



"My Lord and my God!"
St. John 20:28

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 7, 2024 -- 10:00 a.m.

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"Come, Celebrate with Us"

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

WELCOME, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! To assist the office staff in serving you, **please sign the yellow Attendance & Communion Registration sheet included in the bulletin.** We also ask first time worshippers to sign the guest book on the table near the doors. Following worship, everyone is invited to the entrance area for refreshments

Please direct all pastoral care concerns to Pastor, Rich Mueller at 914-388-2240.



Gathering

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

We face the font, remembering God's promise of forgiveness in baptism.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

C: *Here is our water of life! Alleluia!*

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

C: *Here is our water of life! Alleluia!*

P: Look, here is water!

C: *Here is our water of life! Alleluia!*

GATHERING HYMN

386, "O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"

(Stanzas 1-4)



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



1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,
3 An an - gel clad in white they see,
4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;

Insert stanzas 5-8 if desired.

9 On this most ho - ly day of days,



with heav'n - ly hosts to Christ our king:
the faith - ful wom - en went their way
who sits and speaks un - to the three,
a - mong them came their mas - ter dear,
be laud and ju - bi - lee and praise:



to - day the grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!
to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!
"Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!
and said, "My peace be with you here." Al - le - lu - ia!
to God your hearts and voic - es raise. Al - le - lu - ia!

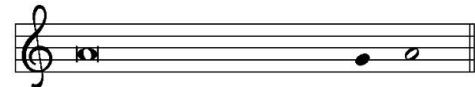
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Music: O FILII ET FILIAE, French tune, 15th cent.

GREETING

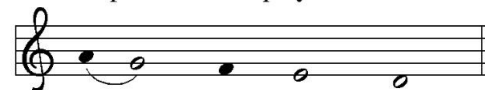
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God. and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



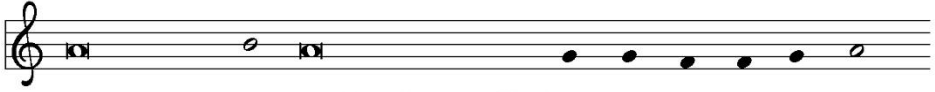
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assisting minister



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

All



1 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 and wis - dom and

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

Refrain

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

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Word

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were

in need.

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 133

How good and pleasant it is to live together in unity. (Ps. 133:1)

¹How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his
robe. R**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life
forevermore. **R**

SECOND READING

1 John 1:1--2:2

The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that

we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

²¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOspel ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOspel LESSON

John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to St. John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pam Burkey

SERMON

Rev. Richard H. Mueller

HYMN OF THE DAY [363, "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"](#)



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,
5 Al - le - lu - ia! now we cry to our Lord im - mor - tal,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en,
with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, hold you as a mor - tal:
who tri - um - phant burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;



loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Jer - u - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing
Al - le - lu - ia! with the Son God the Fa - ther prais - ing;



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from the Light to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.
Al - le - lu - ia! yet a - gain to the Spir - it rais - ing.

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, Johann Horn, 1490–1547

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.

THE PRAYERS *(Stand)*

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

Your church cries out, O God, and you listen. As you drew near to the disciples, draw near to us this day. Breathe on us your Holy Spirit, that our faith is renewed and we witness to your love. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your creation cries out, O God, and you listen. Nurture trees, crops, wildflowers, and all growing things. Guide farmers, gardeners, arborists, and others who tend the soil and nurture plants into life. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your world cries out, O God, and you listen. Guide police, firefighters,

paramedics, and other first responders to work for the well-being of communities and the dignity of every person, that no one may need to live in fear. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your children cry out, O God, and you listen. Hear your people crying out for justice, for an end to racism and other oppression, and for a world where all are fed and safe. We pray for all who cry out in suffering or pain (*especially*). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your congregations cry out, O God, and you listen. Renew pastors, deacons, musicians, and other staff, administrators, and volunteers who facilitated Holy Week and Easter worship. Open our hearts to discern where God calls each of us to serve. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Accept our gratitude, O God, for the lives of those who now rest in you (*especially Dietrich Bonhoeffer and all whose lives have been given in faithfulness to the gospel*). Grant us your peace amid our fears. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

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

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

We greet one another with a gesture of peace.

Meal

OFFERING *An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Your offering can be left in the baskets provided near the entrance of the sanctuary.*

OFFERING HYMN

481, "Come to the Table"



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.



Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let Us Pray,

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C: Amen

THE 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: '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.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

The presiding minister continues:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

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The Eucharistic Prayer follows, concluding with the Lord's Prayer.

C: 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.

COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

Christ is truly present in this sacrament. We trust the Word, "The body and blood of Christ given and shed for you." By Christ's invitation, all baptized people of God are welcome to receive Christ's gift of love and mercy. Cups are available to receive wine from the Worship Assistant's pouring chalice. If grape juice is preferable, it is available in the tray the Acolyte carries.

Those not wishing to participate in Holy Communion may come forward and receive a blessing. Please notify the usher if you are unable to come forward, but wish to commune in your seat. Approach the altar from the center aisle and return to your seat by a side aisle.

COMMUNION HYMN

501, "Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus"

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er - more to be.

And, in leav - ing now thine al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee!

Let thy bright ce - les - tial cho - rus nev - er cease the heav'n - ly strain;

but in us, thy lov - ing chil - dren, come, bring peace, good will to men.

Text: John H. Hopkins Jr., 1820–1891

Music: JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING, Johann Schop, 1600–1665; arr. J. S. Bach, 1685–1750

COMMUNION HYMN (2) [381, "Peace to Soothe Our Bitter Woes"](#)

1 Peace, to soothe our bit - ter woes, God in Christ on us be - stows;
 2 Peace with - in the church still dwells in our wel - comes and fare - wells;

Je - sus bought our peace with God with his ho - ly, pre - cious blood;
 and through God's bap - tis - mal pow'r peace sur - rounds our dy - ing hour.

peace in him for sin - ners found is the gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
 Peace be with you, full and free, now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

The image shows a musical score for a communion hymn. It consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872; tr. George T. Rygh, 1860-1943, alt.
 Music: FRED TIL BOD, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812-1887

COMMUNION HYMN (3)

[384, "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"](#)

1 That Eas - ter day with joy - was bright; the
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips - will
 this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

The image shows a musical score for a communion hymn. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

The presiding minister may say a table blessing.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

The assisting minister leads the prayer after communion.

A: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C: Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sending

BLESSING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always.

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN

[386, “O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing”](#)

(Stanzas 5-9)

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| <p>5 When Thomas first the tidings heard,
 that they had seen the risen Lord,
 he doubted the disciples' word.
 Alleluia!</p> | <p>7 No longer Thomas then denied;
 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 “You are my Lord and God!” he cried.
 Alleluia!</p> |
| <p>6 “My pierced side, O Thomas, see,
 and look upon my hands, my feet;
 not faithless, but believing be.”
 Alleluia!</p> | <p>8 How blest are they who have not seen,
 and yet whose faith has constant been,
 for they eternal life shall win.
 Alleluia!</p> |

9 On this most ho - ly day of days,
 be laud and ju - bi - lee and praise:
 to God your hearts and voic - es raise. Al - le - lu - ia!
After the final stanza
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: O FILII ET FILIAE, French tune, 15th cent.

DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Announcements for Sunday, April 7, 2024

TO KEEP IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS: Those worshipping for the first time at Holy Trinity. Cancer/Illness: **Tammy Cain, Milissa Collins, David Durant, Jay Fassbender, Brittany Dyche Harvey, Elsie Lamb, Susan Mueller, Dot Peterson, Sheila Ross, David Scott, Charles Sharp and Joey Simon; Those serving in military, firefighters & law enforcement including: **Marc Alverson, Daryl Bogle, Colter Burkey, Adam Cormier, Steve Duke, Shawn Ethington, Brent Massey, Jordan Miller, Christopher Mueller, Titus Nissen, Rich Peacock and Dylan Winslow; Holy Trinity's Mission Partner: **St. Paul Lutheran Church – Mobile, AL and Rev. Amanda Spangler; ELCA Leaders: **SE Synod Bishop Rev. Kevin Strickland, ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Pastor Rich Mueller.********

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our stewardship last week: Attendance – 87 Offerings – \$7,725.00

SCRIPTURE APRIL 14TH: *Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- Today** 10:00am Service of Holy Communion
1:00pm – 5:00pm Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts & Girl Scouts
- Mon., Apr. 8** 4:30pm – 5:30pm Musical Beginnings: Piano Lessons in Sanctuary & Classroom
- Tues., Apr. 9** 8:30am – 2:30pm Office Hours
9:30am Sojourner's Circle in Fellowship Hall
3:00pm – 6:30pm Musical Beginnings: Voice Lessons in Sanctuary
6:00pm WELCA - Phoebe's Circle @ Linda Veren's home
- Wed., Apr. 10** 8:30am – 2:30pm Office Hours
3:00pm – 5:00pm Musical Beginnings: (Piano, Drums & Violin) in Sanctury, Fellowship Hall & Classroom 1
4:00pm – 5:30pm Yoga Class (Gathering Place)
5:00pm – 5:30pm Musical Beginnings: Piano Lessons in Sanctuary
5:30pm Church Council Meeting in Fellowship Hall
- Thur., Apr. 11** 8:30am – 2:30pm Office Hours
4:30pm – 6:00pm Musical Beginnings: Music Lessons in Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
- Sat., Apr. 13** 8:00am – 8:45am Yoga Class
- Sun., Apr. 14** 10:00am Service of Holy Communion



