

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

*The Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 9 and 10, 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: Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

Gathering

Prelude Nun freut euch, lieben Christen gmein, BWV 734 Johann Sebastian Bach

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

Baptized in Water

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Saward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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Hymn

Come, Thou Almighty King

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be

help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
 in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in
 hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in

to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.
 ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt.
 Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

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

Choir Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. *Assembly* Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. *Choir* Chris -
Assembly te - e - le - i - son. *Choir* Chris - te - e - le - i - son. *Choir* Ky - ri -
Assembly e e - le - i - son. *Choir* Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. *Choir* Ky - ri - e - e - le - i -
Assembly son! *Assembly* 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

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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 17:22-31

A reading from Acts:

22Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. 23For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. 24The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, 25nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. 26From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, 27so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. 28For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

29Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. 30While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The Word of the Lord.

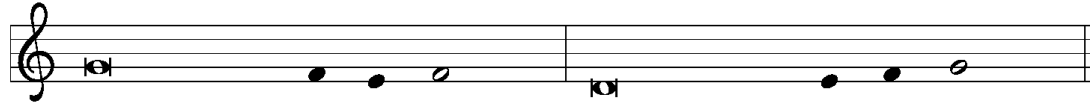
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 68:8-20

*The Psalm will be spoken responsively on Saturday
and sung on Sunday.*



Bless our God, you peo - ples; let the sound of praise be heard.



- 8 Bless our | God, you peoples;
let the sound of | praise be heard.
- 9 Our God has kept us a- | mong the living
and has not allowed our | feet to slip.**
- 10 For you, O God, have | tested us;
you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.
- 11 You brought us in- | to the net;
you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.**
- 12 You let people ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.
- 13 I will enter your house | with burnt offerings
and will pay | you my vows—**
- 14 those that I promised | with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I | was in trouble.
- 15 I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the | smoke of rams;
I will give you ox- | en and goats.**
- 16 Come and listen, all you | who believe,
and I will tell you what God has | done for me.
- 17 I called out to God | with my mouth,
and praised the Lord | with my tongue.**
- 18 If I had cherished evil | in my heart,
the Lord would | not have heard me;
- 19 but in truth | God has heard me
and has attended to the sound | of my prayer.**
- 20 Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing | love from me. **(R)**

A reading from 1 Peter:

13 Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? 14 But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, 15 but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; 16 yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. 17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. 18 For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, 19 in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, 20 who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. 21 And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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.

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Those who love me will keep my word, and my Fa- | ther will love them,
and we will come to them and make our | home with them.

The Holy Gospel

John 14:15-21

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

15 “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

18 “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. 19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

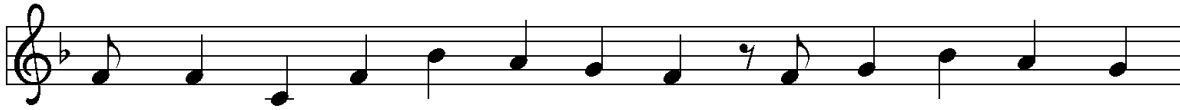
The Sermon

Pastor Brenda Martin

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

Hymn

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice



1 Dear Chris - tians, one and all, re - joice, with ex - ul - ta - tion
 2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay, death brood - ed fierce - ly
 3 O God, you saw my deep dis - tress be - fore the world's foun -
 4 You said to your be - lov - ed Son: "'Tis time to have com -



spring - ing, and, with u - nit - ed heart and voice and ho - ly
 o'er me, sin was my tor - ment night and day; in sin my
 da - tion, and, with your mer - cy mea - sure - less, you planned for
 pas - sion. Then go, bright jew - el of my crown, and bring to



rap - ture sing - ing, pro - claim the won - ders God has done, pro -
 moth - er bore me. My own good works all came to naught, free
 my sal - va - tion. You turned to me a fa - ther's heart; you
 all sal - va - tion; from sin and sor - row set them free; slay



claim the vic - t'ry God has won, how pre - cious was our ran - som!
 will a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, so firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.
 did not choose the eas - y part, but gave your dear - est trea - sure.
 bit - ter death for them that they may live with you for - ev - er."

5 The Son obeyed your gracious will,
 was born of virgin mother;
 and, your good pleasure to fulfill,
 he came to be my brother.
 His royal pow'r disguised he bore,
 a servant's form, like mine, he wore,
 to lead the devil captive.

