

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Third Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM Worship Service • April 14, 2024



The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

Welcome members and guests to our worship service today. If you are visiting, we encourage you to sign the guest register located in the narthex. Please include your home address, email address and phone number. In each pew, there is a card that you can fill out if you wish to have a consult with the pastor and/or leave us more information.

The nursery is available, however since there are no attendants at this time, feel free to use it as needed.

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TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Monday 9am-12pm; Tuesday 9-10:30am, 11:30am-12:15pm;

Wednesday 9:30am-12pm; Thursday 9am-12pm

Times are flexible with monthly meetings, but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in.

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CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune on Truro

J. Wayne Kerr

GATHERING

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

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!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

**By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.**

We rejoice with glad hearts,
**giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.**
Amen.

Look, here is water!
Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

GATHERING HYMN

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing
TRURO

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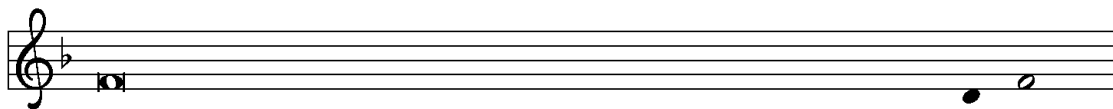
GREETING

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

KYRIE



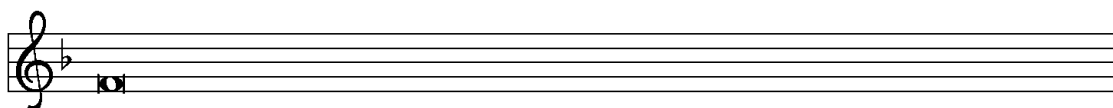
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

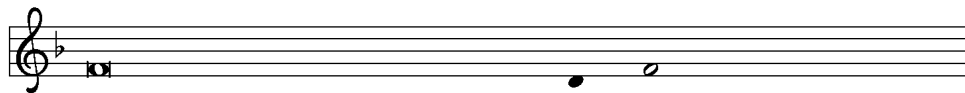


Lord, have mer - cy.



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

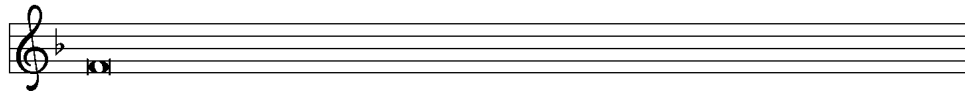
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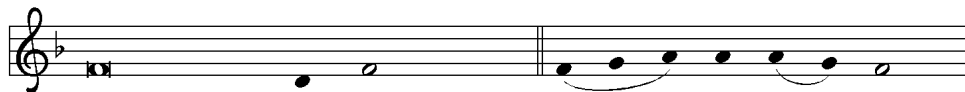
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



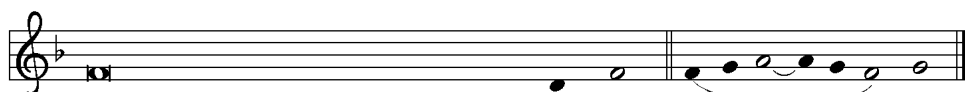
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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



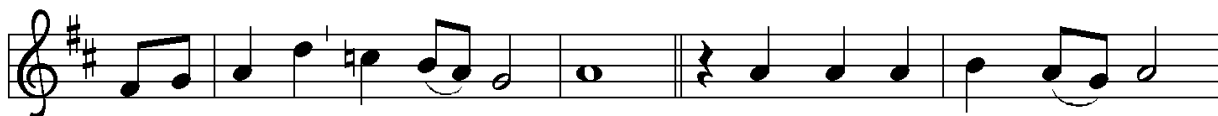
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

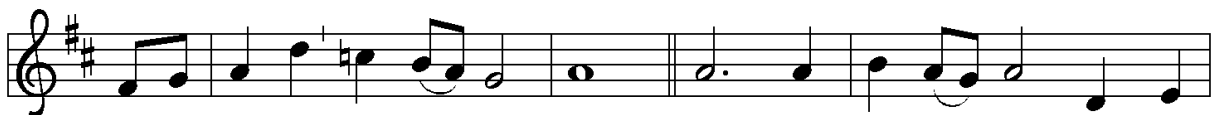


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



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



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

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

Refrain

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

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

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

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

Refrain

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The assembly is seated.

