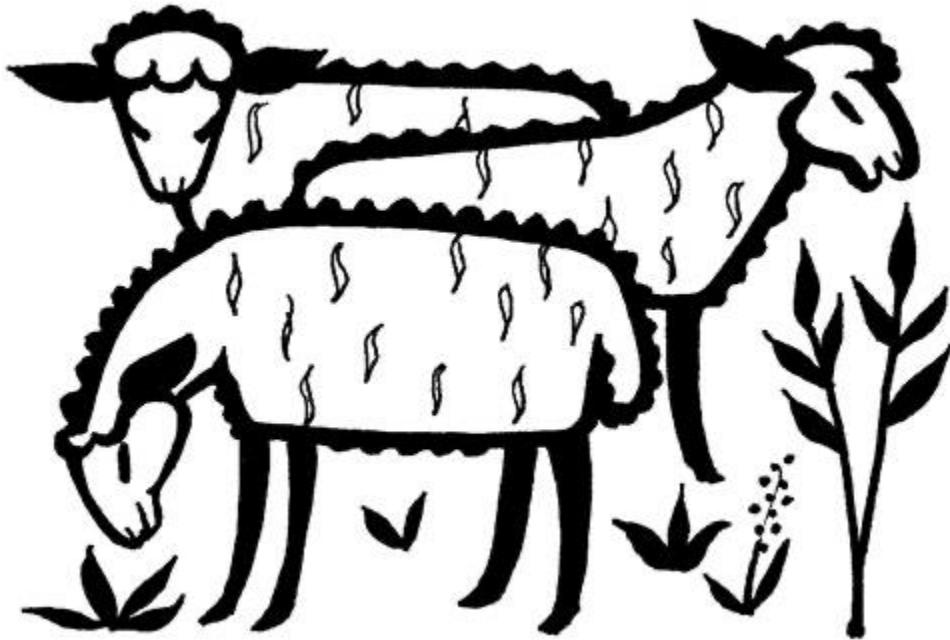


Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

“Knowing, Loving and Sharing Christ”



The Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 21, 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!

Parents of Young Children:

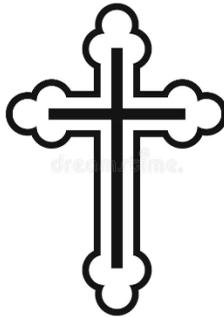
- We offer a staffed nursery for infants through children 3 years old, if you desire. Please see an usher for more information.
"Worship Bags" are available for younger children to use during worship. Please ask an usher for more information

PRELUDES

Matthew Noonan, Organist

Christ lag in Todesbanden, by Samuel Scheidt (1587-1654)
Little Flock / St. Columba, by Mark Sedio (b.1954)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

~ Please kneel as you are able ~

~ Silence for self-examination and reflection ~

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare all those who confess their faults.
Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to
all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen**

~ The officiant, kneeling, prays ~

Grant to your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace; that we may be
cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind. Through Jesus Christ,
our Lord.
Amen.

Entrance Hymn:

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!



1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
2 Christ is ris - en! All the sad - ness of our Lent - en fast is o'er;
3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor - row that last eve - ning round him lay
4 Christ is ris - en! Hence - forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall;



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!
through the o - pen gates of glad - ness he re - turns to life once more;
now has found a glo - rious mor - row in the ris - ing of to - day.
be we Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri - umphed o - ver all.



Grate - ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;
death and hell be - fore him bend - ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,
See the grave its first - fruits giv - ing, spring - ing up from ho - ly ground;
All the doubt - ing and de - jec - tion of our trem - bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.
an - gels on his steps at - tend - ing, glo - ry round his wound - ed brow.
he was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.
hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.
Music: MORGENLIED, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

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 AND GLORIA



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



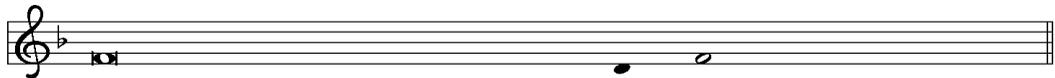
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



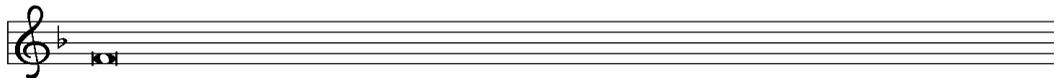
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



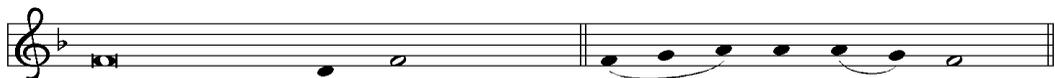
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



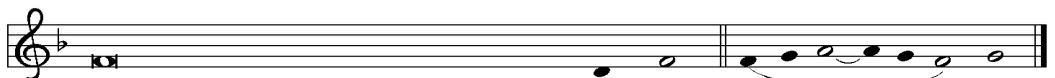
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



B Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you show those in error the light of your truth, that they may return into the way of righteousness. Grant to all that are admitted into fellowship with Christ the power to avoid all things that are contrary to the faith and to follow you according to the will of your Son, Jesus Christ, 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 4:1-12

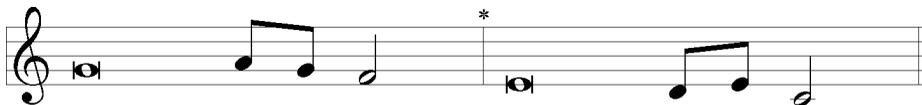
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the 4th chapter.

¹As {Peter and John} were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand. ⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead — by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM:

Psalm 23



1 The Lord | is my shepherd;*

I shall not | be in want.

**2 He maketh me lie down | in green pastures*
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

3 He re- | vives my soul*

and guides me along right pathways | for his name's sake.