7 "Now to my Father I depart,
 from earth to heav'n ascending,
 and, gracious wisdom to impart,
 the Holy Spirit sending,
 who will in trouble comfort you,
 will teach you well, your faith renew,
 and in all truth will guide you.

6 To me he said: "Stay close to me,
 I am your rock and castle.
 Your ransom I myself will be;
 for you I strive and wrestle.
 The foe will shed my precious blood;
 all this I suffer for your good;
 my life o'er death will triumph.

8 "What I on earth have done and taught
 guide all your life and teaching;
 so shall the glorious reign of God
 increase, the whole world reaching.
 Let none the gospel gift impede;
 I make you free; be free indeed!
 This final word I leave you."

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. hymnal version
 Music: NUN FREUT EUCH, *Etlich christlich Lieder*, Wittenberg, 1524
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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

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

God of new life, you call us through the waters of baptism to be in relationship with you and one another. Guide the church and its leaders to proclaim Christ's righteousness throughout the world. We pray for our bishops, Yeheil and Kristen; our pastors, musicians, worship leaders, staff members and council members. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You create the world and all that is in it. Shelter budding plants and young animals, provide unpolluted habitats and clean water, and raise up stewards for the environment. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You set civil servants in the places where we live. Instill truth and equity among judges and lawyers, gentleness and courage among first responders, and peace among leaders of towns and nations. We pray for our president, Donald; our governor, Josh; and our municipal and school leaders. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You provide comfort in times of trouble. Heal those who are sick, shelter any who are unhoused, feed those undernourished, and accompany and console all who are lonely, bereaved, anxious, or ill. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You are love and you desire that we love one another. As a mother hen cares for her chicks, bless all who provide motherly care in our lives, and inspire us to care for one another. We pray for our musicians who have helped lead the song of your church throughout this church year. We also pray for our partners in ministry: Luther Memorial Church, Erie, and Glade Run Lutheran Services. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

God of new life, your steadfast love endures forever. Inspire us by the example of the faithful departed, including Pastor Roth, Shirley, Marilyn, Betty K and Helga, who clung to your promises of life, forgiveness of sins, and salvation. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Are there others for whom we should pray?

P: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

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

Good Christian men rejoice and si
Ernest Bullock

Good Christian men rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring; Alleluya!

The Lord of Life is risen for ay;
Bring flowers of song to strew his way;
Let all mankind rejoice and say: Alleluya!

Praise we in songs of victory
That love, that Life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluya!

Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the Life restored: Alleluya!

text by Cyril Argentine Alington

The assembly stands as able.

Offertory Verse

Organ intro.

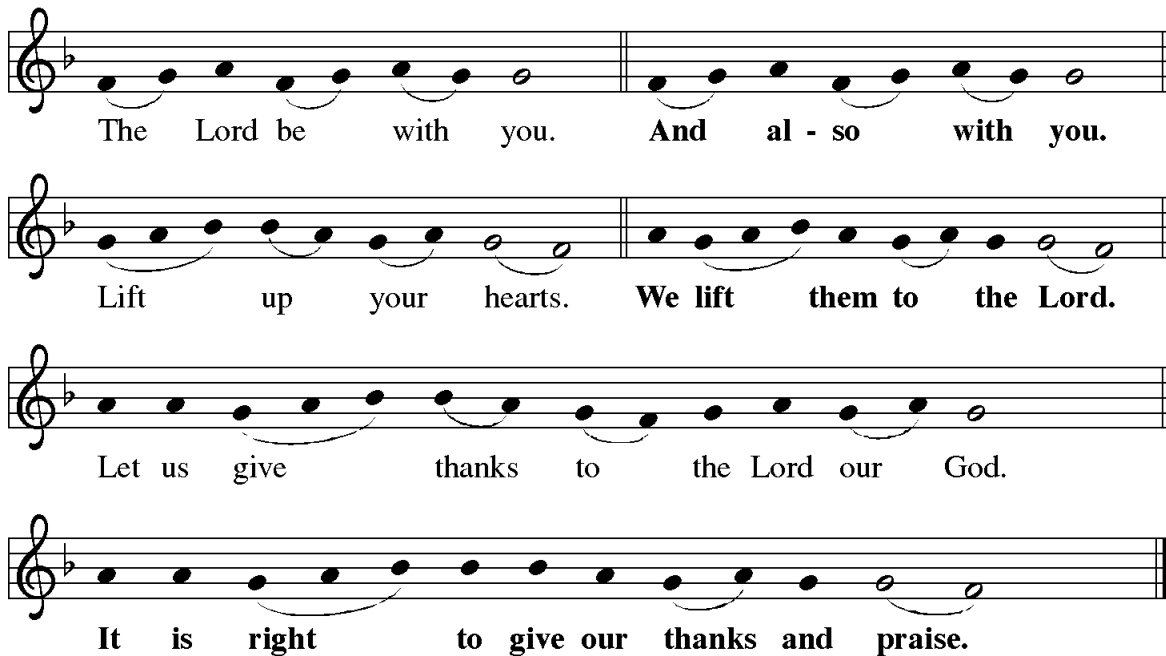
Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful Lord, — and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Ga-ther a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Ga-ther the hopes and dreams of
all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence,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

