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TOLLING THE WORSHIP HOUR

PRELUDE

"Shall We Gather at the River"
 with *"Near to the Heart of God"*

M. Hayes

WELCOME | ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE

- ☐ The peace of Christ be with you always.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- ☐ Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
 all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
 cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
 by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
 that we may perfectly love you
 and worthily magnify your holy name,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,

☑ **Amen**

Silence is observed for reflection.

- ☐ Most merciful God,
- ☑ **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.**
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen

- ☐ Almighty God, in his mercy,
 has given his Son to die for us
 and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins.
 As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ,
 and by his authority, I therefore declare to you
 the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
 in the name of the † Father, and of the Son,
 and of the Holy Spirit.

☑ **Amen**

OPENING HYMN (*songsheet*)

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

African American Spiritual

1 I want Jesus to walk with me
I want Jesus to walk with me
All along my pilgrim journey
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me

2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me
In my trials, Lord, walk with me
When my heart is almost breaking
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me

3 When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me
When my head is bowed in sorrow
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me

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 mercy.**
☐ For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
☑ **Lord, have mercy.**
☐ 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 mercy.**
☐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
☑ **Lord, have mercy.**
☐ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
☑ **Amen**

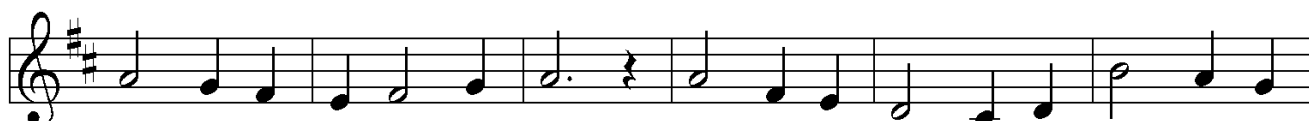
HYMN OF PRAISE



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



B 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.



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



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



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



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



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

- ☞ Let us pray: O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☞ Amen

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Lord of Mercy, Lord of Grace”
Choir

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Children (Pre-K thru 4th) are invited to the Kid’s Room for a Bible story and craft.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Peter 1:17-23

- ☞ A reading from the first chapter of first Peter.

The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person’s work, live in fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

- ☞ Word of God, word of life.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

- ☞ *Let us read the Psalm responsively with the pulpit side reading the I and the piano side reading II*

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

- I I love the Lord because he has heard my voice and my supplications.
II **Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**
I The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.
II **Then I called on the name of the Lord, “O Lord, I pray, save my life!”**
I What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? ►

- II **I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord;**
- I I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people.
- II **Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his faithful ones.**
- I O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving girl.
You have loosed my bonds.
- II **I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.**
- I I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,
- II **in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.**
- All *Praise the Lord!*

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 3

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

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

PI The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

Luke 24:13-35

CI **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. ►

Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

Please be seated.

MEDITATION

“Take a Walk with Jesus” Sally Weber-Hawthorne, Parish Lay Minister

HYMN *(songsheet)*

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead”

Julie von Hausmann

**1 Lord, take my hand and lead me
Upon life’s way
Direct, protect, and feed me
From day to day
Without your grace and favor
I go astray
So take my hand, O Savior
And lead the way**

**2 Lord, when the tempest rages
I need not fear
For you, the Rock of Ages
Are always near
Close by your side abiding
I fear no foe
For when your hand is guiding
In peace I go**

**3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen
And night has come
I know that you will strengthen
My steps toward home
Then nothing can impede me
O blessed Friend!
So, take my hand and lead me
Unto the end**

Please stand as you are able.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

- A** Let us profess what we believe:
C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

- A** Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

- A** Living Savior, just as you journeyed with the disciples to Emmaus, accompany us on our journey of faith. Gather us at your table, that we recognize you in the breaking of the bread. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**
- A** Almighty God, you provide for the needs of all creation. Bless the fields that are being prepared for planting, and send favorable weather so that the soil may yield an abundant harvest. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**
- A** God of justice, where leaders abuse power, confront them and call them to repentance. Where there is corruption, bring integrity; where there is violence, sow peace. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**
- A** Healing Savior, your resurrection brings hope to a hurting world. Heal those who are sick *especially ... and those whom we now name...* Strengthen the weary, give courage to the despairing, and comfort the dying. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**
- A** Gracious One, you have made us your own through the gift of baptism. Unite us in genuine love for one another and uphold this community in your name. Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

- A** Eternal Light, we give thanks for all who have nurtured your church's life in ages past. Bring us at last with them to the brightness of your glorious presence. Merciful God,
C receive our prayer.

