Holy Trinity Lutheran Church April 14, 2024 - 9:30 a.m.



Third Sunday of Easter

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.

Service of Word and Sacrament

In the bulletin: The asterisk (*) invites you to stand as you are able. Boldface type indicates the congregation's responses. At the sign of the cross (+),

you are invited to make that same sign upon yourself in remembrance of your baptism.

✤ GATHERING ♥

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Rhosymedre (or "Lovely")

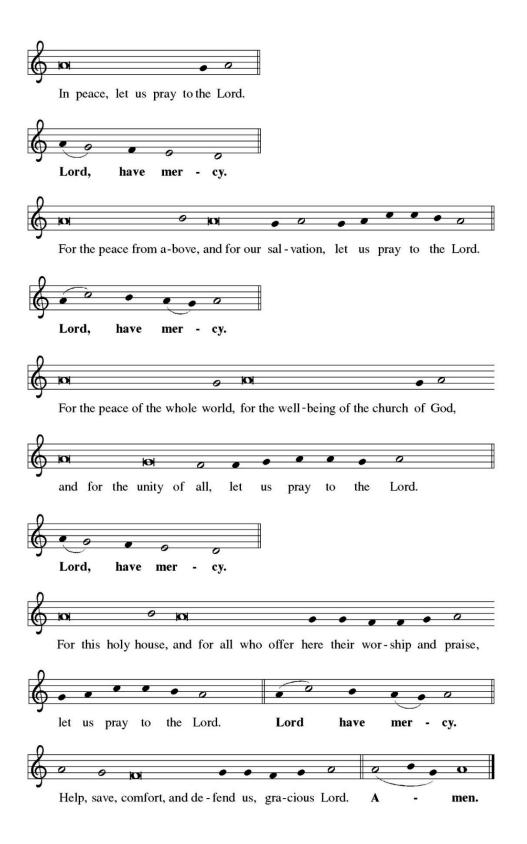
R. Vaughan Williams

*Greeting

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

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

*Kyrie



*Thanksgiving for Baptism

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism, the water of new life.

Water is poured into the font.

We thank you, risen Christ,

for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ,

that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever.



Choir

- *3* Jesus the vine, we are the branches; life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree; heaven to earth, Christ to the people, gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain*
- 4 Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent: death put asunder, and Easter is bright. Cherubim sing: O grave, be open! Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain*

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*Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray.

Wonderous God,

we give you thanks for the love

poured into our world through Christ Jesus,

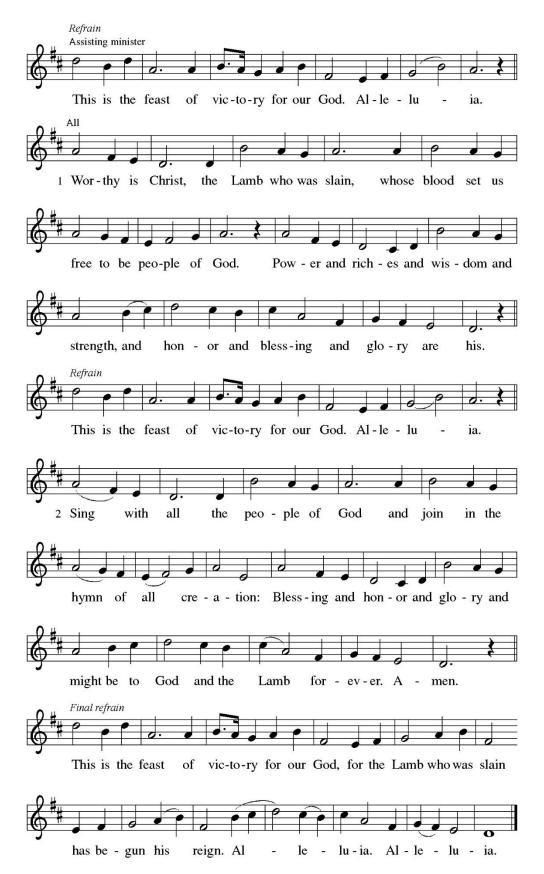
who opened our minds to understand what you have made,

whose appearance among his follower brings peace,

and who creates faith through touch and taste.

Show us Jesus, even now,

through the mystery of your threefold presence, one God, abiding now and forever.



₩ WORD ₩

First Reading: 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.

A reading from Acts.

¹²Peter 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 this man walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified Jesus, the servant of God, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though Pilate had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in the name of Jesus, 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.

¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what had been foretold through all the prophets, that the Messiah of God would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

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



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PSALM: 4

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender ¹ of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer. ²"You mortals, how long will you dishon-¹ or my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?" ³Know that the LORD does wonders ¹ for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call. ⁴Tremble, then, and ¹ do not sin; speak to your heart in silence up-¹ on your bed. ⁵Offer the appointed | sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD. ⁶Many are saying, "Who will show us ¹ any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD. ⁷You have put gladness ¹ in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound. ⁸In peace, I will lie¹ down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.