FIRST LESSON: Acts 3:12-19

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified God's servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what had been foretold through all the prophets, that God's Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

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

PSALM: Psalm 4:3 (*read responsively; sung response before and when denoted by "R"*)



Psalm 4:3

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Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**
Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me when I call.
**Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed. R**
Offer the appointed sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.
**Many are saying, “Who will show any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**
You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine abound.
**In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure. R**

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 3:1-7

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

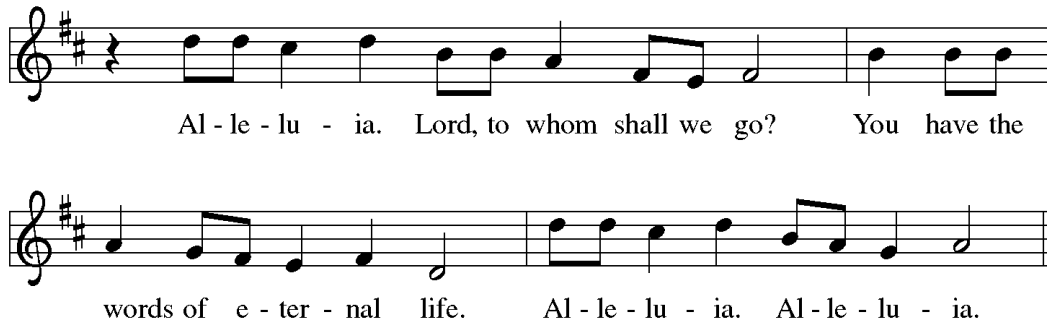
See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know the Father. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when God is revealed, we will be like God, for we will see God as God is. And all who have this hope in God purify themselves, just as God is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that God was revealed to take away sins, and in God there is no sin. No one who abides in God sins; no one who sins has either seen God or known God. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as God is righteous.

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

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter, **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

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.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 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, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

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

CHILDREN’S CHAT
SERMON

Reverend Natalie Chamberlain
Reverend Natalie Chamberlain

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Who Once Were Dead
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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

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Christ the Lord Is Risen Again!

Richard Shephard

*Christ the Lord is risen again! Christ hath broken every chain!
Hark, angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high, Alleluia, alleluia!*

*He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal Lamb today! We too sing for joy and say Alleluia, alleluia!*

*He who bore all pain and loss comfortless upon the cross,
Lives in glory now on high, pleads for us, and hears our cry. Alleluia, alleluia!*

*He who slumbered in the grave is exalted now to save;
Now through Christendom it rings that the Lamb is King of kings.
Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed, Christ, today your people feed;
Take our sins and guilt away, let us sing by night and day, Alleluia, alleluia!*

The assembly stands.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Bm A D G D Bm E A D

high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise

D

God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it

G A D Em • A Bm

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

Em D G A Em G A D

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.
 Amen

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

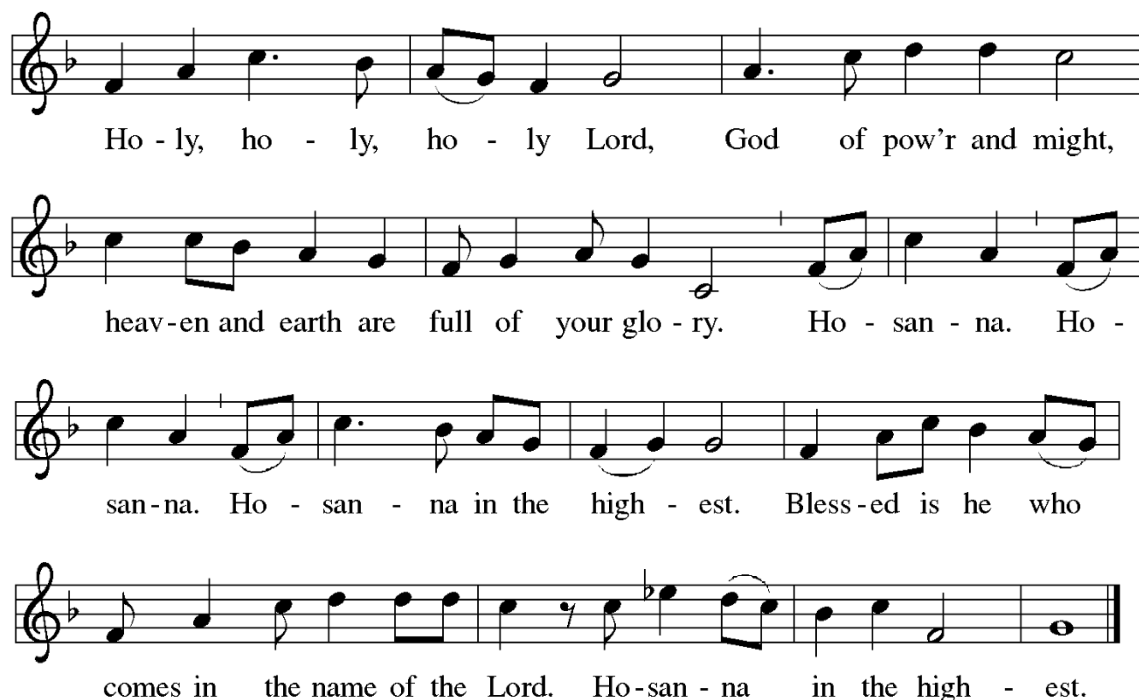
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
 Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.
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.

