

*The Evangelical Lutheran Church
of the Holy Trinity
Greenville, Pennsylvania*

*The Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 27 and 28, 2024*

Welcome in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ! If you come as a visitor today, we hope you will leave as a friend. We count it a privilege and a blessing to have you with us in worship. If you are not presently a member of any congregation, please feel welcome to gather with us around Jesus in this community of his disciples at Holy Trinity. Come and worship with us again!

We welcome and encourage children of all ages to be in worship. Sitting with children in a front pew and giving them the seat on the center aisle helps them to see and participate in our worship. For children who are present in worship, there are a variety of games, toys, puzzles, coloring supplies and snacks in the Kids' Prayground cabinet in the narthex near the coat rack. If children need a break, there is a TV set up downstairs in the nursery so parents can watch the worship live-stream. If you are visiting, an usher can help direct you to the nursery.

Invitation to Communion: Holy Communion is the body and blood of Jesus Christ by which our Lord is truly present to forgive sin and bring life and salvation. All baptized Christians who believe this promise are welcome to commune. Parents with children are encouraged to come to the altar together. Children who do not yet receive communion will receive the blessing of the Church from the Pastor.

Procedure for Communing: Approach the altar rail through the door to the front left, take a small glass from the tray and move to the furthest place open, kneeling if you are able, or standing. Receive the host either in your open palm or in your mouth; receive the wine poured into the small glass, saying "Amen" after receiving each. If you are unable to consume either the bread or wine, be assured that Christ is fully present for us in either element; reverence the body or blood of Christ by saying "Amen" when the host or the cup is presented. Leave by the right, placing your empty glass in the tray provided, and return to your pew.

Gluten-free wafers are available; let the pastor know when you come forward to receive.

Liturgy of Holy Communion, Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

The assembly's responses are in bold type.

We prepare in prayer and holy silence.

Significance of the Day: This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

Gathering

Prelude Andante pour Orgue Johann Georg Albrechtsberger

Greeting and Announcements

The assembly stands and turns to face the cross in procession.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,
holy and merciful,
holy and mighty,
you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.

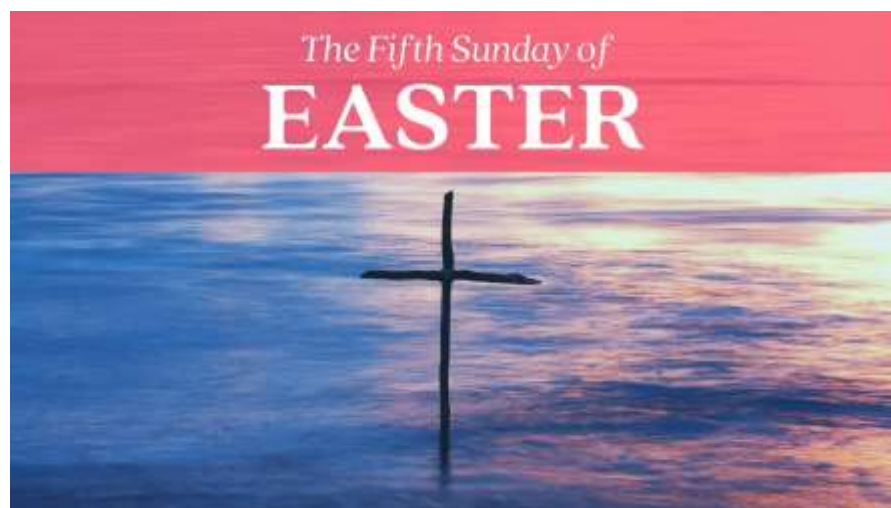
In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.
Empower our witness to your resurrection.
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.
Where despair prevails, grant hope.
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
We ask this through Christ,
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.
Amen.



We Know That Christ Is Raised



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



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



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



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932
Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924
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Hymn

With High Delight Let Us Unite



1 With high de - light let us u - nite in
 2 True God, he first from death has burst forth
 3 Let prais - es ring; give thanks, and bring to



songs of great ju - bi - la - tion. You pure in heart, all
 in - to life, all sub - du - ing. His en - e - my now
 Christ our Lord ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed by



bear your part, sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To
 van - quished see; his death has been death's un - do - ing. "And
 word and deed to ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So



set us free for - ev - er, he is ris'n and sends to
 yours shall be like vic - to - ry o'er death and grave," says
 shall his love give us a - bove, from mis - er - y and



all earth's ends good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
 he, who gave his life for us, life re - new - ing.
 death set free, all joy and full con - so - la - tion.

