

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

*Ascension of Our Lord
May 16 and 17, 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: In today's readings the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

Gathering

Prelude *Adagio* from Symphony no. 5 Charles-Marie Widor

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
Text © John B. Geyer.

Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,

his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful

Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

Easter Dialogue

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

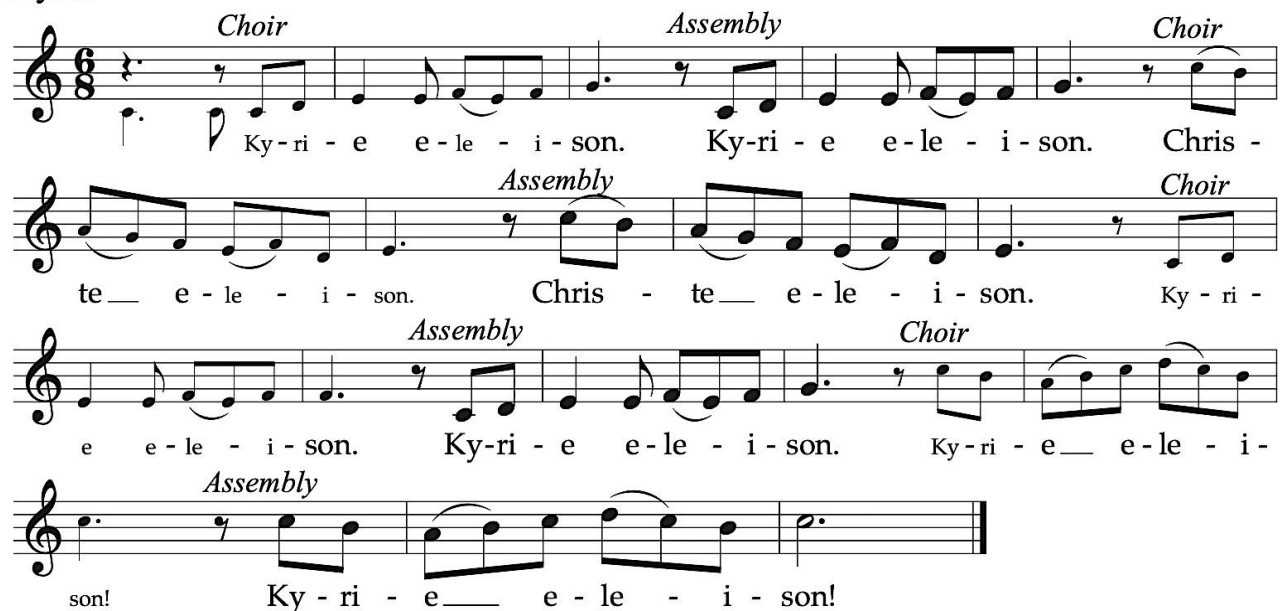
We are illumined by the brightness of his rising.

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.



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.



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 God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign 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 1:1-11

A reading from Acts:

Luke writes:

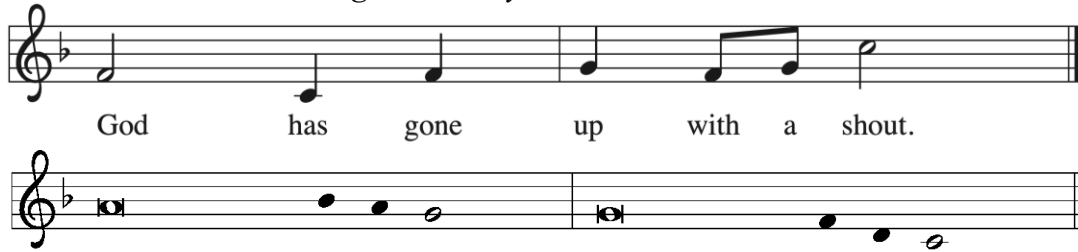
In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning 2 until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4 While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 9 When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11 They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 47 *The Psalm will be spoken responsively on Saturday
and sung on Sunday.*



- 1 Clap your hands, | all you peoples;
shout to God with a | joyful sound.
- 2 For the LORD Most High is | to be feared:
a great king over | all the earth,**
- 3 who subdues the | peoples under us,
and the nations un- | der our feet;
- 4 who chooses our inheri- | tance for us,
the pride of Jacob, | whom God loves.**
- 5 God has gone up | with a shout,
the LORD with the sound | of the ram's horn.
- 6 Sing praises to | God, sing praises;
sing praises to our | king, sing praises.**
- 7 For God is king of | all the earth;
sing praises | with a song.
- 8 God reigns o- | ver the nations;
God is en- | throned on high.**
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered
as the people of the | God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is high- | ly exalted. **(R)**

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

A reading from Ephesians:

15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the

working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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.

Go and make disciples of all nations, ^l says the Lord;
I am with you always, to the end ^l of the age.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

44 Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46 and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his

name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

50 Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. 51 While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; 53 and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

Rejoice, for Christ Is King!

1 Re - joice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;
 2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
 4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit

re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:
 and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

Refrain

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -

joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
 Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

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.