BIRTHDAYS



Tommie Ethington 04/09

Our **Friends & Family Church Directory** has been updated, effective April 4th. Printed **copies are available in the narthex**. If you prefer a softcopy (in PDF format), please contact Steve H (htlcdaphne8271@gmail.com) or call our church office (251-621-2968).

Healing Service on 4/24/24: There will be a healing service at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, April 24th. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex where you can add petitions not already on the list or sign-up to present a petition that is on the list during this special service.

Assisting in Worship

Presiding Minister	Rev. Richard H. Mueller
Musicians	Craig Bruce: Keyboards Steve Horlebein: Guitar
Assisting Minister	Jeff Ramsland
Acolyte	Diane MacShane
Lector	Dave Kummer
Cantor	Debi Horlebein
Children's Sermon	Pam Burkey
Altar Guild	Linda Gregg
Greeters	Jerry Driskell
Usher	Fred Fassbender
Tellers	Fred Fassbender & Phyllis Buchholz
Camera Operator	Eric Veren
Hospitality	TBD

*The flowers at the Altar today are given to the Glory of God with Great Thanksgiving
in honor of Mike and Jenny Shrider's 32nd Anniversary.*



OPEN CAMERA & SCAN

PURPOSE STATEMENT

God's purpose for Holy Trinity is to grow faith
that moves us beyond ourselves.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

1. Faithfully living with Christ at the center.
2. Prayerfully listening with open hearts and minds.
3. Selflessly welcoming all without preconceptions.
4. Courageously bearing our neighbor's burdens
5. Relating to one another with respect and honesty
6. Boldly sharing our blessings with other.

**APRIL 7, 2024
SECOND SUNDAY
OF EASTER**



Walking in the light of Jesus together.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 20:19-31	Come and see and believe
Monday	Acts 4:32-35	The sharing of goods
Tuesday	1 John 1:1–2:2	The word of life
Wednesday	Matthew 5:14-16	Let your light shine
Thursday	Psalm 27	Song of confidence
Friday	2 Corinthians 4:1-6	Light shining in the darkness
Saturday	Psalm 133	The blessing of unity
Sunday	Luke 24:36b-48	Jesus appears to the disciples

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

[I]f we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.
1 John 1:7 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of love and mercy, we thank you for the community of faith that helps us to know and experience your light and truth through Jesus, our resurrected Savior and Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Generous God, we thank you for this meal and pray that others may have what they need to live, serve, and trust in you through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's light bless you with people filled with joy.



APRIL 7, 2024

HYMN OF THE WEEK

This Little Light of Mine



taking 
faith
home

WEEKLY MILESTONES



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Do you find it easy or difficult to forgive someone? Explain.
- Why is forgiveness important to Christian fellowship?

DEVOTIONS



Read: 1 John 1:1–2:2.

Linus from the Peanuts comic strip once said, “I love mankind... It’s people I can’t stand!” Living in community with others can be a challenge. For Christians, living together in community is God’s gift for our broken and sinful lives. Sometimes, we deceive ourselves into thinking we are more deserving, better than, or more lovable than others. Confession frees us to welcome Jesus into our lives through God’s power of forgiveness that is for all. This simple message of forgiveness is hard to experience, especially when there are people whom we have had a hard time loving or even accepting. God’s light takes us out of our own darkness and brings us into a humble yet joyous fellowship with others. Unity and fellowship have always been at the heart of God’s creative and redeeming work for all the world (Psalm 133). We are asked to be aware of our darkness and move into the light through the power of God’s forgiving grace.

Discuss: How does confession and forgiveness of your own brokenness help you understand fellowship with others in a new light?

Pray: **God of light and truth, we thank you for forgiveness given to us through the suffering of Jesus Christ that we may have eternal fellowship with you and with all people. Amen.**

SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, what can you do to restore a broken relationship?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



There is a long history of Christians sharing a sign of peace with one another during worship as an expression of the peace God gives to us through Jesus. This sharing of the peace relates directly to Jesus’ appearance to the disciples when he said, “*Peace be with you*” three times (John 20:19-31). This week, when you are visited by others in your home or when you are visiting friends, take a moment to share the peace. As you shake their hand, hug them, or give a high five, greet them by saying: **Peace be with you.**



In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org