

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

*Sunday, May 2, 2021 – Traditional Service*

*Abide*  
IN ME  
AS I

*Abide*

IN  
YOU.



*John 15:4, NKJV*

# WELCOME TO ALL

Welcome to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. Even though we are spread out and wearing masks, we are delighted to gather as one people in the name of the risen Lord Jesus, in whose power over disease and death we take hope. Please use this bulletin to participate in the liturgy and take it with you when the service is ended. Don't forget to register each week on our website or by calling the office (717-263-8156) for the service that you wish to attend, so that we can maintain appropriate physical distancing in our sanctuary. If you are a guest or visitor worshipping with us and did not know to register for today's service, no problem; we have kept open some extra seating just in case. Simply plan to register for the service next week – and we do invite you to worship with us again!

Bathrooms are located down the hall from the side entrance to the sanctuary. Our nursery is not yet open, but the space is available for special use by individual families. If you visit the nursery to settle a child or change a diaper, please let one of the pastors or ushers know so that we can be sure to sanitize the room before the next service.

Ushers will dismiss worshippers at the end of the service row by row. Please wait to be dismissed, and conduct conversations and fellowship in the fresh, open air outside. We trust that as we take such precautions together, we follow our Lord's command to love our neighbor, and we help to ensure that we will be able to continue to gather for worship during the pandemic. Thank you for working with us toward that end!

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*This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ  
shares his life with us is the image of the vine.  
Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other,  
in the mystery of mutual abiding  
described in the gospel and the first letter of John.  
Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self  
and makes us alive with Christ's life.  
As the vine brings food to the branches,  
Christ feeds us at his table.  
We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.*

# WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Congregation responds in bold print.*

*Please respect the silence of those around you preparing for worship.*

**PRELUDE**

***“Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain ”***

Broughton

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,  
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

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.

**Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"* SBH 106

1. Come, ye faith-ful, raise the strain Of tri-um-phant glad-ness;  
2. Now the queen of sea-sons, bright With the day of splen-dor,

God hath brought his Is-ra-el In-to joy from sad-ness;  
With the roy-al feast of feasts, Comes its joy to ren-der;

'Tis the spring of souls to-day: Christ hath burst his pris-on,  
Comes to glad-den Chris-tian men, Who with true af-fec-tion

And from three days' sleep in death, As a sun hath ris-en.  
Wel-come in un-wea-ried strains Je-sus' res-ur-rec-tion.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**O God,**

**you give us your Son**

**as the vine apart from whom we cannot live.**

**Nourish our life in his resurrection,**

**that we may bear the fruit of love**

**and know the fullness of your joy,**

**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,**

**who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,**

**one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

### FIRST READING

### Acts 8: 26-40

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup>So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup>He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## PSALMODY

## Psalm 22:25-31

*We will speak the Psalm responsively.*

- <sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.
- <sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
Let those who seek the Lord give praise!  
May your hearts live forever!**
- <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;  
all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- <sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs to the Lord,  
who rules over the nations.**
- <sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;  
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead,  
shall kneel before the Lord.
- <sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall serve the Lord,  
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**
- <sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God’s deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying to them, “The Lord has acted!”

## SECOND READING

## 1 John 4:7-21

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God.

1 John 4:7

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **GOSPEL**

**John 15:1-8**

*The Holy Gospel according to John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SERMON**

***“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”***

Pastor Arlyn

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

***“Majesty ”***

Schrader

*Bert Kolva; soloist*

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

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

God of all fruitfulness, you abide in your church and your church abides in you. Cleanse us by your word and give yourself to the whole church on earth so that it bears fruit and witnesses to your love. Within this faith community we lift up Brenda Zullinger; Joel Zullinger; Justin Zullinger; Sandra Zullinger; Cheryl Alleman; Dennis Alleman; Jeaneen Alleman; John Alleman; Katherine Ashway; and Timothy, Erin, Benjamin, & Caleb Atherton.

Hear us, O God

**Your mercy is great.**

You have created the heavens and the earth. As we wonder at the beauty of creation, may we seek vital connections among all that depend on the earth for life. Thank you for the nourishment of moisture, sunlight, and wind. Help us to continually seek being good stewards towards the vastness of your creation.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You rule the nations with justice and love. Give the leaders of the earth assurance of your abiding presence, that they lead not by fear but with love for those they are called to serve.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You have loved us so that we can love others. We pray for all in need of your love: those who are poor, lowly, outcast, weak, or fearful. Provide for the needs of all, especially Scott, Dottie, Shirley, Christine, Kayla, Larry, Mary, Cameron, Ron, Cheryl, Bernice, Ayano, Bob, Kelly, Denise, Carl, Beth, Jane, William, Rick, Belva, Phyllis, Sister Frances, Becky, Sonny, Ron, Betty, and the family and friends of Sherry Salmon.

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You gather us with all the saints by the power of your Spirit. With them, may our hearts live forever in your keeping.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

P: 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.

