



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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## Sunday, May 7, 2023 Fifth Sunday of Easter

### Announcements

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

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.

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.**

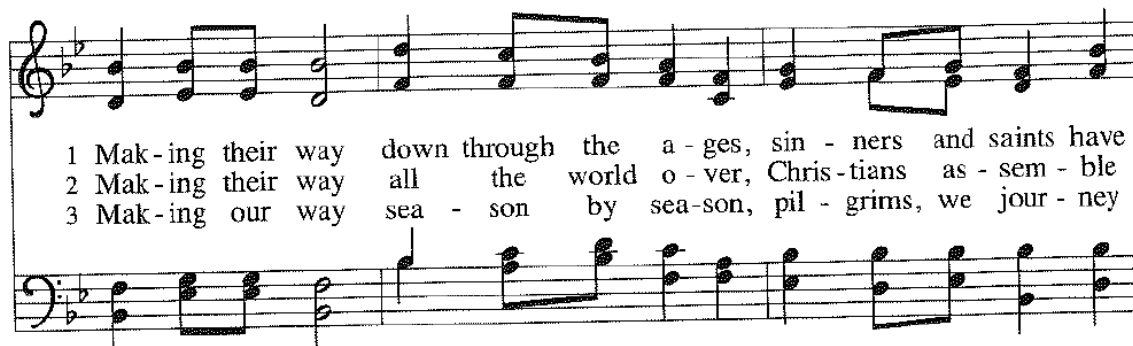
**Empower our witness to your resurrection.**

**Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

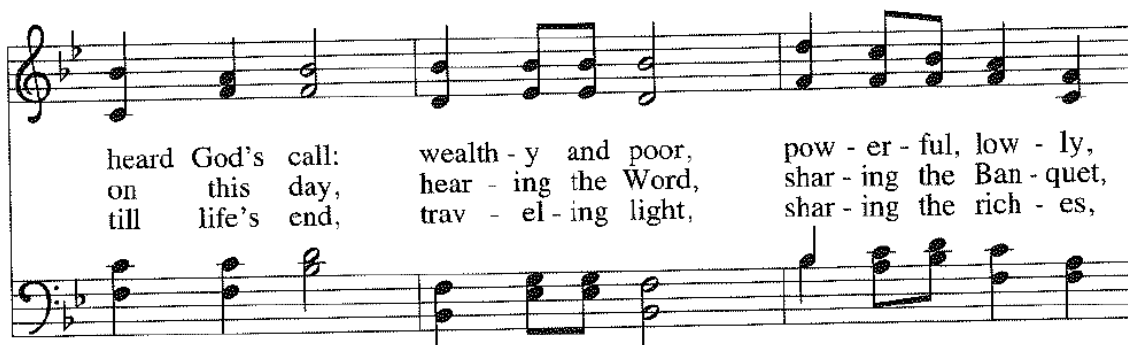
Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**

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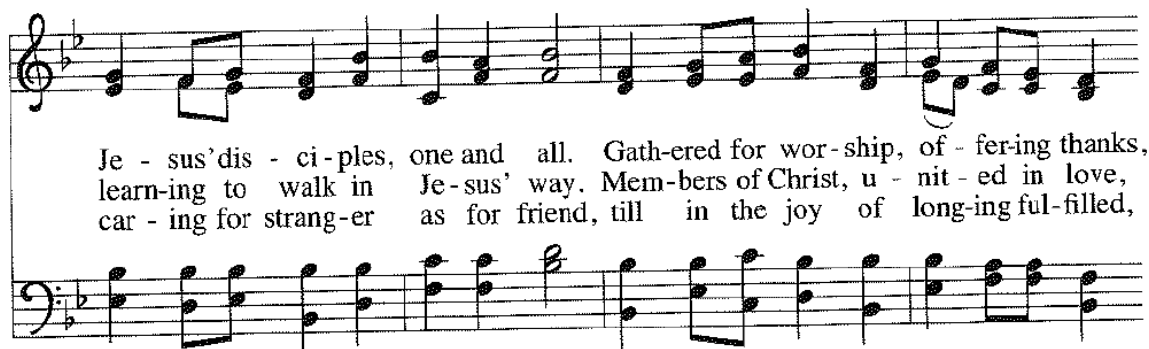
## Making Their Way