- A** God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
C Amen

Please be seated.

OFFERING

"Praise His Greatness"

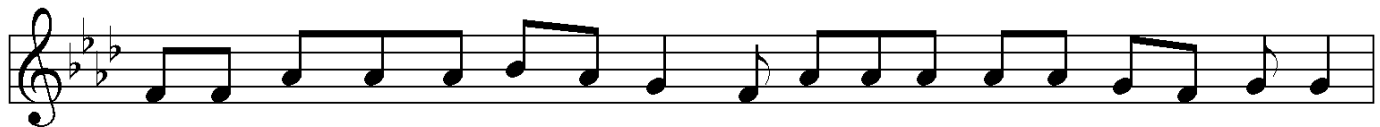
M. Hayes

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

"Let the Vineyards"

LBW Setting 3



C Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing.



Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Let us pray: Merciful Father,
C we offer with joy and thanksgiving
 what you have first given us
 — our selves, our time, and our possessions,
 signs of your gracious love.
 Receive them for the sake of him
 who offered himself for us,
 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

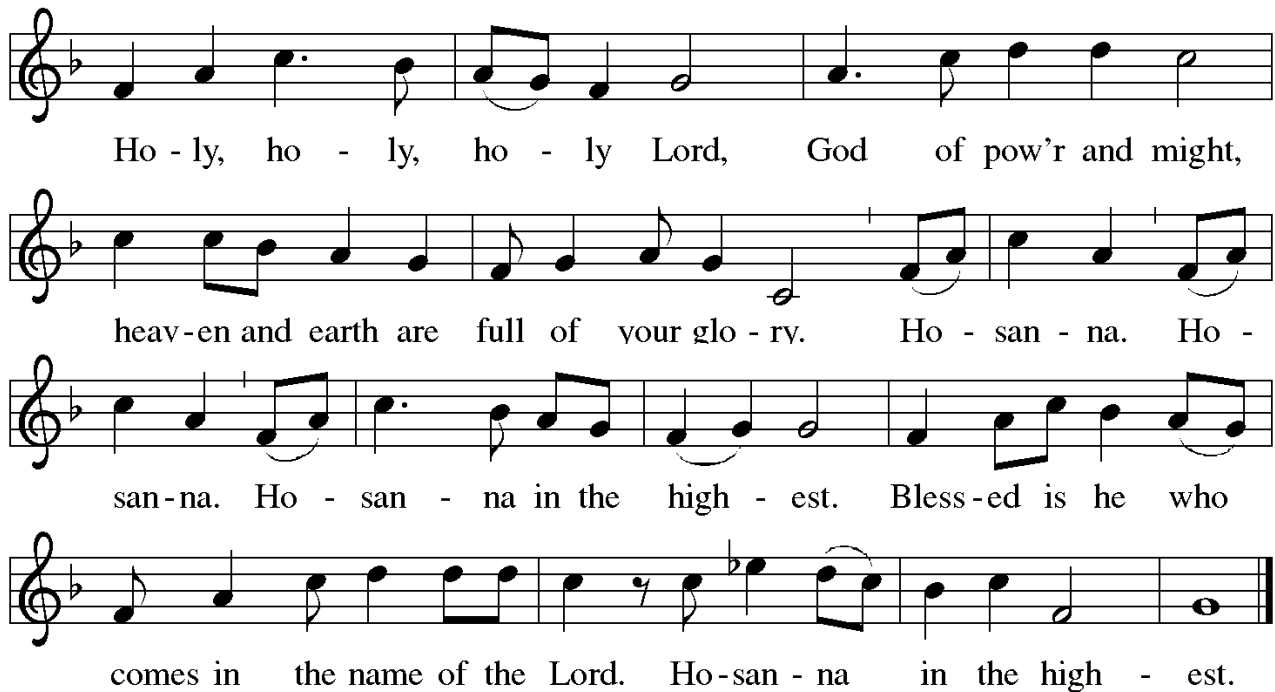
P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary
that we should at all times and in all places
offer thanks and praise to you,
O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God.
But chiefly we are bound to praise you
for the glorious resurrection of our Lord;
for he is the true Passover Lamb
who gave himself to take away our sin,
who by his death has destroyed death,
and by his 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:



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.

P 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,
that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will
and accomplished 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.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving Passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again,
we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought, but as we are able;
and we implore 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;
that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son
may be filled with heavenly peace and joy,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be sanctified in soul and body,
and have our portion with all your saints.

All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, now and forever.

☑ **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

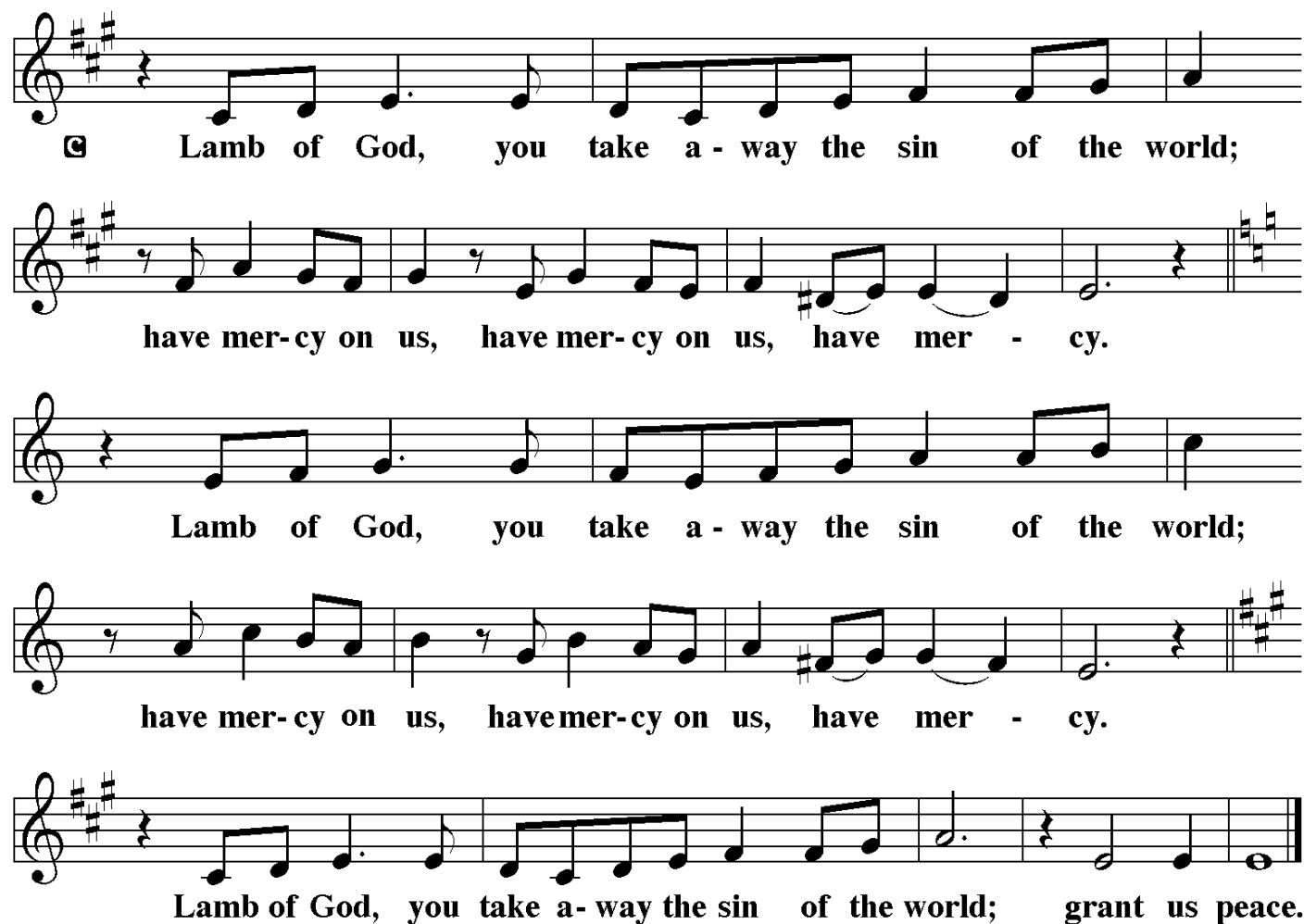
☑ **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever, Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- ☐ These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.
We say as a congregation that all are welcome at God's table
as long as you believe.
No one is turned away that is seeking Christ.
All are welcome at God's table.

