

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

*The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 25 and 26, 2026*

**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:** We will be using a form of processional communion. An usher will release each pew to come forward at a time to avoid a long line in the aisle. Pick up a communion cup on either side at the first pew. The pastor will place a host in your open palm. Turn to either the left or right side to the deacon or communion assistant to receive wine. After consuming the host and wine, pour any remaining wine into the container, then discard your cup. Children who have not yet received their First Holy Communion should come forward for a blessing.

**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:** Today is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world’s violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation.

*Gathering*

Prelude

Prelude on *Brother James's air*

Searle Wright

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

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

Merciful God,  
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.  
You lead us beside still waters.  
We thank you for the waters of creation:  
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.  
We thank you for the waters that nourish us, especially Pymatuning and Lake Erie.  
Blessed are you.  
**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness  
who accompanies us on our journeys.  
We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.  
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.  
Blessed are you.  
**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.  
Break down barriers that divide us.  
Fill us with the breath of peace.  
Blessed are you.  
**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,  
and for making us a new creation.  
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

Hymn

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:

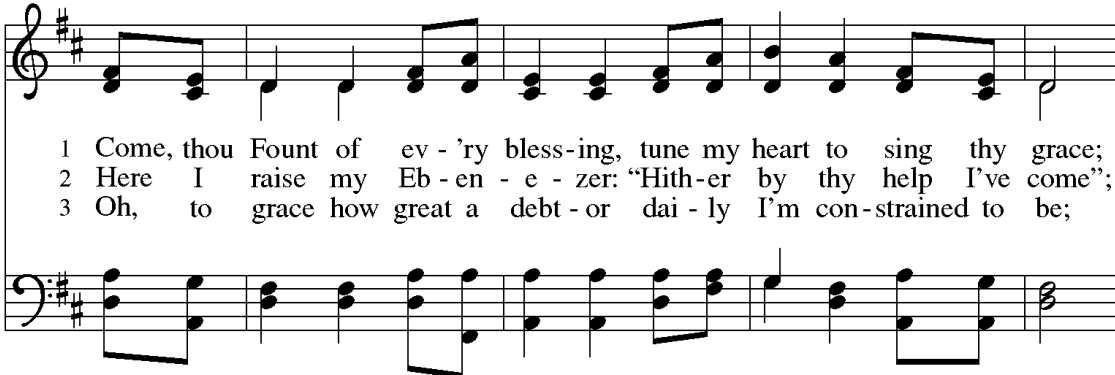


Hal - le - lu - jah!

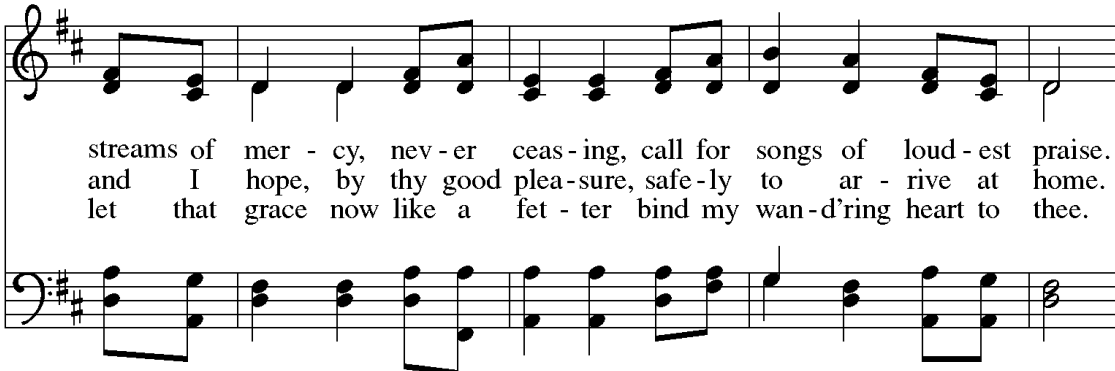
Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932  
Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924  
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## Hymn

## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



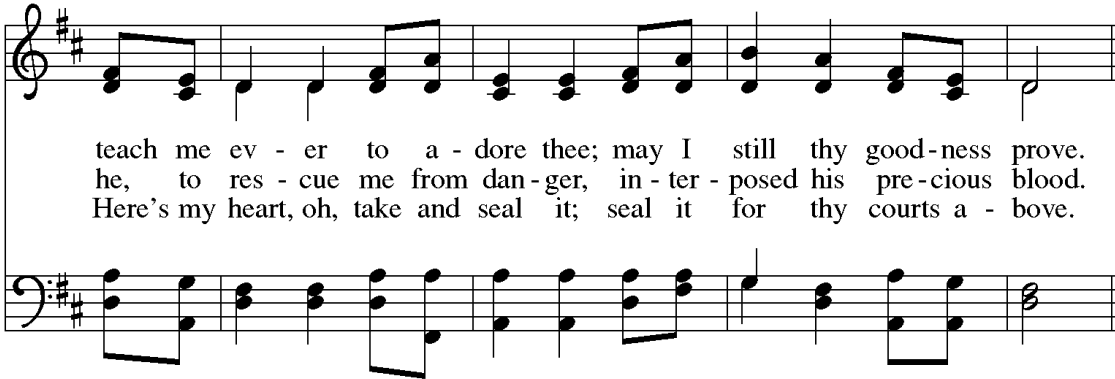
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.  
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.  
 Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

Easter Dialogue

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

We are illumined by the brightness of his rising.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Death has no more dominion over us.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Kyrie

The musical score is written in 8/8 time and consists of four staves. Each staff is divided into two parts: 'Cantor' and 'Assembly'. 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!

1  
Cantor Assembly  
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i -

5  
Cantor Assembly  
son! Chris - te e - le - i - son, Chris - te e - le - i -

9  
Cantor Assembly  
son! Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e - le - i -

13  
Cantor Assembly  
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-ro, 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.  
ia. — Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. —

Liturgy of the Holy Trinity  
Paul D. Weber

## Prayer of the Day

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, 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 2:42-47

A reading from Acts:

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

43 Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. 44 All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45 they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 23  
Joseph Gelineau, arr. JSR



*The antiphon is intoned, repeated by all.*

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **All sing the antiphon.**

He guides me a long the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. **All sing the antiphon.**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **All sing the antiphon.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **All sing the antiphon.**

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

A reading from 1 Peter:

19 For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. 20 If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. 21 For to this you have been called, be-

cause Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

22 “He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

23 When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.

24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. 25 For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands as able.*

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia in C*  
Howard Hughes

*Choir:* Al - le - lu - ia.      **All:** Al - le - lu - ia.      *Choir:* Al - le - lu - ia.

**All:** Al - - le - lu - ia.      *Choir:* Al - le - lu - ia.      **All:** Al - le - lu - ia.

**Jesus says, I am | the good shepherd.  
I know my own and my | own know me.**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

1 “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. 2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” 6 Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7 So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. 9 I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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

The Lord's My Shepherd

1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie  
 2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make  
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;  
 4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres - ence of my foes;  
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,

in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake;  
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;  
 my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.  
 and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;

He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
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Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650  
 Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, James L. Macbeth Bain; arr. Gordon Jacob, 1895-1984  
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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

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

The King of Love  
Marlow W. Johnson

The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never.  
I nothing lack if I am his,  
and he is mine forever.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me;  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

So through all the length of days,  
thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within your house forever.

-- Sir Henry Williams Baker

*The assembly stands as able.*

## Offertory Verse

*Organ intro.*

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. Ga-ther 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.

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## 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

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.

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

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 musical score is written on three staves in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics, including a triplet of eighth notes. The third staff contains the melody for the third line of lyrics, ending with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

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### Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

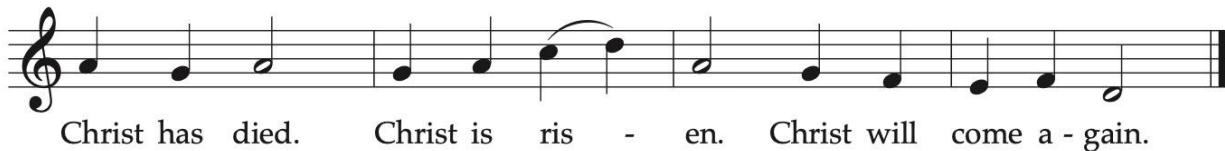
Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you 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:



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.

Through him, with him, in — him, in the u - ni - ty  
of the Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is  
yours, al - might - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

P. D. Weber

### Lord's Prayer

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

**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.**

### 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.

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## 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

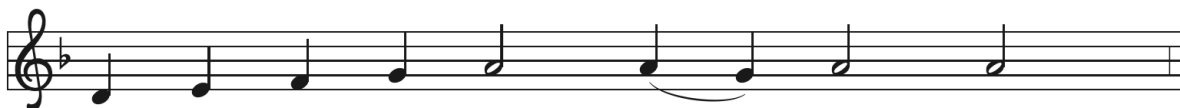
You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd



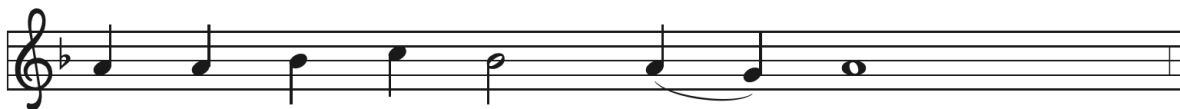
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.  
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,  
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us,  
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.  
 stripped of might up - on the cross,  
 sit in pow - er at God's side.  
 Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



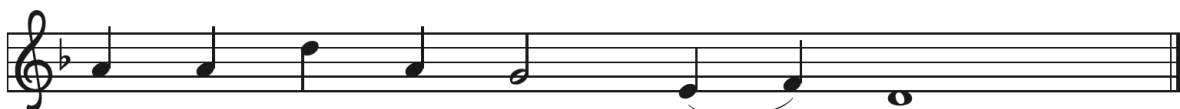
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er  
 shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,  
 You, who preach a way that's nar - row,  
 Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.  
 beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,  
 have a love that reach - es wide.  
 wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
 you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.  
 you, who are both gift and cost.  
 you, who are our pil - grim and guide.  
 you, who are our death and life.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

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Hymn

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.  
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.  
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997  
Music: BICENTENNIAL, Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996  
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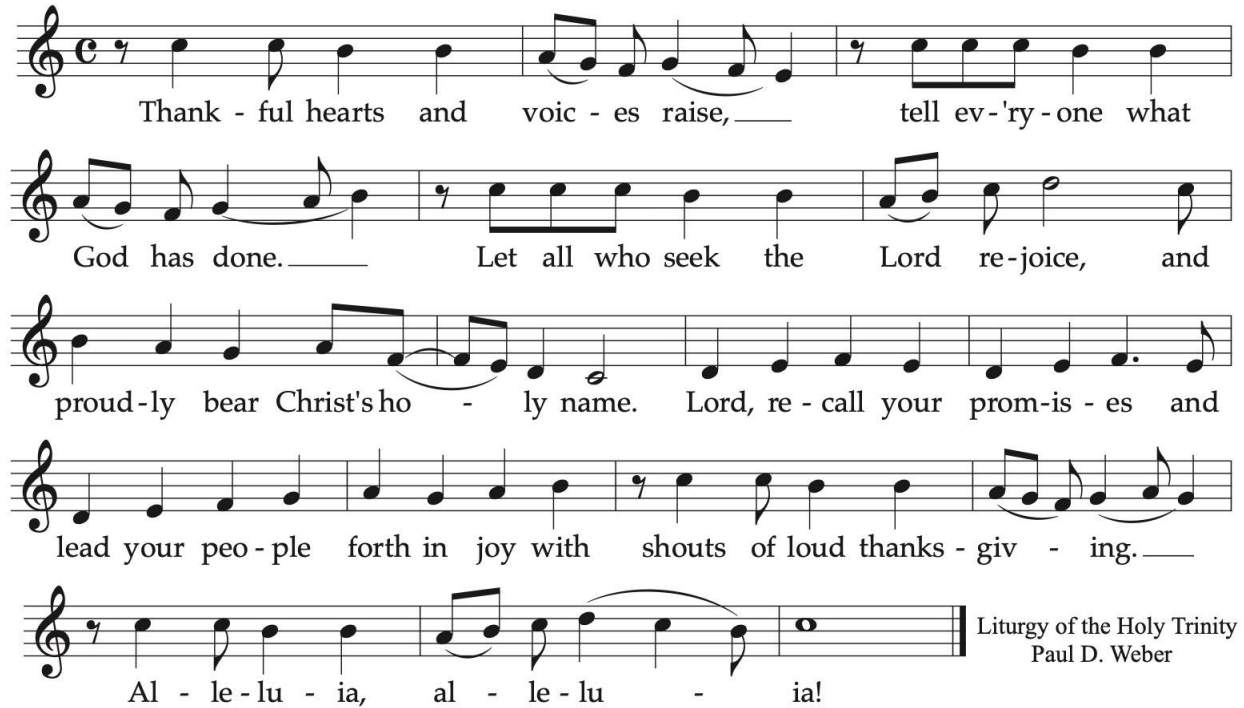
*The assembly stands as able.*

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. — Let all who seek the Lord re-joice, and  
proud-ly bear Christ's ho - ly name. Lord, re - call your prom-is - es and  
lead your peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of loud thanks - giv - ing. —  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Liturgy of the Holy Trinity  
Paul D. Weber

## 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

### At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to  
2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his  
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread  
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide  
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—  
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go  
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

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!