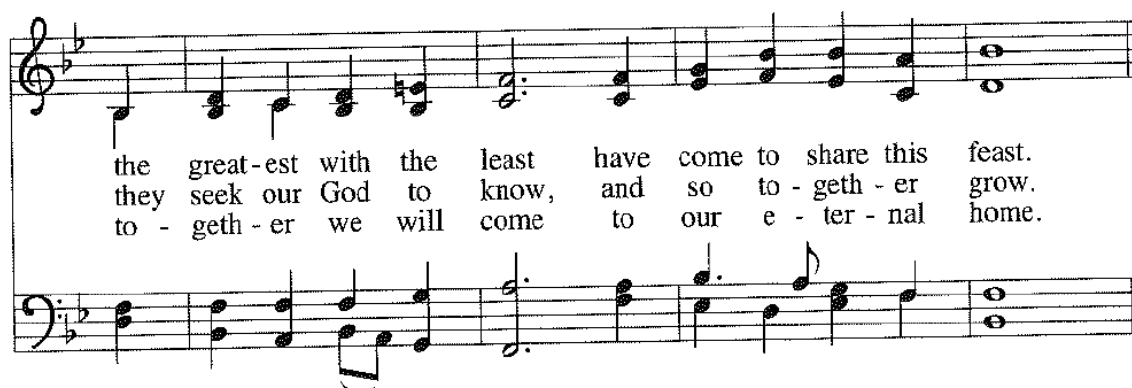
1 Mak-ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have  
 2 Mak-ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris-tians as - sem - ble  
 3 Mak-ing our way sea - son by sea-son, pil - grims, we jour - ney



heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,  
 on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,  
 till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,



Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath - ered for wor - ship, of - fer - ing thanks,  
 learn - ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem - bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,  
 car - ing for strang - er as for friend, till in the joy of long - ing ful - filled,



the great - est with the least have come to share this feast.  
 they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.  
 to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

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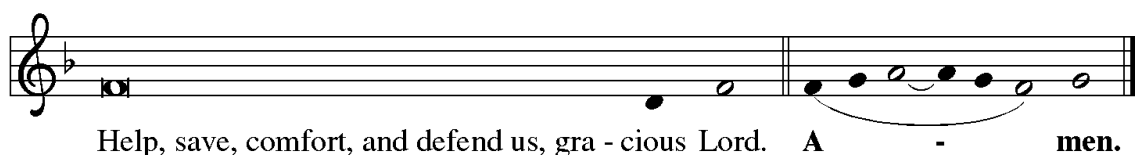
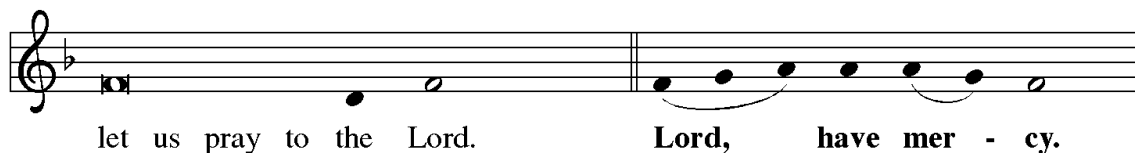
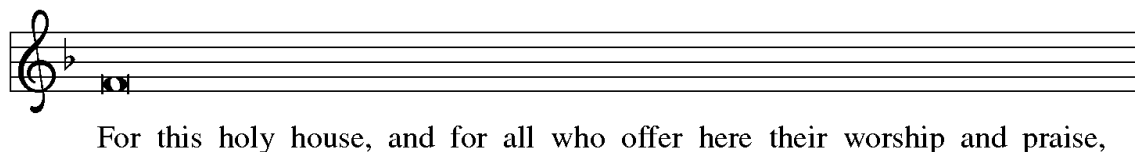
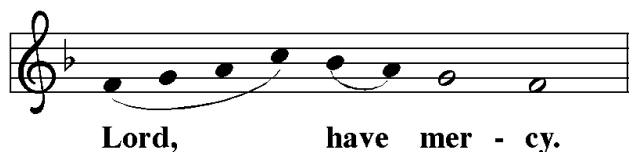
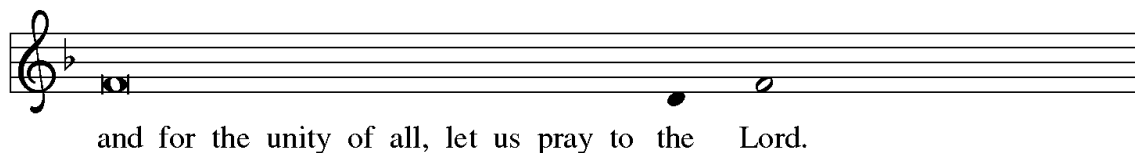
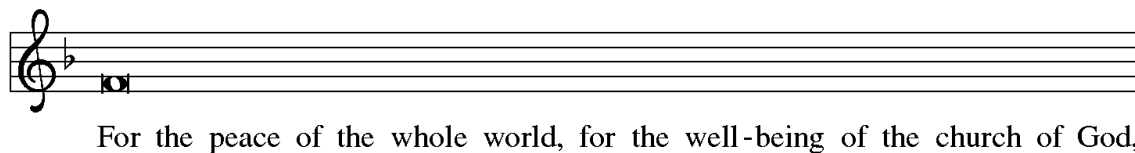
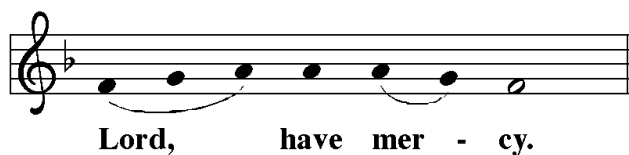
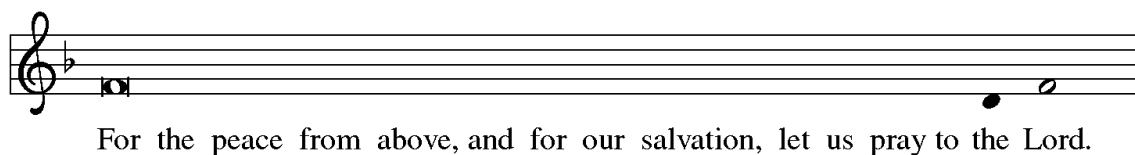
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## Greeting