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 Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART, medieval European tune
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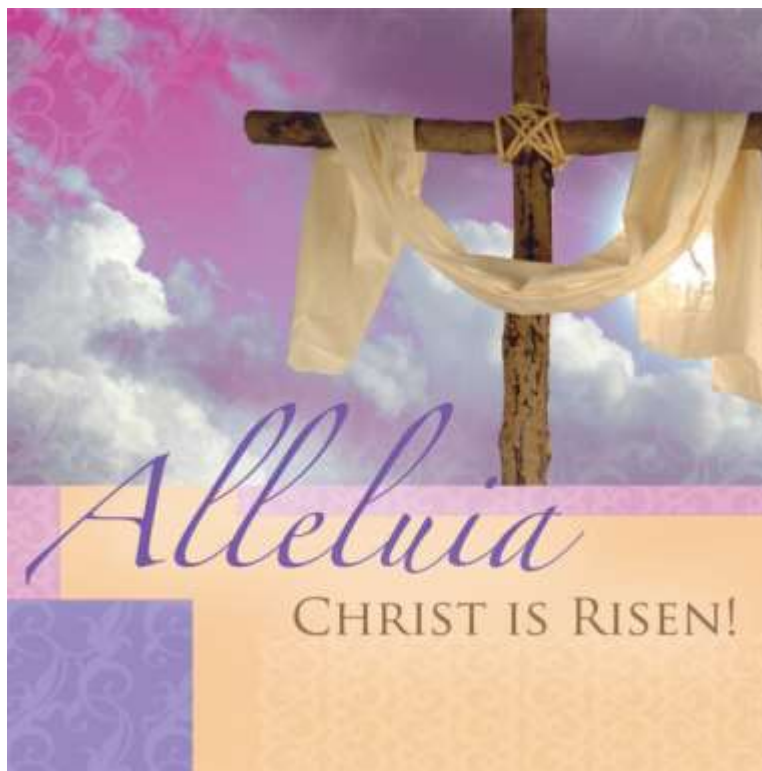
Apostolic Greeting

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

Musical score for Kyrie, featuring Cantor and Assembly parts. The score is written in 8/8 time and consists of four staves. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son! Chris - te e - le - i - son, Chris - te e - le - i - son! Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son! Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son! Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son!



Hymn of Praise

REFRAIN



This is the feast, this is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, — for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun — his reign. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, hon - or, and bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

REFRAIN



This is the feast, this is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, — for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun — his reign. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Sing — with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

REFRAIN



This is the feast, this is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, — for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun — his reign. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -



ia. — Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. —

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.

The assembly is seated.

Word

First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

A reading from Acts:

26 Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) 27 So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship 28 and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. 29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." 30 So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" 31 He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. 32 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 silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

33 In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

34 The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" 35 Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. 36 As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from

being baptized?” 38 He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. 39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:25-31 *The Psalm will be spoken responsively on Saturday.
It will be sung responsively on Sunday.*

All the ends of the earth shall re -

mem - ber and turn to the LORD.

25 From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

**26 The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise!
May your hearts | live forever!**

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

**28 For dominion belongs | to the LORD,
who rules o- | ver the nations.**

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

**30 Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.**

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

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-21

A reading from 1 John:

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

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

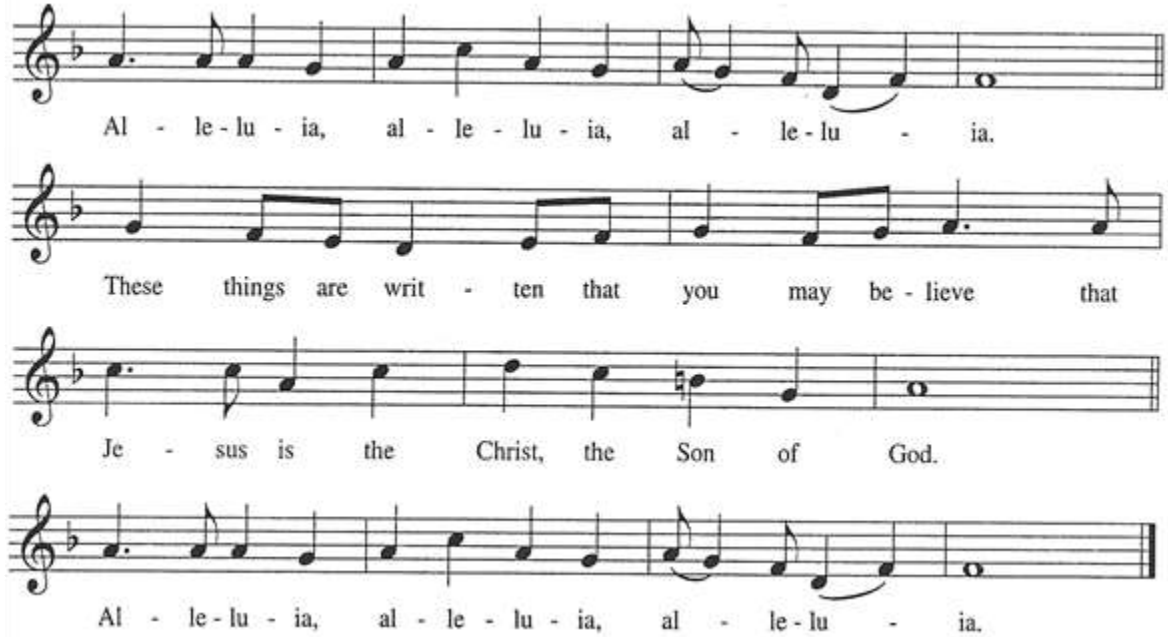
God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. 17 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. 19 We love because he first loved us. 20 Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. 21 The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are placed below the notes on each staff. The first and fourth staves contain the phrase 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The second staff contains 'These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that' and the third staff contains 'Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.'

The Holy Gospel

John 15:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said:

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

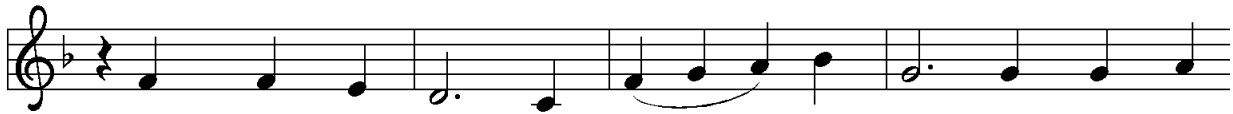
The Sermon

Pastor Brenda Martin

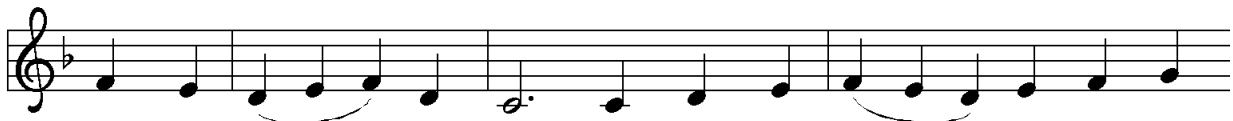
As the organ sounds the assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

Hymn

O Blessed Spring



1 O bless - ed spring, where word and sign em - brace us
2 Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain
3 When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their
4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our
5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to
faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing
heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will
last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take
this blest mys - ter - y: that word and wa - ter thus re -



be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.
rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.
move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.
wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.
vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

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Music: BERGLUND, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950
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Nicene Creed

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 Intercession

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news. We end each petition with the words "God of grace." Your response is, "Hear our prayer."

A brief silence.

We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Keep all the newly baptized and confirmed in your care. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Michael; our pastors, musicians, staff members, council members, worship leaders and teachers. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams and estuaries, melting glaciers and polluted waters. Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign. We pray for our president, Joe; our governor, Josh; and other elected leaders. We pray that your peace may finally reign in all of those places torn apart by war. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For all those in need: for any experiencing homelessness or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum, and for all who are ill or suffering. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For this congregation: for the caring ministries of this faith community, for all who visit and minister to one another, for all who take communion to homes or care centers, and for all who seek to share your love with the world. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors, especially Henry, Wayne, Frances and Margery. Help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Are there others for whom we should pray?