Second Reading: 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.

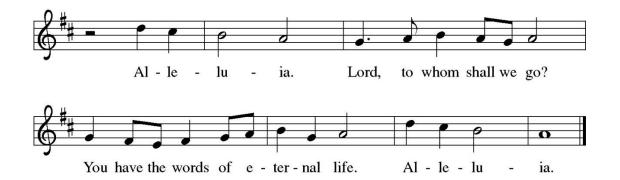
A reading from 1 John.

¹See 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 God. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when it is revealed, we will be like God, for we will see God as God is. ³And all who have this hope in God purify themselves, just as the Son is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that Christ was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in the Son sins; no one who sins has either seen or known the Son. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as Christ is righteous.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



*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 John the 24th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look 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." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then Jesus 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." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Prayer for Understanding

Holy God, by your Spirit reveal your radical, surprising love. Come to us through your holy word, and let us hear what you are saying.

Amen.

Message

Pastor Becki Verbridge



Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

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*The Nicene Creed

With the whole church let us confess our faith.

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.

*Prayer of Intercession

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

O God our parent, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty. We pray for all those on our prayer list, especially... Michael's family, Judy, and Penny. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died. As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

MEAL 🕸

*Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

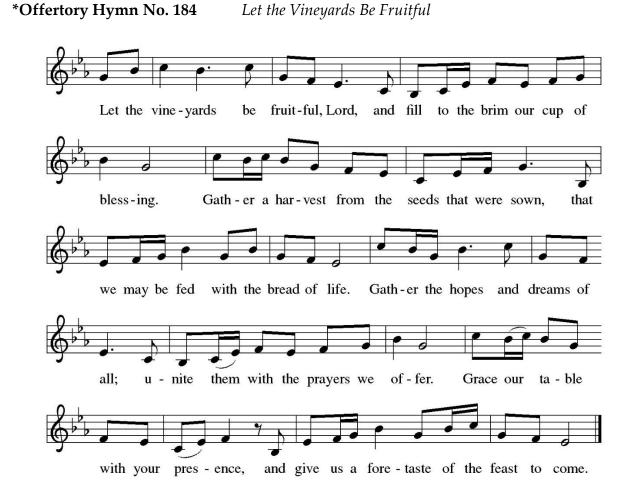
And also with you.

We share the peace of Christ with one another.

Offertory Anthem

Day of Arising

arr. by Carl Schalk



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*Offertory Prayer

Holy God, we give you thanks and praise for light and life and love, and – above all – the presence of the living Lord among us. By your Spirit who breathes within us, strengthen our faith, use our gifts, and work in our lives to bear witness

to the resurrection of Christ our Lord,

in whose name we pray.

Amen.

*Invitation

Christ comes to us in, with and under the bread and wine to nourish our faith.

The uncontainable presence, grace, love, forgiveness and

mercy of Christ come to us in this simple meal that spans all time and space.

All of God's children - regardless of denominational background -

are welcome and invited to share it with us.

*The 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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks and praise to you, O God, for the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb, who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so with Mary Magdalene and Peter,

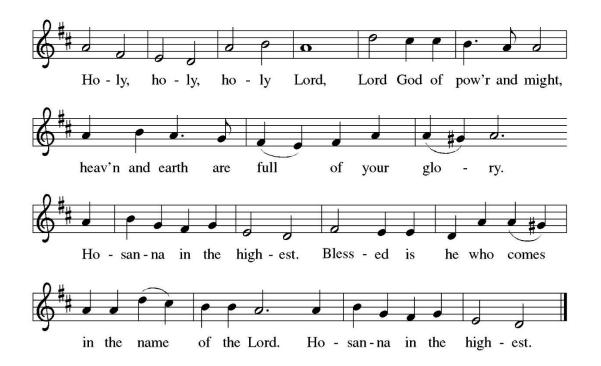
and all the witnesses of the resurrection,

with earth and sea and all their creatures,

and with angels and archangels,

cherubim and seraphim,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn, singing:



*Prayer at the Table

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, 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:



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.



*The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

> 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.

