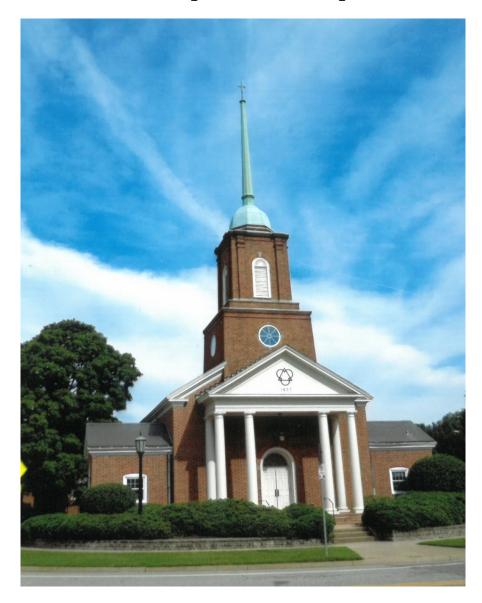
TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Second Sunday of Easter

10:00 AM Worship Service • April 27, 2025



In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

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.

Trinity offers an induction loop for the benefit of hearing impaired worshippers. To use, please switch your hearing aid to "T." If you are unsure if your hearing aid is compatible, please contact your audiologist.

Enlarged print sermon copies are available for the benefit of sight or hearing impaired worshippers. They can be found in the narthex on the table.

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 AND PIANO DEDICATION (see back of bulletin)

PRELUDE How Great Thou Art arr. Mark Hayes

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One, make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

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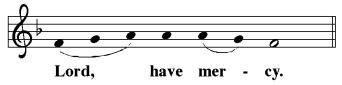
GREETING

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.

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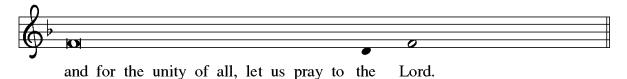


For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



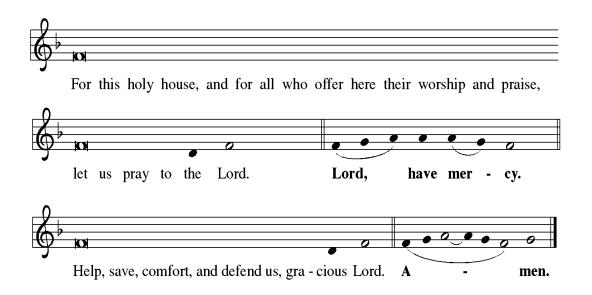


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



Lord,

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE





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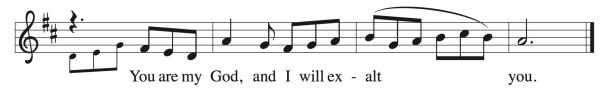
FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32

Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.

When they had brought [the apostles], they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at God's right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

PSALM: Psalm 118:14-29 (read responsively; sung response before and when denoted by "R")



Psalm 118:28

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The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!

The right hand of the Lord is exalted!

The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the Lord. R

The Lord indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.

"This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter."

I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation. R

The stone that the builders rejected

has become the chief cornerstone.

By the Lord has this been done;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Hosanna! O Lord, save us!

We pray to you, Lord, prosper our days! R

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord;

we bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God and has given us light.

Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.

You are my God, and I will thank you;

you are my God, and I will exalt you.

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;

God's mercy endures forever. R

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4-8

The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from God who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before God's throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him,

and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him.

So it is to be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who "have not seen and yet believe."

The Holy Gospel According to St. John, the twentieth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So 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."

A 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." Then 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." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue 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.

The assembly is seated.

ANTHEM

Come, Ye Faithful

R. S. Thatcher

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness; God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness; 'Tis the spring of souls today, Christ hath burst his prison, And from three days sleep in death as a sun hath risen.

Now the queen of seasons bright with the day of splendour, With the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render; Comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection Welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal, Nor the watchers, nor the seal, hold thee as a mortal; But today amidst the twelve thou didst stand, bestowing That thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing.

CHILDREN'S CHAT

Pastor Tina Melusky

SERMON

Pastor Tina Melusky

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

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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