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, the love of Christ that guards our hearts and minds, and the joy and consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Kyrie



## This is the Feast

*Refrain*



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 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



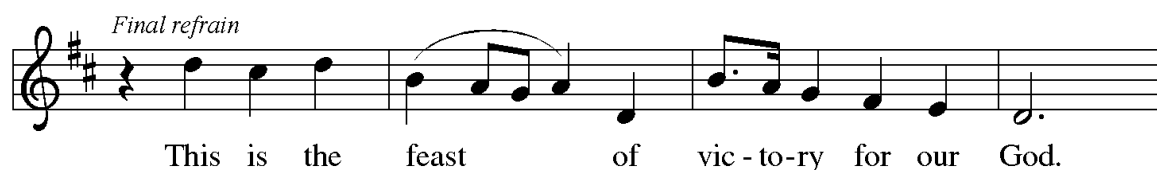
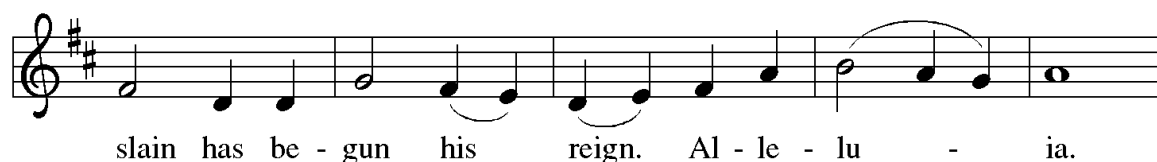
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al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon-or,



## Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

<sup>55</sup>Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him.

<sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the

witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame;  
deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>**Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me.**

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,  
for you are my tower of strength.**

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

<sup>15</sup>**My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.**

<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."

### **Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10**

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

<sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,  
"The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,"

<sup>8</sup>and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall."  
They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. <sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation



## Gospel: John 14:1-14

The holy gospel according to John  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Children’s Message

## Sermon

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## Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.



## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he was descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

God of life, strengthen your church to proclaim your gospel even in times of trouble. As we remember Stephen, we give thanks for diaconal ministry. Bless all deacons and strengthen them for their bridge-building ministry between church and world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, you show your steadfast love through mighty waters, towering mountains, verdant fields, and arid deserts. Protect the earth's diverse habitats from the forces of pollution, erosion, extinction, and global warming. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Mighty God, your Spirit guides us into all truth. Give wisdom to world and local leaders and organizations as they begin, build, or renew relationships. Strengthen leaders and aid organizations in areas needing to be rebuilt following conflict, unrest, or natural disaster (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Loving God, you make your home among us. Abide with refugees, those experiencing homelessness, those fleeing war and poverty, and all who question if there is a home in your heart. We pray for all who are sick (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Assuring God, you accompany your people amid uncertainty and change. Uphold people in this community who have recently moved, changed jobs or schools, retired, or are going through transitions of any kind. Lead us in your ways. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Renewing God, you gather the saints at your heavenly banquet. We give you thanks for the care shown us by those who have gone before us (*especially*). Grant confidence and comfort for all awaiting the place you have prepared. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.  
**Amen.**