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace saying,
"Peace be with you. And also with you."*

The assembly is seated.

Meal

Offertory Anthem

In Christ alone
Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! – who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory

Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand:
'Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

The assembly stands.

Offertory Verse

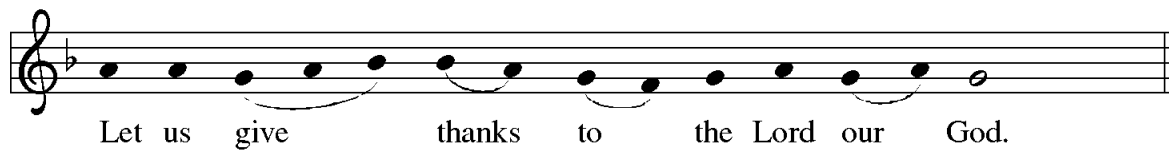
Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Ga-ther a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in 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 arch-angels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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 image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Holy, holy, holy'. It consists of three staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,'. The second staff continues with: 'heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est.' The third staff concludes with: 'Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.' There is a triplet of eighth notes in the second staff. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Holy, living, and loving God,
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the
flood,
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus
who, living among us,
healed the sick,
fed the hungry,
and with a love stronger than death,
gave his life for others.

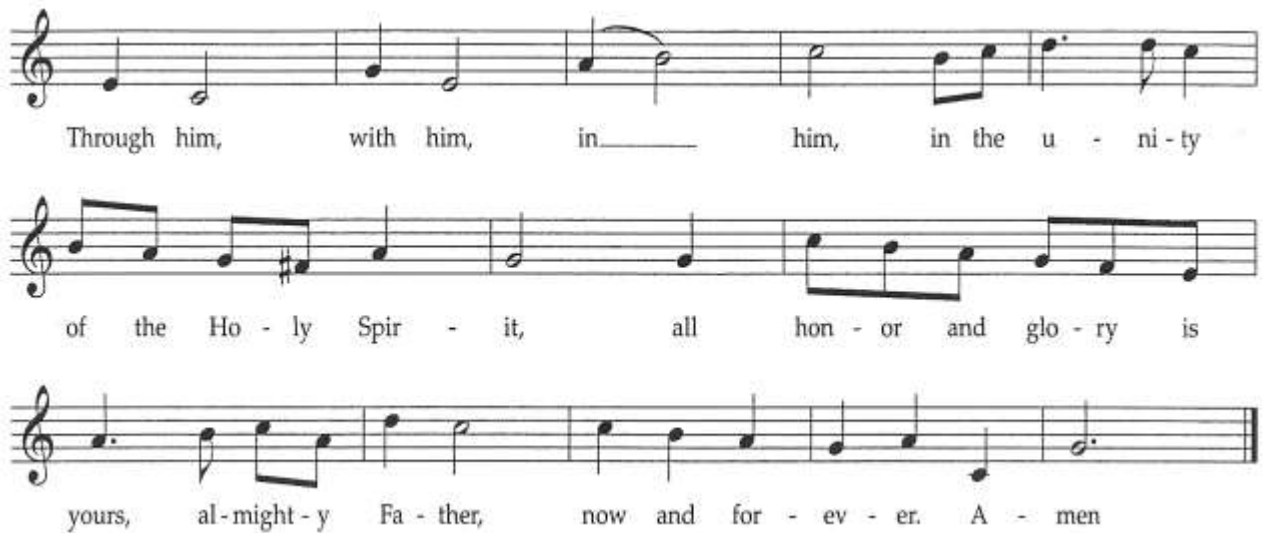
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,
 his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,
 we await your promised life for all this dying world.



Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
 carry us in your arms from death to life,
 that we may live as your chosen ones,
 clothed in the righteousness of Christ.



Lord's Prayer

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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Breaking of Bread

Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us,

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all is now ready.

Assembly is seated

Lamb of God

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, grant us peace, grant us peace.