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, featuring 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.

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:



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.

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.

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.

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

Children of the Heavenly Father

Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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 Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune
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Hymn

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,

all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

- 1 Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
- 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tains, the riv - er run - ning by,
- 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
- 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Refrain

God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - 'ry one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818–1895, alt.
 Music: ROYAL OAK, English tune, 17th cent., adapt. Martin Shaw, 1875–1958

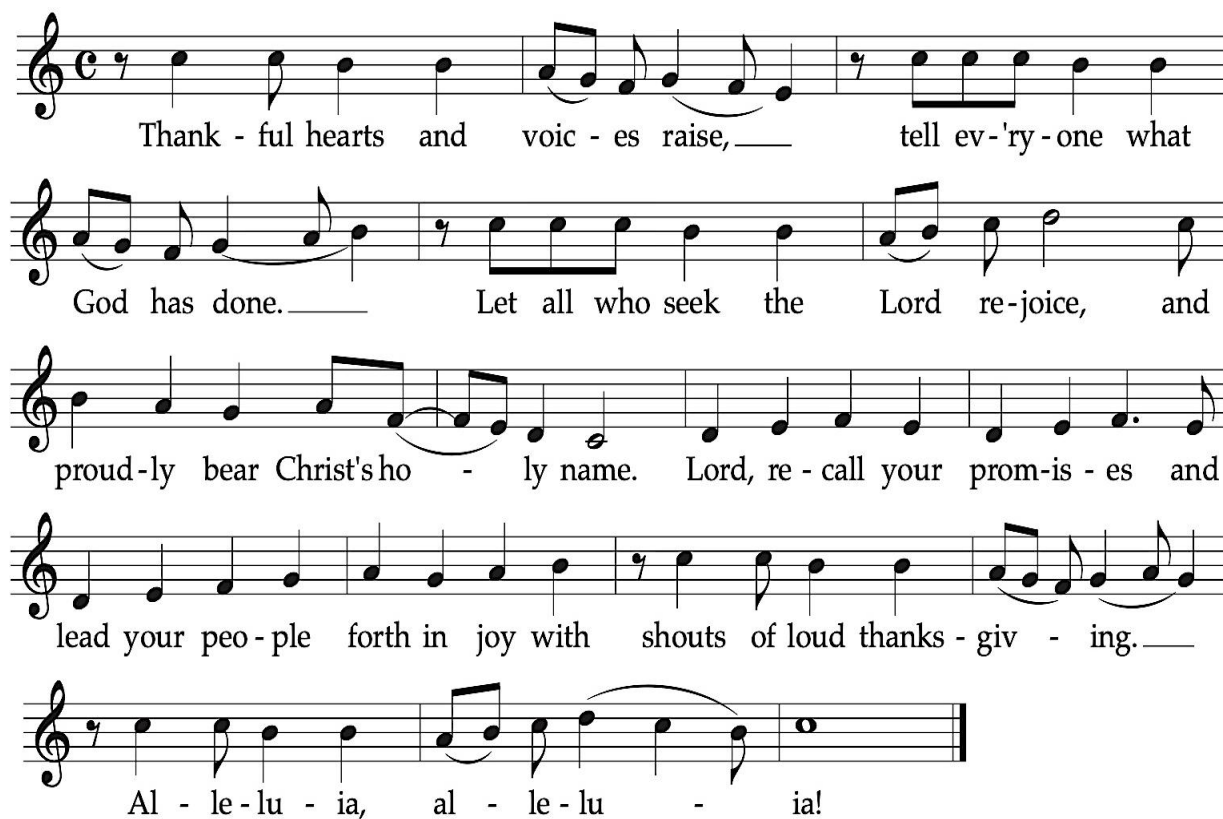
The assembly stands as able.