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

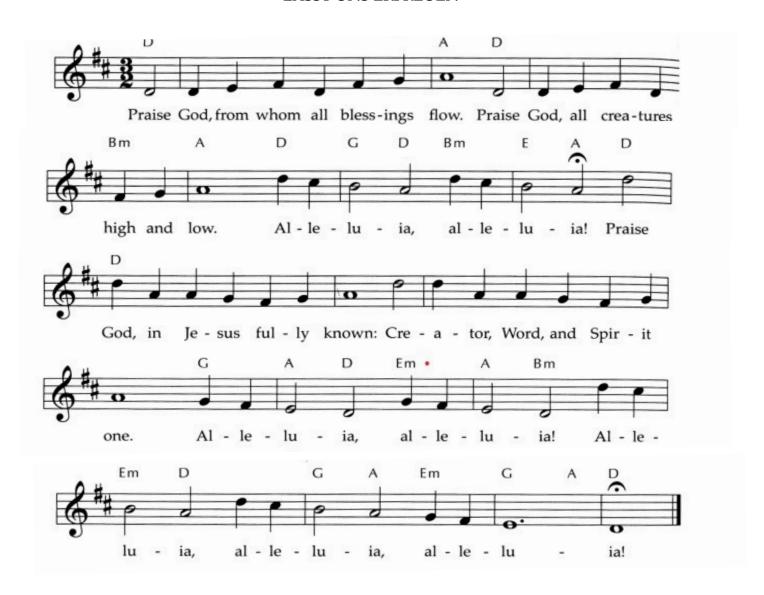
Be Thou My Vision

arr. Heather Sorenson

The assembly stands.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow LASST UNS ERFREUEN



OFFERTORY PRAYER

Risen One,

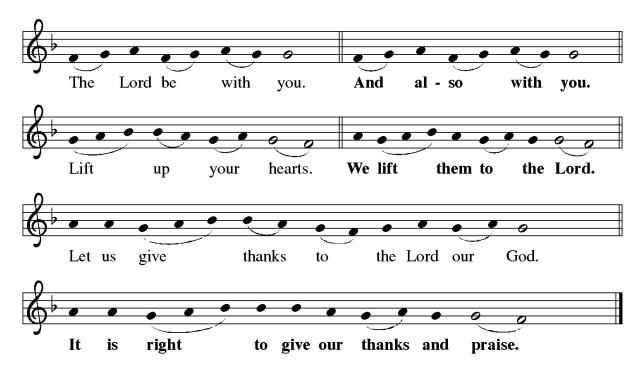
you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring.

Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

Amen.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

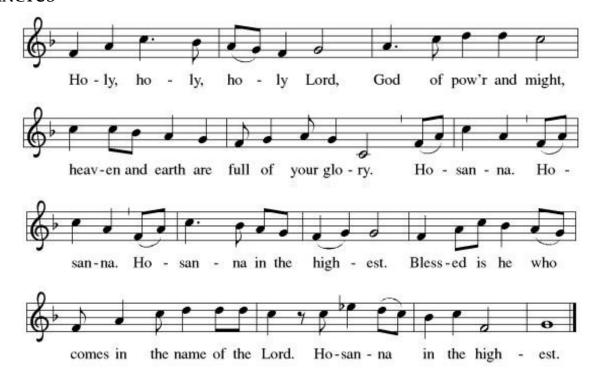


PROPER PREFACE

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



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

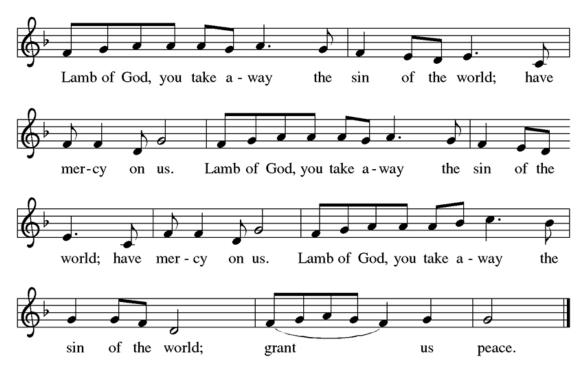
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
Hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,

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



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

We Walk by Faith
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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

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, \pm Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

The Risen Christ WOODLANDS

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The assembly turns to face the recessing cross.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Postlude on O Filii et Filiae

Alexandre Guilmant



SERVING THE ASSEMBLY

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LECTOR — Lauren Hill

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

TELC Scholarship applications are available on the youth bulletin board or through the Constant Contact link. Please reach out to the Administrative Assistant or Kathy Stevens if you need help accessing a form. All forms are due by **May 1, 2025**. **THANK YOU!**

A hearty thank you to everyone who made this Easter season, especially Sunday, so beautiful and so meaningful! First, thank you to Pastor Tina for her thoughtful and thought-provoking Lenten worship services and for the fun and fellowship they provided; and for the beautiful Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services that led us through our hearts' deepest griefs into our hearts' highest joys on Sunday morning! We love and appreciate you so much! Thank you to Geoffrey, the choir, and bell choir for their beautiful music, and for the contributions of our special musician visitors. Thank you Charlotte for your wonderful cakes. Thank you to everyone who brought delicious food to share at the Sunday morning reception, and to everyone who helped to set up and clean up. Thanks for the lovely flowers that were provided! Thanks to Sharon for all her hard work to complete bulletins for each of the special services. Finally, thank you to everyone who came and shared family and fellowship on this most meaningful and beautiful festival of the year. "He is not here! He is risen!"