Gracious God, your Son Jesus ascended to fill all time and space and is present with all people. By your Holy Spirit, lead your church and its leaders in faith, hope, and love, and in sharing the presence of Christ. We pray for our bishops, Yeheil and Kristen, our pastors, musicians, staff members, and Sunday School and confirmation teachers. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Majestic God, your Son Jesus entrusts his ministry to his followers to care for all you have created. Instill in us a commitment to sustainable ecological practices. We pray for good weather in this growing season, so that farmers' harvests can be plentiful. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus sits at your right hand and rules the cosmos. Inspire national and local politicians to lead with equity and fairness, raise up advocates and activists for those seeking justice, and cultivate peace throughout the world. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Merciful God, your Son Jesus carries with him the scars of suffering as our wounded healer. Guide with your wisdom the work of surgeons, pharmacists, midwives, and all medical specialists, and bring your healing touch to all who are sick. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Caring God, your Son Jesus reveals the depths of your love and gathers all people to himself. Accompany us in our work and play to make your presence known in all that we do. We pray for our partners in ministry: Maria Lutheran Church in Dagus Mines and Messiah Lutheran Church in Wesleyville, and pastors Erik Hart and Jean Kuebler. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Life-giving God, by his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus destroyed death forever. With thanksgiving we remember those who rest from the labors, assured of your promise of everlasting life, especially Pastor Roth, Shirley, Marilyn, Betty K. and Helga. 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

I got me flowers
Ralph Greaves

I got me flowers to strew thy way;
I got me boughs off many a tree:
But thou wast up by break of day,
And brought'st thy sweets along with thee.

The Sunne arising in the East,
Though he give light, and th' East perfume;
If they should offer to contest
With thy arising, they presume.

Can there be any day but this,
Though many sunnes to shine endeavour?
We count three hundred, but we misse:
There is but one, and that one ever."

-- George Herbert

The assembly stands as able.

Offertory Verse

Organ intro.

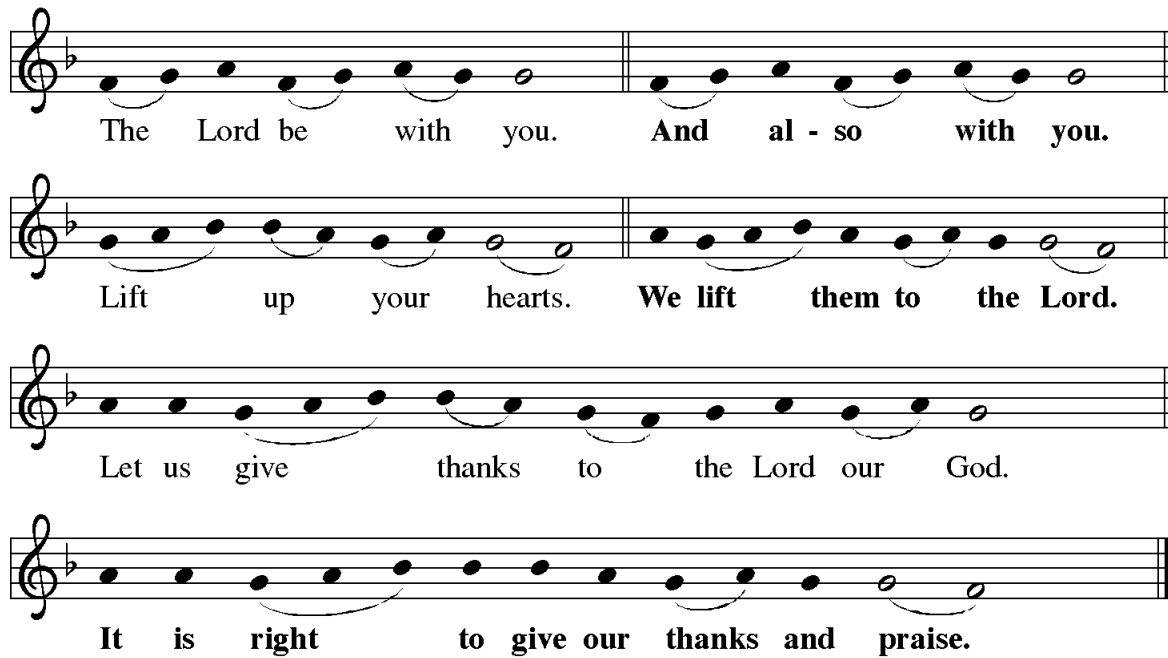
Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful Lord, — and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Ga-ther a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Ga-ther the hopes and dreams of
all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, 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;
who, enthroned forever at your right hand,
intercedes for us as our great high priest.
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 ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
 3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, “Why stand and gaze up - on the
 4 “You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the por - tals of the
 5 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -



ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
 stand, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! and with his faith - ful fol - l’wers
 sky?” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! “This is the Sav - ior!” thus they
 sky.” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! “Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
 cord: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! You are, while end - less ag - es



trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
 see their Lord as - cend in maj - es - ty.
 say, “this is his glo - rious tri - umph day!” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
 see re - turn - ing in great maj - es - ty.”
 run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.