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-joyce, 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!

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

I Sing the Mighty Power of God



1 I sing the might-y pow'r of God that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food,
3 There's not a plant or flow'r be-low but makes your glo-ries known;



that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y skies.
who formed cre-a-tion with a word and then pro-nounced it good.
and clouds a-rise and tem-pests blow by or-der from your throne;



I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day;
Lord, how your won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
while all that bor-rows life from you is ev-er in your care,



the moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.
if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!
and ev-'ry-where that I could be, you, God, are pres-ent there.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, M. v. Werkmeister, *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Hofkapelle*, 1784

Dismissal



V. Let us bless the Lord, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.
R. All: Thanks be to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Postlude:

Marche Religieuse

Alexandre Guilmant

Serving Saturday

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

Serving Today

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Liturgical Deacon Sean Oros
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Altar Guild Bonnie Massing and Nancy McLaughlin

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This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday May 10, 2026 Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
- 10:45 a.m. Sunday school and Confirmation classes
- 7:00 p.m. AA Big Book Meeting

Monday May 11, 2026

- 6:30 p.m. Fiber Arts Group

Tuesday May 12, 2026

- 9:00 a.m. Flying Quilts
- 6:30 p.m. Worship and Music

Wednesday May 13, 2026

- 1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday May 14, 2026

- 5:30 p.m. Officers Planning Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee
- 8:00 p.m. Happy Hour (zoom)

Saturday May 16, 2026

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday May 17, 2026 *Seventh 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

Monday May 18, 2026

- 6:30 p.m. Fiber Arts Group
- 7:00 p.m. Executive GSO Board Meeting

Tuesday May 19, 2026

- 7:00 p.m. Congregational Council

Wednesday May 20, 2026

- 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. GSO Board Meeting

Thursday May 21, 2026

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

Friday May 22, 2026

- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

Saturday May 24, 2026

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

Altar and Columbarium Flowers

The flowers on the altar have been given to the glory of God and in honor of Dalton's birthday by his parents Todd and Tammy Daniello and his brother Garrett.

The flowers in the columbarium have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my son Rob and my parents The Kirkners, by Linda Broadbent.

Good Shepherd May Request

The Good Shepherd Center's request for Holy Trinity for **May is peanut butter and jelly**. 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 May – Lutherlyn

All Second Mile contributions received during the month of May 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:

Georgie Fetterolf (niece of Katie Snyder and Liz Lewis)	Sherry (friend of Rich and Denise Hall)
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)
	Belle (granddaughter of Linda Bateman)

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

Pastor Martin Roth
Helga Marguglio
Betty K. Junk
Marilyn Johnson

Music Notes

With a text by Martin Luther written in 1523 and translated by Richard Massie we sing our hymn of the day, *Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice*. It is an early nine-verse hymn text by Luther and considered by many to be his finest. The music to this hymn is in AABA form, meaning that the first, second, and fourth section of the hymn is the same with the third section presenting a new melody.

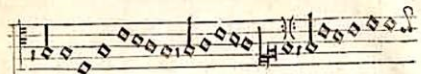
In the late 16th and early 17th centuries, it was common for Lutheran hymns to have a dozen or more verses. Our hymnal presents eight verses. Don't worry. Each verse only takes about 20 seconds to sing. The hymn expresses the joyful exchange where Christ takes sin and grants his divine compassion transforming human despair into joy.

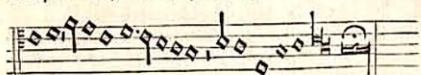
The picture is from the second Lutheran hymnal printed and published in 1524 in Erfurt, Germany. Please note that the music to this hymn, like the text, is also printed with steel type. Like movable type, each segment of the notes and staff is painstakingly drawn from a music type case and placed in a composing stick.

The organ prelude is Johann Sebastian Bach's organ prelude setting of this hymn. At age 21, I played this Bach piece for my senior undergraduate recital at YSU's Dana School of Music. During the recital, the adrenaline kicked in and I played it way too fast. I remember five measures into the piece hearing the audience gasp.

