORD

THE FIRST LESSON:

The Acts of the Apostles 3:12-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the 3rd chapter.

¹¹While {the lame man who had been healed} clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name — by faith in his name — has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. ¹⁷And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled.

¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM:

Psalm 4



¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;*

you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.

2"You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;*

how long will you worship dumb idols and run af- | ter false gods?"

³Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful;* when I call upon the LORD, | he will hear me.

⁴Tremble, then, and | do not sin;*

speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed.

⁵Offer the appointed | sacrifices* and put your trust | in the LORD.

⁶Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see | better times!"*
Lift up the light of your countenance upon | us, O LORD.

⁷You have put gladness | in my heart,* more than when grain and wine and | oil increase.

⁸I lie down in peace; at once I | fall asleep;* for only you, LORD, make me | dwell in safety.

THE SECOND LESSON:

1 John 3:1-7

A reading from First John, the first chapter.

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be

like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

~ Please stand as able ~



THE HOLY GOSPEL:

ST. LUKE 24:36-48

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the $24^{\rm th}$ chapter.



³⁶As {the disciples} were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved

for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

The Gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SERMON Pastor Tom Corbell

The Hymn of the Day: With High Delight, Let Us Unite Hymn #140

The Hymn of the Day is an important part of the Lutheran liturgy, capturing the theme of the day and offering the congregation an opportunity to respond in song.

Sing vigorously!

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each portion of the prayers:

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

~Please stand as able~

MEAL

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

~Please be seated~

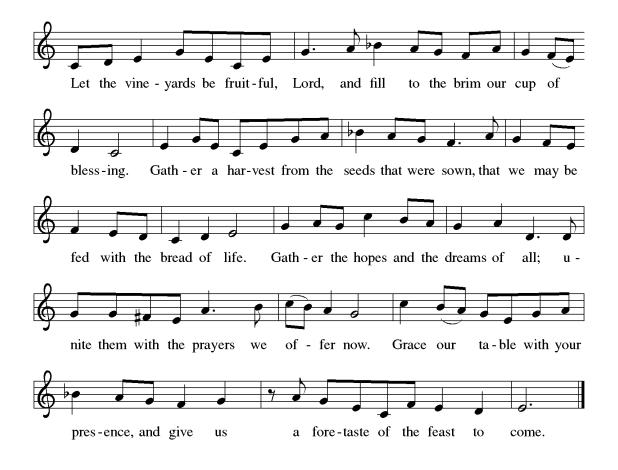
Members of Christ's church give generously and sacrificially of their belongings to support the work of God in the world: feeding the poor, clothing the naked, and supporting the life of the church. Your offerings here allow the life-changing ministries of Holy Trinity to continue and grow.

OFFERTORY Chancel Choir

He is Arisen, Glorious Word! (LBW 138)

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

~Please stand as able ~



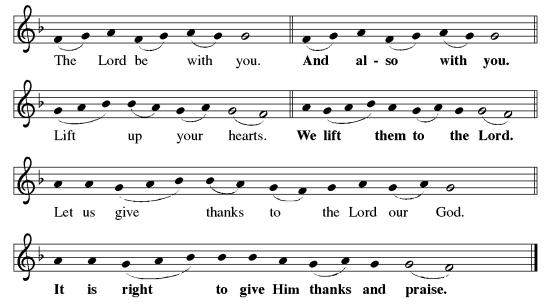
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

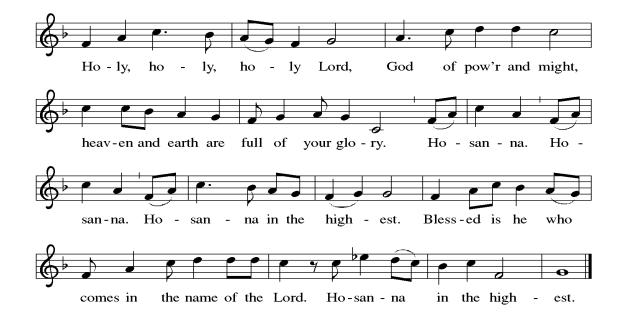
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass

against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

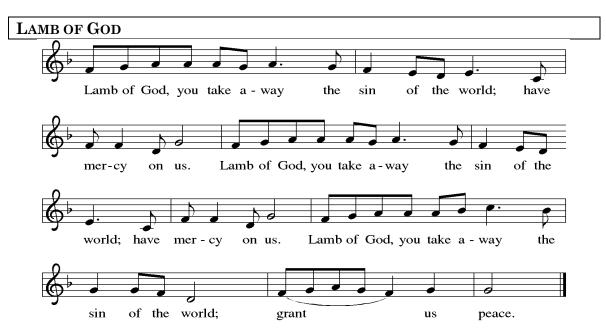
Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Thanks be to God!

ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

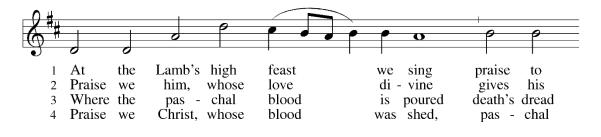
~ Please be seated ~

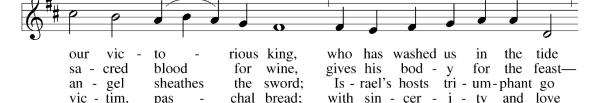
All who are baptized in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit and believe in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood. Holy Communion will be administered kneeling at the altar rail. Please pick up an empty cup as you approach the altar. If you are not receiving Holy Communion today, you are invited to come and receive a blessing. Simply fold your arms across your chest. If you are unable to approach the altar please inform an usher, and ministers will bring the sacrament to you near the end of the distribution.

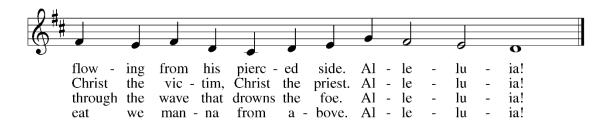


Communion Hymn:

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing







- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky, hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie; you have conquered in the fight, you have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall; you have opened paradise, and your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!
- 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!

Text: office hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814-1868, alt. Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

After all have returned to their place, the minister will invite all to stand and then say these or similar words:

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST- COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Mighty and compassionate God, you have brought us over from death to life through your Son, our risen Savior, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the sacrament of his body and blood. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

May almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen!**

Recessional Hymn:

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain



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



God has brought his Is - ra - el and from three days' sleep in death with the roy - al feast of feasts his deep peace, which ev - er - more who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars

in to joy from sad - ness, sun has ris - en: as a comes its joy to ren - der: pass - es hu - man know - ing. tomb's dark por - tal. of the



loosed from all the win - ter of our sins, comes to glad - den faith-ful hearts
Neith - er could the gates of death,
Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain

Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters, long and dark, is fly - ing which with true af - fec - tion nor the tomb's dark por - tal, 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 res - ur - rec - tion! sus' nor the watch-ers, nor the seal, hold him a mor - tal. as God has brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness!

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

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace; Serve the Lord! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Matthew Noonan, Organist

Heut Triumphieret Gottes Sohn (Today God's Son Triumphs) BWV 630, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birthdays of our grandsons, Jacob Myers and Camden Myers by Butch and Tess Gibbons

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- Sandy, friend of Elizabeth Lethermon, for healing and recovery from hip replacement surgery on 4/11
- Lauren Bryant, in thanksgiving for successful surgery and healing from cancer
- Mervin Cloninger, father-in-law to Rebecca, for recovery following a triple bypass on 4/8
- David Brumbaugh, for healing and recovery from liver failure
- The family of Shirley Anderson's granddaughter-in-law, at her mother's passing during the week of 3/24/24
- The family of Mary Jane McCarter, mother of Nancy Faulkner, at her death on March 25th
- Kay Peak, recovery from hip replacement on 4/10
- Ray Jenkins, family member of the McMahans, following knee replacement surgery on 4/3
- Janet McClure, friend of Darlene Harper, following a stroke and brain bleed
- Harry Collins, brother of Darlene Harper, to have shoulder replacement on 4/5
- For friends and family dealing with cancer: Beth Rudin, Julie Hill, Chad Barnes, Jim Higgins, Marilyn Lateulade, Lee Allen, Jackie Lybrand, Jim Siedel, Teresa Hartman, Kelly Powell, Octavia Glenn, Margo Schopper, LeaAnn