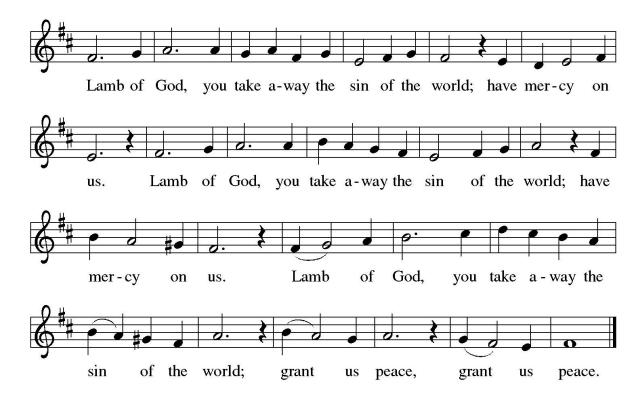
Amen.

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

Amen.

Please be seated.

Lamb of God



*The Communion

Those celebrating with us from your homes: please share the bread and wine or grape juice with one another using these words: The Body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. An **Amen** or **Thanks be to God** is spoken in response to these gifts.

Those celebrating with us in person: Please come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread and an individual cup of wine or white grape juice from those serving. Please return to your seat by the side aisle.

One Bread, One Body



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✤ SENDING ✤

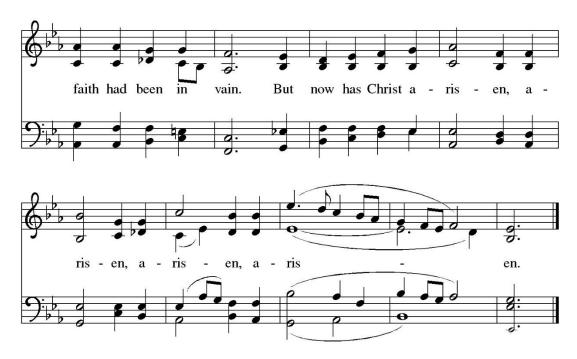
*Prayer After Communion

God of new life, you fed us at your table, and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this holy meal, to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

*Blessing





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*Dismissal

Alleluia! Rejoice and be glad. Go in peace.

We go to connect people to Jesus through love and the Word of God.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

*Postlude

Praeludium in G Minor BWV 568

J. S. Bach

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The Love Offering for April will support Teacher Appreciation Week and the Leadership 360 Retreat at Robinson CLC. Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10, and Holy Trinity wishes to recognize and celebrate the teachers and staff at Robinson CLC. Also, Holy Trinity plans to again co-sponsor the Leadership Retreat for student leaders at Robinson CLC. Student leaders have spent the school year doing various projects and activities to demonstrate leadership within the school. This retreat is their final event where they will hear from community leaders, participate in break-out sessions, and be reminded of the importance of being a student leader. Holy Trinity helps to provide t-shirts, lanyards, goodie bags, and lunch for all the students. Your support of this month's Love Offering will benefit these two endeavors. Thank you for your generous support!

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This Week at Holy Trinity

10:45 a.m. 4:00 p.m.Coffee & Fellowship - Chapel LoungeMonday, 4/157:00 p.m.Worship & Music Meeting - Zoom
Monday, 4/15 7:00 p.m. Worship & Music Meeting - Zoom
Tuesday, 4/166:00 p.m.Call Committee Meeting - Library
6:30 p.m. Derbytown Chorus - Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. <i>Council Meeting</i> - via Zoom
Thursday, 4/18 9:00 a.m. <i>Morning Devotions</i> - Facebook Live
4:00 p.m. Meditation Memorial Garden Meeting - Library
6:30 p.m. Trinity Bells Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Room 202
Friday, 4/19 9:00 a.m. Faith 5 Fridays - Zoom
3:00-6:00 p.m. DLM Delivery
Saturday, 4/20 8:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Church Office
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - @ Porchlight Cafe
Sunday, 4/21 9:30 a.m. <i>Worship</i>
10:45 a.m. <i>Coffee & Fellowship</i> - Chapel Lounge
11:00 a.m. Holy Trinity Book Club - Library
11:00 a.m. <i>Invite-Welcome-Connect Meeting-</i> Room 202



Today's Coffee & Fellowship is sponsored by the Worship & Music Team.

In Our Prayers...

<u>April 14:</u> The family of Michael Thrall (Gene Thrall's son), Judy Hendrick (grandmother of Hannah Miller), David Probert (brother of Danny Probert), and Penny Porter (cousin of Deb Ickes).

<u>April 7:</u> LaVerne Mansour (member), Pat Keller (member), Iva Johnson (member), and John Shea (husband of Steve White).

March 31: Sandy Plummer (member) and Hans Verhoeven (friend of Deborah Marks).

March 24: No additional prayer concerns this week.

The names of those making the request will be printed next to the name of the person being prayed for. We kindly ask those making the request to keep our prayer list coordinators updated as to the status of the person they are requesting prayer for. We would be glad to continue praying for individuals (adding them for another four weeks) upon request. If you have updates or additions to the prayer list, please contact Sally Richenbacher, Rachel Núñez, or Pastor Becki Verbridge.

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