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

Text: Bede, 673–735; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
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Hymn

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,

you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
 Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Text: Percy Dearmer, 1867-1936, alt.
 Music: UNION SEMINARY, Harold Friedell, 1905-1958
 Text from *Songs of Praise* Enlarged Edition, © Oxford University Press 1931.
 Music © 1957, 1985 H. W. Gray, admin. CPP/Belwin.

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

The Head That Once Was Crowned

1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;
2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords is his by sov-'reign right,
3 The joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low
4 To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is giv'n;

a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.
the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heav'n's e - ter - nal light.
to whom he man - i - fests his love, and grants his name to know;
their name, an ev - er - last - ing name, their joy, the joy of heav'n.

5 They suffer with their Lord below;
they reign with him above;
their profit and their joy to know
the myst'ry of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him;
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme!

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: *Toccata* from Symphony no. 5 Charles-Marie Widor

Serving Saturday

Presiding Minister Pastor Brenda Martin
Organist Andy Joos
Liturgical Deacon Jamin Wentling

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This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday May 17, 2026 *Ascension Sunday*

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

Monday May 18, 2026

- 4:00 p.m. CCSS
- 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 23, 2026

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday May 24, 2026 *Pentecost*

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

Monday May 25, 2026 *Office closed in observance of Memorial Day*

- 6:30 p.m. Fiber Arts Group

Tuesday May 26, 2026

- 9:00 a.m. Flying Quilts

Wednesday May 27, 2026

- 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday May 28, 2026

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

Saturday May 30, 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 loving memory of Herbert and Janet Gebert by their family.

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.

Save The Date: Holy Trinity Graduates To Be Honored

Please mark your calendars for **Sunday, June 7, 2026!** After worship that day, we will be recognizing all Holy Trinity graduates at a reception in the Hospitality Room. In the meantime, if your family has a graduate this year from High School, College, Graduate Program, etc., please make sure the church office is aware, so we can plan to honor all of our scholars! Expect more information to come as we get closer to that date. Thank you.

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:

Tris Hall	Kate Washill Martin (friend of Pastor Brenda)
Jayme Hart (friend of Rich and Denise Hall)	Sherry (friend of Rich and Denise Hall)
Georgie Fetterolf (niece of Katie Snyder and Liz Lewis)	John Myers (husband of Pastor Brenda)
Rita Clemente (friend of Marie Riley)	Ken Buikema (cousin of Denise and Rich Hall)
Carolyn Fritz (friend of Fran Black)	Charlene Miller (friend of Denise and Rich Hall)
Bonnie Long	Mary Rose Jones (friend of Jill Murrin)
Georgia Perkins	Sheila Kretser (friend of Jill Murrin)
Todd Holsinger (nephew of Billie and Dave Hollenbaugh)	Lori Scotta (friend of Jill Murrin)
Joyce Harris (sister of Judi Moinet)	Russell Morgan (father of Matt Morgan)
Peggy Wise (sister in law of Judi Moinet)	Stephen Call (brother of Tyler Martin-Call)
Maria (friend of Linda Armstrong)	Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong)
Diana and Donnie (friends of Rich and Denise Hall)	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

This morning we hear two organ pieces by the renowned French organist, composer, and teacher, Charles-Marie Widor. His last name is pronounced Vee-door. Such was his enormous musical talent that he successfully competed for the job of organist at his high school at age 11. While teaching composition and organ performance at the Paris Conservatory, he also served as the organist of Saint-Sulpice in Paris for over sixty years. The postlude is the Toccata from his *Symphony no. 5* for Organ. It is perhaps his most famous and often-played piece.

Widor developed the organ symphony which, like an orchestral symphony, usually consists of five movements in different tempos and keys. At the time, one of his contemporaries, Camille Saint-Saëns, developed orchestral symphonies that united all the movements in the various uses of one theme. This is true of Widor's Fifth Symphony for organ. Each of the five movements of *Symphony no. 5* are based on just three notes: Do, Ti, and La. The organ prelude is the *Adagio* from this organ symphony. The descending three notes can be heard in the manuals and more prominently when played in the pedals.

Today our choir sings Ralph Greaves' setting of the George Herbert poem, *I got me flowers*. Herbert was an Anglican priest who wrote metaphysical poems. This poetic form is a creative account of topics that combine both sacred and profane elements to convey their message. *I got me flowers* is the second section of the Herbert's poem, *Easter Wings*. Herbert's poetry highlights the themes of grace over works and the joyful day of Christ's resurrection.

Noteworthy are the two hymns sung during Communion. With text by Percy Dearmer and music by Harold Fridell, the first Communion hymn is *Draw us in the Spirit's tether*. It was adapted as a congregational hymn from Friedells choir anthem. The second Communion hymn is *Thine the Amen*. The music for this hymn was written by Carl F. Schalk and the hymn text by Herbert F. Brokering. Rev. Dr. Brokering text to *Earth and all stars* and *Alleluia! Christ is risen* are especially well known hymn texts. Both of his texts are sung to the same hymn tune written by David Johnson.



Charles-Marie Widor at the organ console at Saint-Sulpice.

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