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!

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!

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!



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### **This Week at Holy Trinity**

#### **Sunday April 26, 2026** *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
- 7:00 p.m. AA Big Book Meeting

#### **Tuesday, April 28, 2026**

- 9:00 a.m. Flying Quilts
- 7:00 p.m. Congregational Council

#### **Wednesday April 29, 2026**

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

#### **Thursday April 30, 2026**

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

#### **Saturday May 2, 2026**

- 5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion *with prayers for healing*  
(spoken)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Sunday May 3, 2026** *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
- 7:00 p.m. AA Big Book Meeting

#### **Wednesday May 6, 2026**

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

#### **Thursday May 7, 2026**

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

#### **Saturday May 9, 2026**

- 5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion (spoken)

### **Good Shepherd April Request**

The Good Shepherd Center's request for Holy Trinity for **April canned fruits, veges and beans.** Donations may be taken direct to the Food Pantry or placed in the marked box in the cloister. We also have a table in the administrative hallway for donations to be dropped off.

### **Second Mile Giving for April – Friends of Music**

All Second Mile contributions received during the month of April will be given to the designated cause. Please use the envelopes marked for second mile that are in the narthex and the administrative hallway.

### **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:**

Rita Clemente (friend of Marie Riley)	John Myers (husband of Pastor Brenda)
Carolyn Fritz (friend of Fran Black)	Ken Buikema (cousin of Denise and Rich Hall)
Bonnie Long	Charlene Miller (friend of Denise and Rich Hall)
Georgia Perkins	Mary Rose Jones (friend of Jill Murrin)
Todd Holsinger (nephew of Billie and Dave Hollenbaugh)	Sheila Kretser (friend of Jill Murrin)
Joyce Harris (sister of Judi Moinet)	Lori Scotta (friend of Jill Murrin)
Peggy Wise (sister in law of Judi Moinet)	Russell Morgan (father of Matt Morgan)
Maria (friend of Linda Armstrong)	Stephen Call (brother of Tyler Martin-Call)
Diana and Donnie (friends of Rich and Denise Hall)	Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong)
Kate Washill Martin (friend of Pastor Brenda)	Dillon (friend of Ed Pitcher & Beth Harpst)
Sherry (friend of Rich and Denise Hall)	Belle (granddaughter of Linda Bateman)

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

Pastor Martin Roth  
Helga Marguglio  
Janet Gosnell  
Betty K. Junk  
Marilyn Johnson

## *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 \$6.50 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 1, 2026.***

**Envelope #:** \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ geranium (s) at \$6.50 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 : \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

## Music Notes

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Today's lectionary focuses on Jesus as the selfless shepherd who knows, guides, and lays down his life for his sheep.

Our hymn of the day is *The Lord's my shepherd* sung to the hymn tune, *Brother James' Air*. The text is a version of Psalm 23 from the *Psalms of David in Meeter*, which is a Scottish Psalter published in Edinburgh in 1650. This hymn tune is named after James Leith Macbeth Bain who was a Scottish hymn writer of the early 20th-century, religious minister, and the composer of this hymn tune. It is said that this tune came to Bain spontaneously. The organ prelude by Searle Wright is based on this familiar hymn tune.

During the Offertory, our choir sings Marlowe W. Johnson's setting of hymn, *The King of love my shepherd is*. The hymn tune is an Irish melody called *St. Columba*. Of the six verses by the hymn writer, Henry William Baker, Mr. Johnson chose to set three verses of the hymn for his choir anthem. A year ago, Sue and other members of our choir mentioned that Marlowe had written a choir anthem for Good Shepherd Sunday. Sue Auchenbach went looking for it in our uncataloged choir anthem library. Some of the steel file cabinets that hold the anthems are difficult and heavy to open. A few months ago, Billie Hollenbaugh kindly lent me a copy of Marlowe's manuscript copy of this anthem, along with Thiel College Choir programs and other pieces written by Mr. Johnson. In Marlowe's handwriting, it states, "Finished 5/1/95". Both Billie & Dave met in the Thiel Choir. They were both students at the college when the choir toured Berlin and Helsinki in 1963.

In 1949 under the instruction of Paul J. Christiansen, Marlowe completed the requirements for a bachelor of arts degree in music from Concordia College in Moorhead. After studying composition at UC, Berkeley, he received a master of music degree from the University of Michigan in 1951, and then his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa in 1968. It was in 1953 that Johnson founded the Thiel Choir as a 48-voice college choir. The choir developed into an a cappella choir and gained a reputation as one of the finest college choirs in the United States.



Dr. Marlowe W. Johnson