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD



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

COMMUNION SONGS

"As the Deer"

N. J. Nystrom

LYRICS WILL APPEAR ON SCREENS

**1 In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm thru the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love
What depths of peace
When fears are stilled
When strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand**

**2 In Christ alone! – who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live**

**3 There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of Christ**

**4 No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life’s first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand**

Instrumental music will follow the hymns as time allows.

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- G** Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A God of our salvation,
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.
Through the body and blood of your Son,
may we become Christ’s body in the world,
bearing witness to your love for all creation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

G Amen

BLESSING

P Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity †:
God, who calls all things into existence,
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,
bless you now and forever.

G Amen

SENDING SONG

“Wherever He Leads I’ll Go with He Leads Me”
with *“Where He Leads Me”*

arr. Tom Fettke

Where he leads me I will follow
Where he leads me I will follow
Where he leads me I will follow
I’ll go with him
With him all the way

“Take up thy cross and follow me”
I heard my Master say
“I gave my life to ransom thee
Surrender your all today”

Wherever he leads I’ll go
Wherever he leads I’ll go
I’ll follow my Christ who loves me so
Wherever he leads I’ll go

It may be through the shadows dim
Or on the stormy sea
I take my cross and follow him
Wherever he leadeth me
My heart, my life, my all I bring
To Christ who loves me so
He is my Master, Lord and king
Wherever he leads I’ll go

Wherever he leads I’ll go
Wherever he leads I’ll go
I’ll follow my Christ who loves me so
Wherever he leads I’ll go

Where he leads me I will follow
Where he leads me I will follow
Where he leads me I will follow
I’ll go with him
With him all the way

BENEDICTION

- A** Go in peace. Christ is with you.
- G** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

arr. M. Ham

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP TO PARTICIPATE IN THE UPCOMING LIFE GROUPS?

Life Groups begin in May! Sign up sheets are on the fellowship hall bulletin board. We will have **three different groups** that will meet during the **month of May**, then take a break during the summer and then will reorganize in the Fall. *Meeting time choices are Mondays from 6pm–7:30pm; Tuesdays from 3pm–4:30pm; and Thursdays from 5:30pm–7pm.* If you are looking for new friends and a more in-depth discussion of the weekly text, sign up to be part of a Life Group! Questions? See *Mark Frimann* or any of the Life Group leaders.

TRINITY QUILTERS FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

The **TLC Quilters** meet the fourth Sunday of every month at 1pm. The next meeting will be *Sunday, April 26th at 1pm.* Everyone is welcome - regardless of skill level. For more info, contact *Loide Wasmund*.

Synod Assembly Voting Members

Thank you to *Wayne Ledger & Sally Weber-Hawthorne* for agreeing to represent Trinity as the Voting Members at this year's **Synod Assembly!** We appreciate you!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all those who came to help *organize and clean the kitchen and fellowship hall* this past week! We are grateful to you all!