- Buckwell, Bob Burleson, Tina Heracklis, Artie McGlohon, Braxton Morris, Pastor Bill White
- Homebound: Caroline Banker, Pinkney Froneberger, Paul Kaiser, Janie Norton, Kathy Wallace, Iris Work
- Family and friends actively serving in the military: Brett Boyd, Logan Cape, Mae Dodd, Josh Holland, Andrew Lambert, Luke Saylors, Liam Overby, Ryan Wallace, Jacob Lawing
- For healthcare workers and first responders: Chuck and Bridget Niemeyer, Beth Michaels, Melodie Garrison, Kailey Hinds, Cindy Isenhour, Lynn Ledbetter, Anna Murphy, Reggie Parlier, Jennifer Sutley, Jon Michael Brackett
- Robin Simmons, for her health
- Belinda Chrzanowski, cousin of Elizabeth & Harriet Lethermon, grieving the loss of husband, Alan Chrzanowski
- All the persecuted, including Leah Sharibu
- All missionaries, including the Thorstad family and the Voice of the Martyrs
- For those outside the Church, that they may be brought to faith in Christ Jesus
- For the youth and children of Holy Trinity, for the Holy Spirit to guide them
- For our ministry partner, Displaced Roses, and for the Holy Spirit to stir us up to serve our neighbors in need
- For the North American Lutheran Seminary System and for an increase in vocations to the ministry
- For our Bishop, Dan, our dean, Steven, and for all clergy and people of the Carolinas Mission Region

ANNOUNCEMENTS

York-Chester Middle School Wish List During April, Holy Trinity will collect the following to donate to the students and teachers at York-Chester Middle School: Expo Markers (for whiteboards), Deodorant, and Women's Sanitary Napkins. Thank you!

Majestic Palms If anyone wishes to winter one of Holy Trinity's palms, please take one. Please keep it in the same pot to return next year. Thank you!

Family Trip to George Poston Park Join us s on today at 1:00pm. Bring a bagged lunch!

Church Council The next church council meeting will be on 4/15/24 at 7:00pm.

Girls Night Out at Cheddars Restaurant Ladies of Holy Trinity, join us for a night out on 4/16/24 at 6:30pm!

Battle of the Books Returns to Holy Trinity to set up on 4/17/24 and will occupy the PLC on 4/18/24.

LaVerne Davis Small Group join us on 4/18/24 at 10:00am!

Parents Morning Out Parents, enjoy a morning out with childcare provided by Holy Trinity on 4/20/24 from 8:45am-1:00pm. Contact Cody to sign up!

Veterans Soup & Sandwich bring your friends and join us for a soup and sandwich lunch on 4/23/24 at 11am.

Youth Spring Lock-In Youth of Holy Trinity, join us for a spring lock-in on 4/26/24 starting at 6:00pm and ending on 4/27/24 at 10:00am. Contact Cody for more!

Celebratory Dinner with Pastor Tom Join us for dinner and fellowship as we celebrate Pastor Tom's ministry at Holy Trinity on 4/27/24. More details to come!

Upcoming birthdays to celebrate: Garrett Oakes (4/12), Carson Johnson (4/13), Sawyer Norton (4/15), Donna Allen (4/16), Kristen Parsons-Rupp (4/16), Les Miller (4/17), Bruce Zander (4/17), Robbie Oakes (4/18), Betty Blalock (4/20), Debbie Keller (4/21), Ashley King (4/21), & Bridget Niemeyer (4/21). **Happy birthday to you all!**

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters: Jerry & LaRae Campbell Ushers: Betty Blalock, David Fogle

Lector: Richard DeFreitas Prayer Leader: LaVerne Davis

Communion Assistants: LaVerne Davis, Pepie Jones Church Offering: Anna Houser, Lee Stadther

Altar Flower Delivery: Betty Blalock

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