## The Meal

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

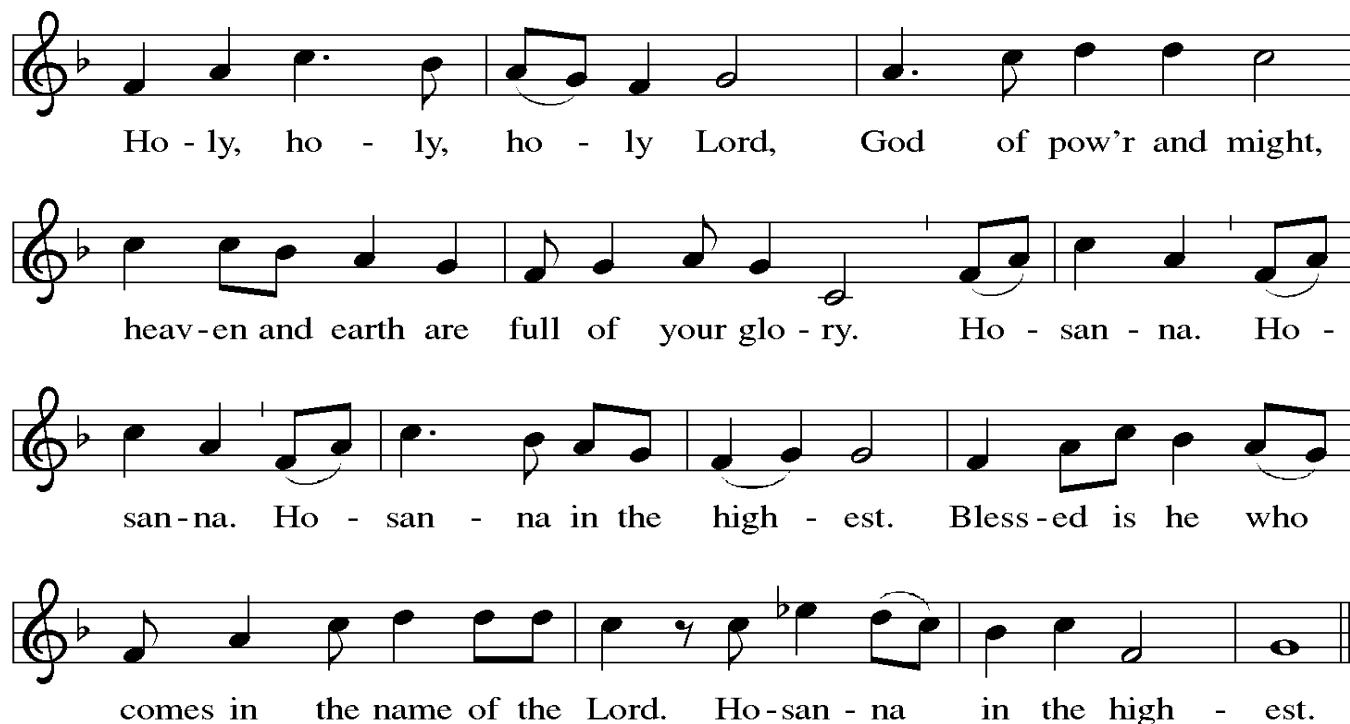
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## Preface

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 archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.  
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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of  
Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth,  
burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

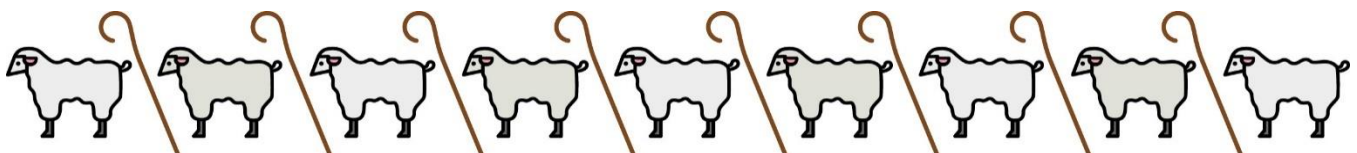
**Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive  
those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the  
glory, forever and forever.**

**Amen.**

All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

## **Communion**

### **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.

## Communion Hymn: We Come to the Hungry Feast

No. 479

# We Come to the Hungry Feast

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1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.  
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased  
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,  
To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay  
not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

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## **Table Blessing**

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

## **Prayer after Communion**

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being.  
With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together.  
Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

The God of all, who raised ✝ Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.  
**Amen.**

**Closing Hymn: The Church's One Foundation**

**No. 654**





## 654

## The Church's One Foundation

1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,  
 4 Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,

she is his new creation by water and the word.  
 her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
 by schisms . . rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
 she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
 and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
 one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
 yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
 Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she presses with every grace endowed.  
 and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.  
 that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00...