**Amen.**

## MEAL

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: 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.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

*Please be seated.*

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

*All baptized followers of Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table.  
Communicants are ushered forward row-by-row.  
Ushers will direct communicants forward from the back of the sanctuary to the front.  
Please continue to wear your mask as you come forward  
and simply pull it down when receiving the communion elements.  
Collect an empty cup as you near the front of the sanctuary.  
Wearing a sanitary glove, the pastor will drop a wafer in your hand.  
After you have eaten the wafer, the communion assistant  
will pour wine from the chalice into the empty cup.  
After drinking the wine, please return to your seat along the side aisle.  
Grape juice is available; please request that  
from the communion assistant if you prefer it.*

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Wellspring of joy,  
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.  
Satisfy the hunger still around us,  
and send us as joyful witnesses,  
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

*"We Know that Christ is Raised"*

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1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



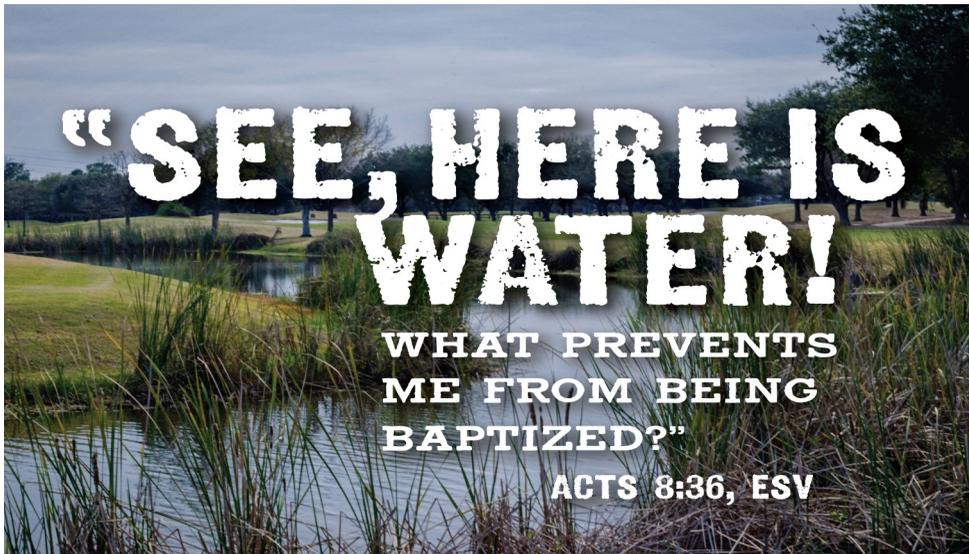
Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,  
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.  
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.  
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!



# SENDING

## THE BENEDICTION

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

*Please be seated.*

## POSTLUDE

***"Christ the Lord Has Risen!"***

Barr

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### **STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET**

*"Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord."  
– Psalm 22:30*

Who first told you the good news about Jesus?  
Chances are it was a beloved elder,  
either a family member or pillar of the church.

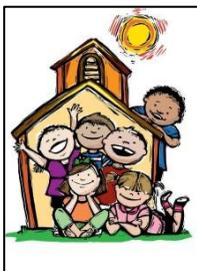
We receive the wisdom of our ancestors,  
and then we take on the mantle of responsibility and good stewardship  
to pass that good news along to future generations.

Budgeted amount needed: \$8,072.12 04/25/2021 Offering: \$4,619.00

Thank You!

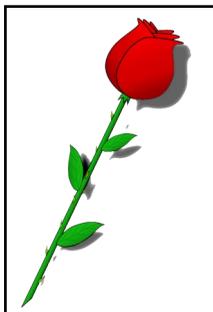
# WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

|                         |   |   |
|-------------------------|---|---|
| <b>Senior Pastor</b>    | <i>Pastor Aaron</i>                             |   |
| <b>Associate Pastor</b> | <i>Pastor Arlyn</i>                             |   |
| <b>Organist</b>         | <i>Bob Eyer</i>                                 |   |
|                         | <i>8:30 AM</i>                                  | <i>10:00 AM</i>                             |
| <b>Lector</b>           | <i>Evan Sutton</i>                              | <i>Phil Lobaugh</i>                         |
| <b>Communion Asst</b>   | <i>Ray Brindle</i>                              | <i>Luke Coder</i>                           |
| <b>Communion Prep</b>   | <i>Ed Wlazlowski</i><br><i>Helen Wlazlowski</i> | <i>Joyce McDonald</i>                       |
| <b>Ushers</b>           | <i>Ken Runshaw</i><br><i>Brenda Runshaw</i>     | <i>Lou Lerda</i><br><i>Linda Lerda</i>      |
| <b>Livestream Team</b>  |   | <i>Jason Brown</i><br><i>Christie Brown</i> |



*The children's bulletins are given to the Glory of God  
and in honor of Trinity's children  
by Barbara Montgomery.*

*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God  
in memory of my husband, Jerry Frey and  
in memory of my parents, Buck & Helen Shreiner anniversary  
by Mary Jo Frey.*



*The rose bud on the altar is given to the Glory of God  
and in honor of the birth of Hallie Elizabeth Donnelly on April 23,  
2021. She is the daughter of Shane and Jenelle Donnelly and sister of  
Marley. Her Great Grandparents are William and Bonita Cockley.  
Her Grandparents are David and Babette Wenerd.*

## LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:

*Sunday, April 25, 2021*

In-Person 67

Online Worship Service Views: 314



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## TRINITY STAFF TO SERVE YOU

|                              |                                 |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Senior Pastor                | <i>The Rev. Dr. Aaron Smith</i> |
| Associate Pastor             | <i>The Rev. Arlyn Rusche</i>    |
| Visitation Pastor            | <i>The Rev. Ruth Smith</i>      |
| Director of Music Ministries | <i>Robert Eyer, Jr.</i>         |
| Office Manager               | <i>Christie Brown</i>           |
| Secretary                    | <i>Anne Crawford</i>            |
| Sexton                       | <i>Elaine Hess-Strite</i>       |
| Treasurer                    | <i>Dennis Alleman</i>           |
| Financial Secretary          | <i>Sue Derk</i>                 |
| Asst. Financial Secretary    | <i>Sage Brown</i>               |
| Livestream Coordinator       | <i>Jason Brown</i>              |

### **Vision**

*"Growing in God"*

### **Mission Statement**

*"Seed - Planting and Growing in our Faith  
Sow - Sharing the word of God with our community  
Steward - Giving to all the love of God  
Service - Showing the love of God with our community"*