**4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no
evil;***

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who | trouble me;*
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

**6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,*
and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever.**

THE SECOND LESSON:

1 John 3:16-24

A reading from First John, the third chapter.

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. ¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

~ Please stand as able ~



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL:

ST. JOHN 10:11-18

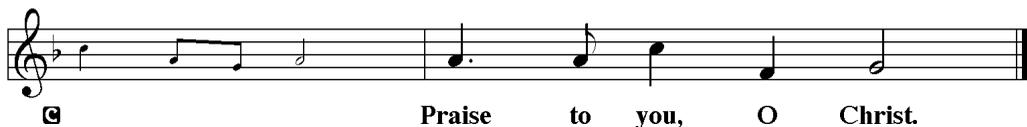
The holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹¹{Jesus said,} “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Seminarian Cody Carpenter

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**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**

OFFERING

~Please be seated~

Disciples of Holy Trinity give generously and sacrificially of their first fruits to support the work of God in the world. Your offerings here allow the life-changing ministries of Holy Trinity to continue and grow. If you are a first-time guest today, you are not expected to contribute but you may do so if you desire.

OFFERTORY

The Chancel Choir

Christ the Lord is Risen Today! (LBW 130)

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

~Please stand as able ~

☒ Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Please kneel as you are able. 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.

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.

BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Lord bless us and keep us, the Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn:

The Strife is O'er

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

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst, but Christ their le - gions
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, he ris - es glo - rious
4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed you, from death's sting free your

tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

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

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace; Serve the Lord! Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Matthew Noonan, Organist

Fugue in h-moll, BWV 544/2, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

ALTAR FLOWERS

*Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in honor of our granddaughter, Natalie's 20th birthday
given by Nancy and Ray Sparks*

*The altar flowers given on 4/14/24 are 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...

- **Peggie Parlier**, for renewed health
- **Mary Elizabeth Mattox and baby Mattox** in final weeks of pregnancy
- **The family of Jo Ann Huffstettler**, sister-in-law of Don, at her death
- **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**, healing and recovery from hip replacement surgery 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 Saylor, 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

Holy Church is still celebrating Easter! Don't let up on your Paschal rejoicing! Christ is risen!

Youth Trip to Tony's Ice Cream Youth of Holy Trinity, join us for ice cream tonight at 7:00pm. Let Cody know if you plan to come!

Worship & Music Meeting Join us for a meeting following the service today.

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 Holy Trinity, you are cordially invited to an evening with Pastor Tom. Guests will enjoy dinner, dessert, and music hosted by church members. Following dinner, each will have the opportunity to share a short reflection for Pastor Tom. We hope you join us as we share our gratitude for the interim ministry work Pastor Tom has done for Holy Trinity. There will be a box for cards and gifts in the PLC. If you wish to send a gift to the church please indicate on the memo line, "*Pastor Tom Love Gift*".

Lend your voice on April 28! All who are in attendance at the 11:00am service are invited to come up to the choir loft to sing the offertory with the choir. This will be Pastor Tom's final Sunday with us, and while we will, as always, sing for the audience of One, our gracious God and Savior, we want to send Tom off with the same musical enthusiasm he brings to every hymn we sing in church. We will sing hymn 135 out of the LBW (green book), "The Strife is O'er, the Victory Won". You are all welcome to go through it with the choir at 10:30 that morning in the Sanctuary or if you're comfortable doing so, just join us during the service and come forward during the passing of the Peace. For those who want to hear it before that Sunday, you can go to the choir webpage: www.mwnoonan.com/choir.

You can also use this QR code on your phone to get there. Thank you and see you Sunday! - Matthew



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!

Upcoming birthdays to celebrate: Debbie Keller (4/21), Ashley King (4/21), & Bridget Niemeyer (4/21), Reggie Parlier (4/24), Margaret Abernethy (4/25), & Johnathan Hawkins (4/28). **Happy birthday to you all!**

The Ascension of Our Lord:

Join us at Holy Trinity on **Thursday, May 9th at 6:30pm** for a combined Divine Service with other churches from the Southern Piedmont Mission District, as well as other churches in our area. We will serve as the host church for this event. The Ascension of Our Lord is a **crucial** part of the Easter narrative, but rarely gets attention in our churches due to its invariably falling on a Thursday.

After worship, we will have a potluck reception in the fellowship hall. Attendees are asked to bring a snack or drink to share.

Since we are hosting, we will need a few volunteers:

- Two greeters.
- Two ushers.
- Two kitchen overseers to help receive dishes.

Reach out to Cody if you can help.

PRAYERS FOR WORSHIP

One or more of these prayers may be prayed silently in preparation or in thanksgiving. More resources may be found in the front of the hymnal, pgs. 47-49.

BEFORE WORSHIP

LORD, I love the habitation of your house, the place where your glory dwells and your Name is praised. In the multitude of your tender mercies, I will today confess your Name before the nations and give thanks to you with a willing heart. Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, you pour out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication. Deliver us, as we come into your presence, from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and truth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESS US, O GOD, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship you with all our mind and spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AFTER WORSHIP

O LORD God Almighty, mercifully accept this our service, and grant that we, striving to do your will on earth as it is done in heaven, may there with your holy angels ever praise your blessed Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ON LEAVING THE CHURCH

THE LORD preserve my going out and coming in from this time forth and evermore. Amen.

SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters:	Tess Gibbons
Ushers:	Jerry & LaRae Campbell
Lector:	Pepie Jones
Prayer Leader:	Grant Sparks
Communion Assistants:	Gene Keller, Grant Sparks
Church Offering:	Anna Houser, Lee Stadther
Altar Flower Delivery:	Mick & Carla McMahan



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