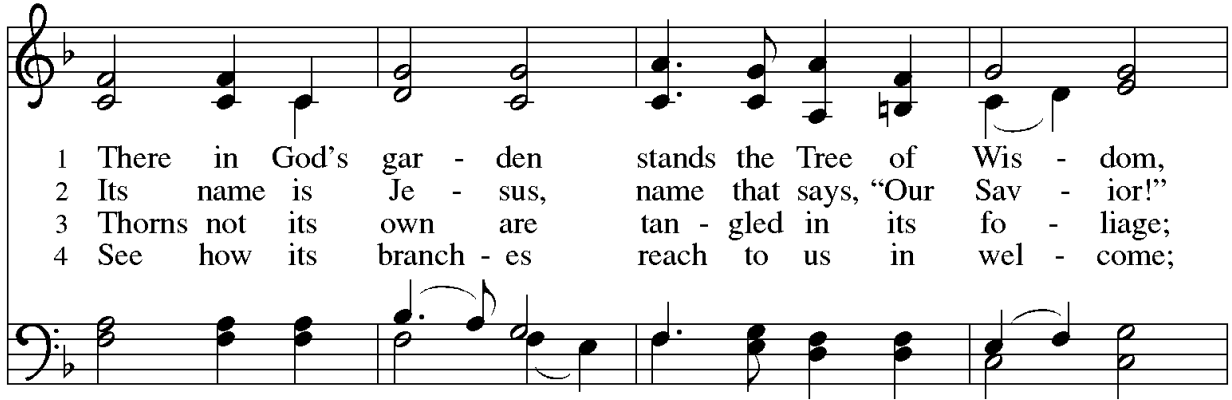
The musical score is written in G minor (two flats) and 3/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first three staves contain the main melody with lyrics. The first staff has a fermata over the first two notes. The second staff is identical to the first. The third staff has a triplet of eighth notes marked with a '3' above it. The fourth staff contains the phrase 'grant us peace' repeated three times, with a fermata over the final note.

The Communion of the Faithful

Procedure for Communing: Approach the altar rail through the door to the front left, take a small glass from the tray and move to the furthest place open, kneeling if you are able, or standing. Receive the host either in your open palm or in your mouth; receive the wine poured into the small glass, saying "Amen" after receiving each. If you are unable to consume either the bread or wine, be assured that Christ is fully present for us in either element; reverence the body or blood of Christ by saying "Amen" when the host or the cup is presented. Leave by the right, placing your empty glass in the tray provided, and return to your pew.

Hymn

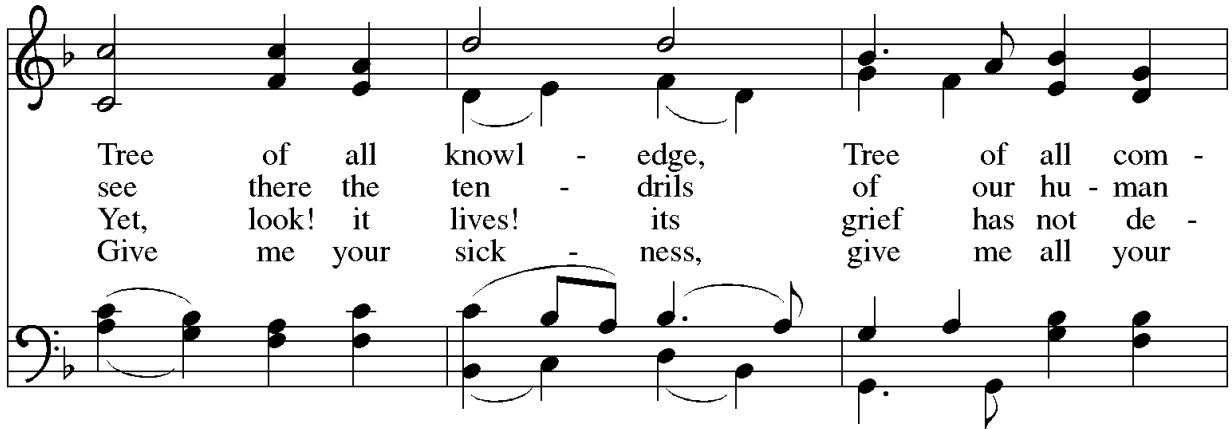
There in God's Garden



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



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



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

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

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

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

Text: Király Imre von Pécselyi, c. 1590–c. 1641; tr. Erik Routley, 1917–1982
 Music: K. Lee Scott, b. 1950
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The assembly stands.