GRADUATES

We will celebrate our **graduating students** in an upcoming edition of the **eNews**. We want to include information such as: name of the school from which they are graduating, any special distinguishing honors, awards or scholarships (if so, please send a detailed list), a senior picture and their upcoming plans. If you, or one of your family members, are graduating (yes, Kindergarten counts, too), please forward the information to *Kathy Manning* no later than *Friday, May 22nd*.

WEDNESDAY EVENING ONLINE BIBLE STUDY

The **Wednesday Evening online ZOOM Bible study** meets every *Wednesday at 7pm.* Weekly lessons come from *The Wired Word*, which uses Scripture to provide light on an event that has happened in the recent news. Join us for conversations that help us dig deeper into our faith.

MARKET DEPOT NEEDS

The **Market Depot** food pantry has an **urgent need** for **1 lb. packages of spaghetti, 7.25 oz boxes of mac & cheese, and canned green beans.** Pick up a few items on your next grocery run and bring them to the church. We will deliver them for you.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

We are always excited about **welcoming new people** into our Trinity Lutheran family of faith! If you are interested in becoming an official member of Trinity, please speak to *Pastor Adam Stockton*.

SERVING TODAY

Sunday School Facilitator
 AdultsSteven Ransom-Mildward
 Youth.....Collin Tang
 ChildrenSue Peippo

Sunday Worship Leaders
 Presiding Minister.....Rev. Jim Hawthorne
 Assisting Minister.....Barbara Faris
 MessageSally Weber-Hawthorne, PLMA
 Pianist / OrganistDr. Barbara Case
 LectorSteven Ransom-Mildward
 AcolyteSamuel Allen
 Children's ChurchSue Peippo
 Altar CarePenny Yarasavich
 Communion AssistantSteve Richardson
 Ushers / GreetersKen & Marsha Powers
 FellowshipCorinne Hale
 Welcome TableRoma Simmons
 ProjectionistMark Peippo
 VideographerKathy Manning

STEWARDSHIP

Thanks for your continued generosity and commitment to the mission and ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Week of Sunday, April 12, 2026

ATTENDANCE

In-Person Worship61
 YouTube Online Viewing58
 Sermon YouTube Viewing3,042
 Children's Church3
 Adult Sunday School.....13
 Men's Coffee Group9
 Wednesday Evening Bible Study.....9

TOTAL MONTH INCOME:

General Offering.....\$5,957.00
 Expense Goal\$22,660.08

Designated Offerings

Building Usage\$20.00
 Lenten Offering.....\$964.00
 Seder Meal.....\$600.00
 Retirement Fund: Kathy Manning.....\$100.00
 Thrivent Choice Dollars\$25
 World Hunger.....\$8.39
Total\$1,717.39

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 19th

9:00 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal/Fellowship
 10:30 am Worship & Children's Church

Monday, April 20th

7:00 pm Al-Anon

Wednesday, April 22nd

10:00 am Men's Coffee Group
 7:00 pm Evenings with Jesus

Sunday, April 26th

9:00 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal/Fellowship
 10:30 am Worship & Children's Church
 1:00 pm Trinity Quilters

Life Groups begin in May!

Monday's 6:00pm - 7:30pm
 Tuesday's 3:00pm - 4:30pm
 Thursday's 5:30pm - 7:00pm

PRAYER REQUESTS

Remember these people with prayers, phone calls, and cards.

Eileen Burrus (healing & cancer)
Barbara Case (strength/healing)
Muriel Johnson (healing)
Charles Meyer (surgery/healing)
Bill & Cindy Quick (healing)
Paul Richards (healing/diagnosis)
Ron & Lois Richardson (healing & RSV/hospitalized)
Colin (deployed/safety) son of Nicole Derby-Moore
Raul & family (peace) cousin of Leo Ransom
Byron (stroke/heart) brother-in-law of Margie Kohler
Joan (infection/healing) sister of Mark Frimann
Jake (healing) brother of Mabel Bauer
Harvey (healing) dear friend of the Cripps'