PRAYER LIST

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: Nursing Homes/Assisted Living: Jeanette Cantrell, Millie Christensen, and Barbara Olson; Shut- ins at Home: Peggy Cash, and Shirley Anderson.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Jerry Cobb, requested by Pastor Tina, Stephanie Beauvais, requested by Jarvis Edwards; Al and Andrea Husband; Larry and Linda Jones, requested by Judy Hunt; Sarah Miller, requested by John & Sandy Lunsford; Susan & Scott Nelson, requested by Laura Davis; Family of Don Hipple, requested by Todd Recupero; Wayne Skinner & Pam Carmean, Carroll Emerson, and Judy Wagner St. Pierre, requested by the Dail Family; Ron Vodenichar, Sandy's brother, and Eddie Bateman, our nephew, requested by the Sniady Family; Florence & Richard, cousins of Dottie Self, requested by Dottie Self; Family and Friends of Rudy Coffee, requested by Carter Recupero; Mary Best, a friend of Connie Hoover, requested by Connie Hoover; Sherry Johnston, former member and sister of Donna Owens, requested by Judy Hunt; The family of Carole Knopp, by Wendy Mynoymany; Scully, Pastor Tina's dog, requested by Tricia Wessler; Ahlen family, requested by Kathy Stevens.

THOSE WHO SERVE, MILITARY AND CIVILIAN DUTY: James Fielding, in Tokyo, Japan, Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Sierra Leone; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National guard, LAFB.

DEDICATION OF NEW PIANO

Today we dedicate our new Yamaha C7X grand piano, replacing our nearly sixty-year-old Baldwin L that served our congregation faithfully for decades. This new piano will greatly enhance our music and worship life at Trinity and the surrounding community.

Our new piano was funded in part by the E. K. Sloane Piano Fund of the Hampton Roads Community Foundation. We offer our sincere thanks for their generous \$25,000 grant that made this purchase possible.

Finally, we offer our deepest thanks to the congregation for their overwhelming support of this project. A full listing of donors and dedications may be found on the back of this page. You have proven that music is truly alive and well and valued at Trinity!

Sing with joy to God our strength and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob! Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe!

We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe, for your abundant gifts. The whole earth reflects your glory; all your creatures praise you. We lift our voices to join the sounds and song of heaven and earth, of things seen and unseen, in praise of your glory.

You alone do great wonders,

and by your wisdom you made the heavens and the earth.

You have breathed your breath of mercy into your children,

to hear from them a joyful shout with their own song.

In the fullness of time, O God, you sang your new song, our Lord Jesus Christ, who is exalted by poets, musicians, and all your saints.

Your Spirit is the breath of our music and song.

Send your blessing upon us and upon this piano which we dedicate to your praise and glory. Enrich the lives of your people through it, and grant us faith to hear your gracious purpose in it.

By your Holy Spirit, let this piano enliven the proclamation of your word to the building up of your church, to the glory of your name, and to the good of all your people; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

This piano given to the Glory of God by these generous donors:

Laura Davis in memory of Richard E. Davis

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with thankfulness to God for the gift of music expressed through the ages by all who have created and contributed to the glorious music of the church

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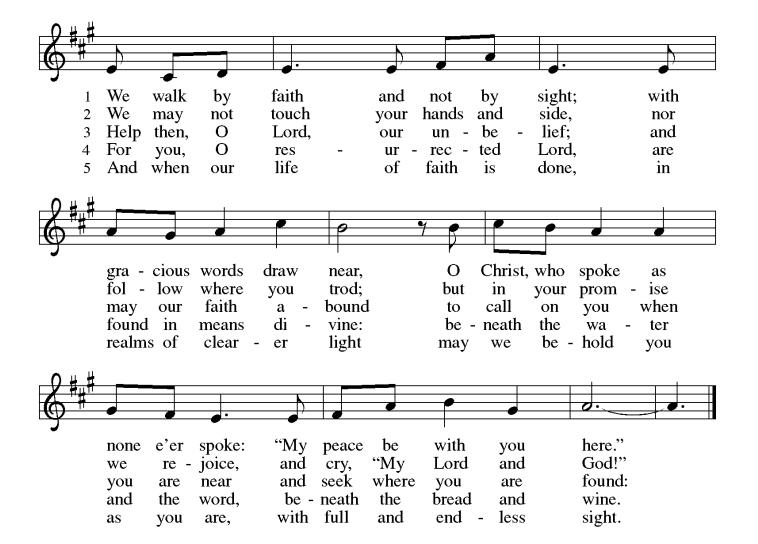
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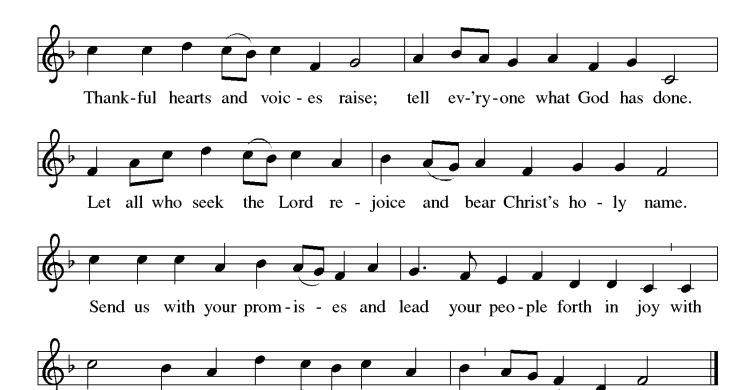
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