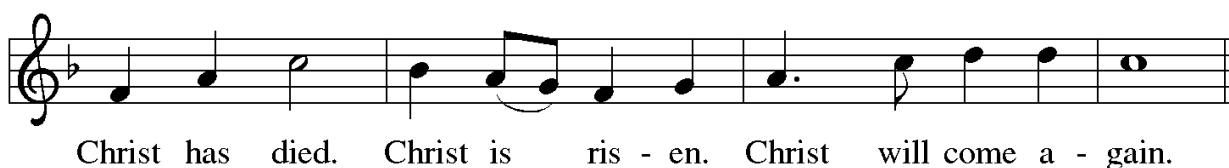
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's
death until he comes:



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving.
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

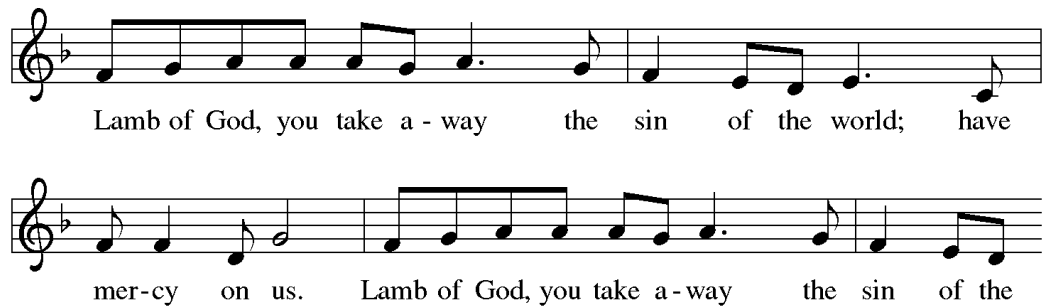


LORD’S PRAYER

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.

The assembly is seated.

AGNUS DEI



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION

Communion will be held around the table. The bread will be handed to you by the pastor. Please take a clear communion cup with wine from the outside edge of the tray or a purple grape juice cup from the center of the tray. Recycle baskets are located outside of the sanctuary doors for your plastic cups.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION *Feed Us, Lord* FEED US

D G/B Asus A D G/B Asus A G D/F#

1 Feed us, Lord. Feed us, Lord. In the bro - ken bread,
2 Quench us, Lord. Quench us, Lord. On this thirst - y ground,
3 Fill us, Lord. Fill us, Lord, with the bread and wine
4 Lead us, Lord. Lead us, Lord, nour-ished here by Christ,

G A B Em D/F# G D

be re - vealed a - gain. Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.
may your love flow down. Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.
of the ris - en Christ. Come and fill our hearts, O Lord.
giv - en strength for life. Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.

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FEED US
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Here Is Bread
HERE IS BREAD

ELW 483

The assembly stands.

SENDING

TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise* ELW 204

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always.
Amen

SENDING HYMN *Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen* ELW 548
SURGE ECCLESIA

The assembly turns to face the receding cross.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. **Rejoice and be glad.**

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE *Christ Is Alive!* arr. Jason D. Payne

SERVING THE ASSEMBLY

CRUCIFER – Mark Madler

ACOLYTES – Luke and Samantha Harry

LECTOR – Sarah Green

TORCHBEARERS – Karina Stevens and Elliott Jay

USHERS/GREETERS – John Lunsford and Jerry Cobb

CAMERA/LIVESTREAM – Cliff Obara

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vacation Bible School: Hometown Nazareth Where Jesus Was a Kid

Last summer's revival of Hilton Vacation Bible School was a great success. Before it ended, many participants were already looking forward to this year's session. This summer, the Hilton area churches will again be hosting VBS --**HOMETOWN NAZARETH WHERE JESUS WAS A KID**.

The VBS Steering Committee is hard at work planning for an exciting four-night program July 29-August 1 (Monday through Thursday) from 5-8 p.m.