Post-Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life.

Amen.

Post Communion Canticle

Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; _____ tell ev-'ry-one what God_ has done. _____

5
Let all who seek the Lord_ re - jice, _____ and proud - ly bear Christ's ho - ly name.

9
Lord, re - call your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with

13
shouts of loud thanks - giv - ing. _____ Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - - ia!

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.
God for whom we wait,
you come to us
in the broken bread and the cup we share.
Make us ready always
to welcome Christ into our hearts,
and send us forth to be your people in the world,
announcing your coming among us
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray together, Our Prayer for These Times

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen. Sung

Hymn

Let All Things Now Living

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892-1980, alt.
Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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Dismissal

P: Let us go forth in Christ, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 All: Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Postlude: Fugue on the Easter *Ite Missa Est* J. G. Albrechtsberger

Serving Saturday

Presiding Minister..... Pastor Brenda Martin
Organist Andy Joos
Liturgical Deacon Marie Riley

Serving Today

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Director of Music Steve Repasky
Liturgical Deacon Sean Oros
Communion Assistant Nancy McLaughlin
Acolyte Nora Taylor
Lector Bonnie Massing
Head Usher..... Barbara Swartz
Live Stream Technician Tyler Martin-Call
Altar Guild Catherine Richardson

Pastors in residence:

The Rev. Martin Roth, pastor emeritus, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
The Rev. Julia Fraser, chaplain at St. Paul Homes
The Rev. Dr. Curtis Thompson, retired, Thiel College
Pastor Brian Riddle, senior pastor, St. Michael Lutheran Church, Virginia Beach

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This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday April 28, 2024 *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
- 10:45 a.m. SCS and CONFIRMATION Classes
- 4:00 p.m. Friends of Music/GHS Chamber Singers
- 7:00 p.m. AA Big Book Meeting

Tuesday April 30, 2024

- 9:00 a.m. Flying Quilts
- 7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

Wednesday May 1, 2024

- 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Dance Lessons

Thursday May 2, 2024

- 6:30 p.m. Dance Lessons
- 7:00 p.m. Happy Hour (zoom)

Saturday May 4, 2024

- 9:00 a.m. Spring clean up/work day
- 5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
(with prayers for healing)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday May 5, 2024 *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
- 10:45 a.m. SCS and CONFIRMATION Classes
- 7:00 p.m. AA Big Book Meeting

Tuesday May 7, 2024

- 7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

Wednesday May 8, 2024

- 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30 p.m. Dance Lessons

Thursday May 9, 2024

- 6:30 p.m. Dance Lessons
- 7:00 p.m. Happy Hour (zoom)

Saturday May 10, 2024

- 5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

Altar and Columbarium Flowers

If you would like to purchase the flowers for either the altar or columbarium, please contact the church office.

Good Shepherd Request for April

The Good Shepherd request is **canned fruit, vegetables and beans** for the month of **April**. Donations can be placed in the box in the cloister or on the table in the office hallway. **THANK YOU!**

Second Mile Giving

The second mile giving for the month of April is the Youth Gathering. We have several youth from our church attending this year. Envelopes can be found on the table in the narthex and in the office hallway. Thank you for supporting our youth.

Help Us Save Paper and Money!

You can help us save paper and money every month by allowing us to send your Messenger to your e-mail address. We can save money on paper, ink, and a whole lot of postage. If interested, just e-mail Catherine at holytrinitygreenville@verizon.net and she will get you set up. Thank you.

Spring Work Day Approaching!

As the days become warmer, we are reminded of all the work that needs to be done to keep our building looking great inside and out. We have selected May 4th at 9:00 am as our Spring Work Day to deal with the outside issues. There is plenty to do to transition our building from Winter to Summer and we could sure use your help. Won't you consider helping for an hour or two? Donuts will be provided and since it is Star Wars Day, feel free to come dressed as your favorite Star Wars character (just kidding) but if you could bring your lightsabers it would make trimming the bushes easier. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex and thanks in advance for your help.

Please Pray For

Permission is necessary to add a person to the prayer list. Please ask before you call the office. Thanks.