You may recognize the postlude as the organist and composer Alexandre Guilmant based it on Handel's *Lift up your heads ye mighty gates*. It is a chorus from Part II of Handel's *Messiah*.

Ein Christenlichs Lied Doctors
Martin Luthers/die vnaussprechliche
gnaden Gottes vnd des rechten
Glaubens begreiffend.


Nun freuet euch lieben Christen gmeyn.


Nun freuet euch lieben Christen gmein/ Vnd laß vns freu-
lich springen/ Das wir genost vnd all in ein/ Mit lust vnd
liebe singen/ Was got an vns gewendet hat/ Vnd seine süße
wunder that/ Gar thair harters erworben.

Dem Teuffel ich gefangen lag/ Im todt war ich verloten/
Mein sündt mich queller nacht vñ tag/ Darinn ich war ge-
boren/ Ich viel auch ymmer tieffer dein/ Es war kein gütes
am leben mein/ Die sündt hat mich beseffen.

Mein güte werck die golten nicht/ Es war mir in verdo-
ben/ Der frey will hasser gods gericht/ Er war zum güte er-
storden/ Die angst mich zu verzweyffeln reych/ Das nichts
dann sterben bey mir bleyß/ Zur hellen müßt ich sincken.

¶ Do ianfert Got in ewigkait/ Mein elend vber massen/ Er
dacht an sein Garmbergigkait/ Er wolt mir helfen lassen/
Er wandt zu mir das vater herz/ Es war bey jm fürwar
kein scherz/ Er lief sein bestes kosten.

¶ Er sprach zu seinem lieben son/ Die zeit ist bie zur Garmen/
Far hyu meins herzen werde kron/ Vnd sey das hayl dem
armen/ Vnd hilf jm auf der sünden not/ Erwüege für jm
den puren todt/ Vnd laß jm mir die leben.

¶ Der sin dem vater gehosam wardt/ Er kam zu mir auff
erden/ Von einer junckfraw rain vñ zart/ Er solt mein brü-
der werden/ Gar hainlich stürt er sein gewalt/ Er gieng in
meiner armen gestalt/ Den teuffel wolte er fangen.

¶ Er sprach zu mir halt dich an mich/ Es sol dir ygt gelin-
gen/ Ich geb mich selber gang für dich/ Da wil ich für dich
rängen/ Dañ ich bin dein vñ du bist mein/ Vnd wo ich bleyß
solst sein/ Vns sol der feindt nicht scheyden.

¶ Vergessen wirdt er mir mein plüt/ Darzu mein leben rau-
ben/ Das leyde ich alles dir zu güte/ Das halt mir festem glau-
ben/ Den todt verschlinge das leben mein/ Vñ vnschuld-
t regt die sünden dein/ Da bistu selig worden.

¶ Gen hymel zu dem vater mein/ Far ich vñ disen leben/ Da
wil ich sein der maister dein/ Den geyst wil ich dir gebē/ Der
dich in erbstnuß trösten sol/ Vnd lernen mich erkennen wol/
Vnd in der warheit leyten.

Nun freuet euch, lieben Christen g'mein printed in the *Erfurt Enchiridion*, 1524

In Military Service

Specialist (SPC) Andrew McCall, Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado (son of Mark and Jane McCall, grandson of Karen McKay and the late Jim McKay)

Sgt. First Class Nicholas Carman, US Army, Fredericksburg, Virginia (grandson of Nancy Ullstrom)

Admiral Richard Childs, Assistant Surgeon General of the USA (nephew of Harvey Childs)

Tim Ross, Navy Special Forces, (grandson of Rae Johnson, nephew of Lori McEwen)

Holy Trinity member, SGT Garrett Daniello, PA Army National Guard (son of Todd and Tammy Daniello, grandson of Georgia Perkins, grandnephew of Bonnie Long)

Holy Trinity member, SrA Stephanie Kovack, Air Force Reserve, 910th Youngstown Air Reserve Station

Lt., Junior Aviator, Nathaniel J. Hammond, San Diego, California (son of Brian and Rebecca Bittel Hammond, grandson of Nancy and James Bittel)

Cadet Riley Armstrong, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Duquesne University, ROTC (granddaughter of Linda Armstrong)

Holy Trinity Member, Private Jackson Weaver, Army National Guard, Fort Jackson, South Carolina