This is a marvelous outreach opportunity to bring the Good News to families in our churches and community and to cultivate a lifetime faith for the participants. There will be numerous volunteer opportunities for kitchen staff to help prepare and serve simple dinners, shepherds to lead the groups to their activities, as well as leaders and helpers in crafts, recreation, and music.

Please consider your talents and how you can contribute to a successful VBS. When we have a volunteer roster, we'll know the number of students we can accept. We're hoping to accept more kids this year!

Upcoming Concerts

On April 21 at 3pm, Trinity's Director of Music Ministries Geoffrey Bell will be joined by Mike Daniels, principal cellist of the Virginia Symphony, to present a concert of music for organ and cello. This concert is part of the Tidewater Chapter of the American Guild of Organists' Organ Swell concert series, which features organists paired with symphony players in concerts throughout Hampton Roads during the months of April and May.

On May 5 at 3pm, our sanctuary will be filled with the sound of joyous bell-ringing, as the Virginia Handbell Consort presents their spring concert "Metamorphosis." More info will be available in the coming weeks!

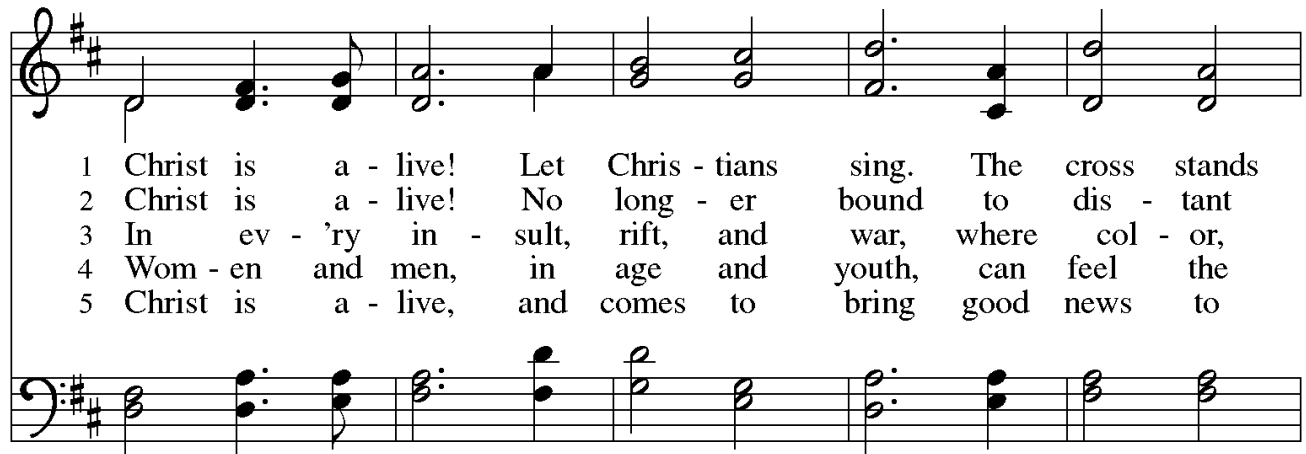
The congregation is invited to the parlor following today's service for the commissioning ceremony of Laura Madler by Lt. Col. Jacob M. Wessler, MD, USAF, MC. Laura is graduating from VCU with a degree in forensic medicine and chemistry She will be attending medical school at VCU this fall and serving in the USAF.

PRAYER LIST

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: Nursing Homes/ Assisted Living: Jeanette Cantrell, Millie Christensen, Lucille Lebold, and Barbara Olson; Richard Anderson, Hampton Health and Rehab, Room 226. Shut-ins at Home: Peggy Cash, and Shirley Anderson.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Karri and Brittany Hock , requested by Kathy Stevens; Phyllis Faas, requested by Bill Solomon; Judy Bessom-Arnold, requested by Stevens and Bessom Families; Cousin Florence (under hospice care) and her devoted husband, Richard Lucia L. Solomon , requested by Bill Solomon; Jim Shook, Phil Shook's father; Jean Wimmer--friend of Jeannette Dail; Heike Ahlen, and the Ahlen family, requested by Kathy Stevens; Matt Adamo (Brother-in-law of Patricia) requested by Patricia Fielding; Matt Eggars (Sandy's nephew), requested by the Sniady family; Jessica Savage, requested by the Dail Family; Bill Wren and Don Harvey (father) and Anne Obara; Sherrie Strickland (cousin), requested by Wendy Mynoymany; and Beth Eisdorfer, daughter of Terri Hoffeditz; The Family and friends of Doris Moeser, who passed away March 18, 2024; and the family and friends of Janet Edwards, who passed away March 27, 2024. Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through Christ Jesus.