Health and Healing:

Mary Beth Piccirilli (friend of Jill Murrin)	Lori Scotta (friend of Jill Murrin)
Zach Morgan	Charlene Miller (friend of Rich and Denise Hall)
Hadley Hunsberger (friend of Ray Richardson)	Russell Morgan (father of Matt Morgan)
Mary Rose Jones (friend of Jill Murrin)	Stephen Call (family of Olivia Martin-Call)
Ashley Nicole Lucas and Lily Grace Lucas (daughter and granddaughter of Mike and Mary Beth Bradley)	Christina Bush (niece of Henry and Ruth Heil)
Sandy Knapp (sister in law of Nancy Knapp)	Ashley Milliren (friend of Alyssa Martin)
Jack Leipheimer	Lida Mason (friend of the congregation)
Todd Daniello (husband of Tammy D.)	Gertie Miller (friend of Bonnie Long)
Barb Stuver (friend of Betty K. Junk)	Sherry (friend of Rich and Denise Hall)
Sherrill Callahan (friend of Bonnie Long)	Ken Buikema (cousin of Denise Hall)
Alan Kovacik (friend of Marj Stubert)	John Myers (husband of Pastor Brenda)
Chris Urban (friend of Dave and Judy Leary)	Fred Junk (husband of Betty K. Junk)
Wilda Boyd (sister of Louise Gilmore)	Donnie K. (friend of Wayne & Darla Swift)
Sheila Kretser (friend of Jill Murrin)	Lori McCann
Krystal Payne (friend of Betty K. Junk)	Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong)
Joyce Harris (sister of Judi Moinet)	Brenda (sister-in-law of Betty K. Junk)
Jay Wise (nephew of Judi Moinet)	Dillon (friend of Ed Pitcher & Beth Harpst)
	Belle (granddaughter of Linda Bateman)

Christ's comfort for those who grieve the death of:

Margery Stull

Frances Wackenhut

Wayne Swift

Bob Callahan (friend of Bonnie Long)

Jane Seeley (sister of Ruth Gruber)

Henry Heil

Music Notes

This morning for the Fifth Sunday of Easter we hear two organ pieces by the 18th century Austrian composer Johann Georg Albrechtsberger. The prelude is a charming Andante. An *andante* is a moderately moving piece at a walking pace tempo. The postlude uses a fugue subject based on the chant melody to the dismissal on Easter and during Eastertide: *Let us go forth in Christ, alleluia* with the response, *Thanks be to God, alleluia*. Albrechtsberger taught counterpoint to his young student Beethoven. The surname Albrechtsberger means noble mountain dweller.

Our hymn of the day, *O blessed spring*, is a hymn many congregations have come to love. This hymn text was written by Susan Palo Cherwien in 1993. Susan is the wife of David Cherwien who is currently serving as Cantor at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Minneapolis and in 2002 was appointed Artistic Director for the National Lutheran Choir, also based in the Twin Cities. The hymn tune was written by their friend, Robert Buckley Farlee.

Written in 2001, the choir anthem, *In Christ alone*, was the first song Keith Getty and Stuart Townend wrote together. They had been introduced by a mutual friend at a worship conference. The Getty/Townend partnership has collaborated to produce some of the most well-known and vibrant hymns of recent times.



Portrait painting of J. G. Albrechtsberger, 1736-1809

Pentecost Flowers

Help decorate the chancel for the Day of Pentecost by ordering a geranium.

An additional option is that donations may be made to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's "Disaster Response." All donations may be designated in memory or in honor of a loved one or in celebration of an event as indicated below.



All plants are \$5.00 each

You may take them home following the Service or leave them for outdoor planting around the church.

All orders must be turned into the Church Office by *Thursday, May 2, 2024.*

Envelope #: _____

I would like to order _____ geranium (s) at \$5.00 each.

I would like to donate \$ _____ to ELCA "Disaster Response."

Total Amount enclosed: \$ _____ (___ cash) (___ check)

Information for the Pentecost bulletin:

In honor of (living): _____

In memory of (deceased) _____

In celebration of (event) _____

Order placed by : _____ Phone : _____

___ I wish to take the plant (s) following the Sunday Service.

___ I wish to leave the plant (s) for the planting around the church.