Interim Pastor:	Pastor Cathy Schibler
Lectors:	Guy Miller
Communion Assistant:	Guy Miller
Usher:	Sally Warner
Acolyte:	Erica Miller

At 10:30...

Interim Pastor:	Pastor Cathy Schibler
Lectors:	Cathy Wobser
Communion Assistant:	Cathy Wobser
Usher:	Gary Lieb
Acolyte:	Natalie Thompson

May Altar Care:	Pat Wiedenheft and Carrie Killingsworth
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**ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God in celebration of Patricia Wiedenheft's birthday today, from her children and grandchildren.

**MEMORIAL FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God by David and Sally Warner in celebration of their grandchildren's birthdays; Evelyn's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 4 and Tyler's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday on May 5.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Clayton Keegan & Pastor Cathy Schibler in the passing of Clayton's mother,  
Carol Keegan;

For all directly or indirectly effected by earthquakes, blizzards, tornadoes, and  
flooding, Covid, Mass Shootings happening nationwide and Ukraine Crisis;

FAITH members, including; Shirley Miller;  
the pastors and people of our companion synods in Tanzania and  
Serbia and Montenegro;  
Law enforcement officers of the greater Sandusky area.



## ATTENDANCE

April 30: 79

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GOODNESS

(Last two weeks)

General Fund - \$4,798.62

Building Improvements - \$442.50

**DONATIONS TO OUR "PENNY JUG"** support the global relief and habilitation efforts of ELCA World Hunger, a mission of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

**THIS MORNING'S LOOSE CASH OFFERING** (money not in an envelope or given without other designation) benefits Current Expenses Fund. **LOOSE CHECKS** will support our Current Expenses Fund unless designated otherwise on the check memo line.

### This Week at Trinity

TODAY	Communion Services Sunday School	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:15 am
WEDNESDAY	Worship & Music Mtg "We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	7:00 pm 7:00 pm
SATURDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	11:00 am
SUNDAY	Worship Services Mother's Day Breakfast and activities	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:15 am

**ATTENTION ALL LADIES OF THE CHURCH!** On Sunday, May 14, the Faith Builders team is hosting a Mother's Day gathering at 9:15 am in the fellowship hall. All ladies, whether you're a mother or not, and your children are invited to join us for a light breakfast to celebrate the day. If your mom, child, sister, or grandmother can't be with us, please bring a picture of them with you so they can be with you in spirit. Our Sunday school kids will be making some crafts that day and doing their famous "Painting of the Fingernails" and all ladies are welcome to get theirs done by one of our artists too. Or we can just simply relax and enjoy each other's company and fellowship. To help us with our planning, PLEASE sign up on the bulletin board in the educational wing by Sunday, May 7 or call the church office at 419-626-0204.

**MAY'S JAM SESSION** has been moved to May 21 between services since there are Mother's Day activities happening on May 14

**MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION.** All are invited to attend our Annual Memorial Day Celebration on Sunday, May 28 starting at 9:15 am. Our hope is to have it outside, around the flagpole. Please make plans to join us as we remember those who have and are still serving our nation.

**BLOOD DRIVE** at the Congregational United Church of Christ, 205 Main Street, Castalia in the Fellowship Hall on Monday, May 8, 2023, from 1:00 pm to 6:30 pm. To schedule an appointment, go to [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter Sponsor Code: CUC or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

**REMEMBER** there is First Aid Equipment in the “old cry room/nursery”. There is an AED unit in the cabinet along with supplies for diabetics. The room also has a land line that can be used to call 911. The church address and emergency numbers are posted by the phone.

This ministry has been extended for another couple of weeks to help increase the number of donations. Monetary donations can also be made. Just make a note on your check or giving envelope for Grace’s Pantry.

**The Community Mission Committee  
is holding a non-perishable food drive for**

**Grace’s Food Pantry**

**for another two weeks**

**Some suggested items are:**



**Cans of Soup  
Canned Pasta (like SpaghettiOs, Ravioli)  
Pasta Noodles  
Peanut Butter  
Jelly  
Cereal  
Tuna/Hamburger Helper**

**There is a basket to place your items in the education hallway.**