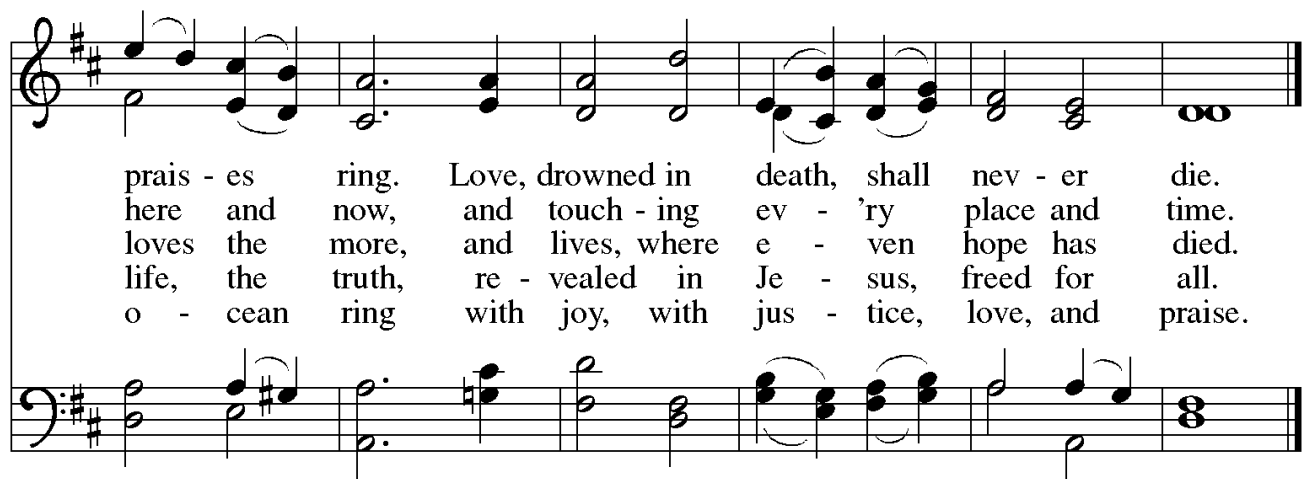
THOSE WHO SERVE, MILITARY AND CIVILIAN DUTY: James Fielding, in Tokyo, Japan, Myanmar; Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Sierra Leone.; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National guard, LAFB; Josh and Ellen (Davis) Badgley, State Department, Bangkok, Thailand; Michael Titus, US Navy, Naval Shipyard, Washington, DC and wife, Elisabeth Bruce.



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



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



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

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- 1 We who once were dead now live, fully know - ing Je - sus
 2 We were lost in night, but you sought and found us. Give us
 3 He be - came our bread; Je - sus died to save us. On him
 4 Let us share the pain you en - dured in dy - ing; we shall



as our head. Life is o - ver - flow - ing when he breaks the bread.
 strength to fight; death is all a - round us. Je - sus, be our light.
 we are fed, eat - ing what he gave us, ris - ing from the dead.
 then re - main liv - ing; death de - fy - ing, we shall rise a - gain.

5 Jesus, you were dead,
 but you rose and, living,
 made yourself our bread,
 in your goodness giving
 life though we were dead.

6 This is your design;
 in this meal we meet you.
 Be our bread and wine,
 Jesus, we entreat you.
 This shall be our sign.

Text: Muus Jacobse, 1909–1972; tr. composite

Music: MIDDEN IN DE DOOD, Rik Veelenturf, b. 1936

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1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
 Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
 We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.

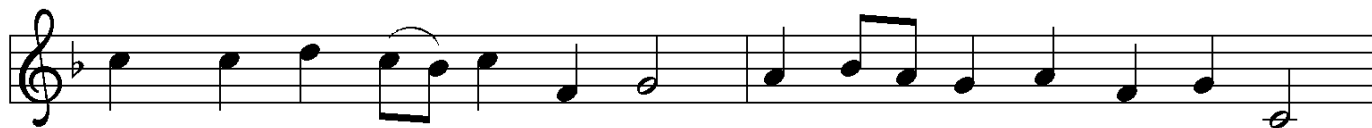


In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

Text Graham Kendrick, b. 1950

Music: Graham Kendrick

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Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
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1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



from this meal of love and grace;
 af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;
 God has called us to re - ceive;
 cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion
 bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed
 pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,
 mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.
 to re - lease and to con - sole.
 Spir - it - ed then let us live.
 from this day and un - to death.



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



God, the won - der of our days.
 Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
 Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
 Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

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