

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Sunday, April 28, 2024 – Traditional Service with Holy Communion



IF  
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AND  
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DONE  
FOR  
YOU.



**JOHN 15:7,  
NRSV**



# WELCOME TO ALL

Welcome to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. 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.

*Based on revised CDC guidance, we are no longer encouraging the wearing of masks for those attending worship, regardless of vaccination status. However, if you have symptoms, have tested positive for Covid or been exposed to someone with Covid-19, we ask that you do wear a mask. Please feel free to continue wearing a mask in worship for your safety, if desired. This guidance may change if our risk level changes.*

Bathrooms are located down the hall from the side entrance to the sanctuary. Children are always welcome during worship, but if desired, there is a nursery in room 107 available for children ages birth to school age.

*Please be aware that we are streaming our services. If you do not wish to be on camera please contact the church office.*

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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 use the Chapel beside the office if you desire silent prayer before worship.***

**PRELUDE**

***"Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"***

Broughton

# GATHERING

*Please remain seated.*

## **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!**

*Please stand as you are able.*

*“Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”*

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.

## **APOSTOLIC 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.**

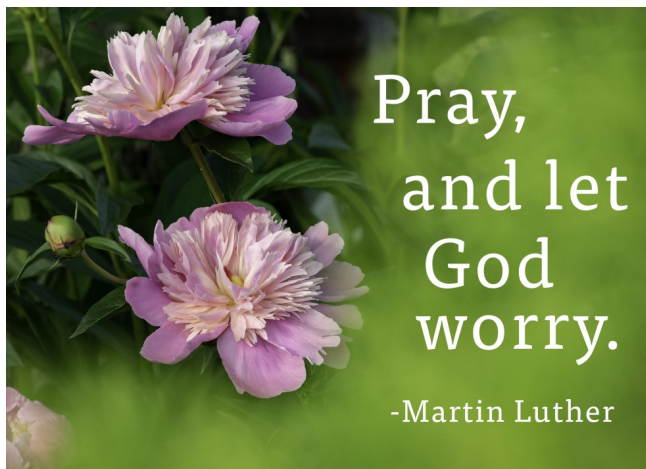
## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

*Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.*

<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.

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

## PSALMODY

## Psalm 22:25-31

*We will speak the Psalm responsively.*

*All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord. (Ps. 22:27)*

- <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

*We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.*

<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.

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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.

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.



## GOSPEL

## John 15:1-8

*On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.*

*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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**SERMON**

Pastor Barbara Barry

**ANTHEM**

*“Prepare the Glorious Truth”  
Senior Choir*

Martin

*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**

*Names of family & friends in prayer found on page 17.*

*A brief silence.*

*Response following each petition:*

**L:** God of grace,

**R:** hear our prayer.

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you!**



## OFFERING

*Thank you for your generous and faithful support. We are not currently passing the collection plates; instead you may place your offerings in the plates provided by the door as you enter or exit worship. If you prefer, Trinity offers five other ways to give as well: Text, Mail, Mobile, Automatic Transfer, and Online. Contact the church office for details.*

### Create in Me a Clean Heart Offering Song

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me.  
Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me  
with your free Spir - it. Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God,  
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

# MEAL

## 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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

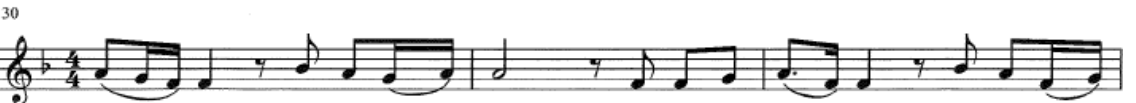
**Pastor sings:** ...and as you drink it, remember Me...



**All Sing:** So, we thank You for\_ the wine \_ and for the bread; \_ For we



see the life \_ You gave \_ and the blood You \_ shed And we re -



-mem - ber Your won- drous love, You gave Your bod - y, You shed Your



blood; And we re - mem - ber Your won - drous



love, You gave Your bod - y, You shed Your \_ blood.

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,  
we 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.**

# INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us  
in the breaking of the bread.

Come and eat at God's table.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated.*



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

*God loves you! All are welcome at the Lord's Table.  
Communicants are ushered forward row-by-row.  
Please open your hand and the pastor will place the bread in your hand.  
Once you have eaten the bread, the communion assistant will offer you  
a cup of wine or juice from the tray.  
Wine is red. Juice is white.  
After drinking, you may return to your seat along the side aisle.*



*Please stand as you are able.*

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**SENDING**

**THE BENEDICTION**

*"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"*

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.  
 Music: DUKE STREET, atr. John Hatton, d. 1793

# DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

*Please be seated.*

## POSTLUDE

### *"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"*

Mansfield

*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and  
 in loving memory of my husband Jerry  
 by Kathy Ashway.*



*The children's bulletins are given to the Glory of God  
 and in honor of Brooklynn Barkman's 12<sup>th</sup> birthday  
 by her sister Isabella Barkman, and her cousins, Dilynn and Alyssa Fisher.*

#### LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:

<i>Sunday, April 21, 2024</i>	100
<i>Online views:</i>	94

#### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

<b>Preacher /Presider</b>	<i>Pastor Barbara Barry</i>
<b>Organist</b>	<i>Robert Eyer, Jr.</i>
<b>Ushers</b>	<i>Jean Drukenbrod Jim Drukenbrod</i>
<b>Acolyte</b>	<i>Alison Ross</i>
<b>Lector</b>	<i>Ruth Cramer</i>
<b>Cantor</b>	<i>Benton Miller</i>
<b>Communion Asst.</b>	<i>Kathy Ashway Joyce McDonald</i>
<b>Communion Prep.</b>	<i>Dave Etter Louis Etter</i>
<b>Livestream Team</b>	<i>Jason Brown</i>

#### Next week's Lessons:

- May 5, 2024*
- Acts 10:44-48
- Psalm 98
- 1 John 5:1-6
- John 15:9-17



#### Update your Information!

Contact the Office  
 by phone or email:  
[office@trinitychbg.org](mailto:office@trinitychbg.org) or  
 call 717-263-8156





# IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS



## *We Pray For*

### **FAMILY & FRIENDS**

Gloria McCauley	Joanne Forrester	Doris Kriebel
Kathy Hoffman	Angela Krom	Greg Wilson
Darlene Davies	Denny Alleman	Deb Hutsler
Kathy Largent	PJ Snider	Thomas Clarke
Barb Hardsock	Becky Morningstar	Brenda Zullinger
Donna Klenzing	Judy Wrights	Marlene Fisher
Michele Phillips	Paul Stockhausen	Mary Royce
John Seilhamer	Shirley Shilling	Floss Sterner
Bob Shannon	Denny Verner	Curt Stambaugh
Jean Baughman	Linda Remson	Cheryl Kelly
Sharon Emmons	Sue Lensbower	Cameron

### **MEMBERS**

Roberta and John Trombulak	Patrick, Amanda, Lilah, Piper, and Stella Upham	Erich, Laurie, Jenna, and Carly Vogel	Sarah and Benji Voight
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***\*\*Names may be added / removed by calling the church office.***

***\*\*Names will normally be removed after 4 weeks.***

### **OFFERING**

Total Budgeted Giving expected as of April 21, 2024: \$326,634.87

Amount received as of April 21: \$355,490.97

Thank You!

# TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## APRIL'S SPECIAL OFFERING ELCA WORLD HUNGER

The special appeal for the month of April is World Hunger. Hunger is a continuing problem, and we Christians can fight it by continuing to share what we have. Our Synod continues to be a leader in total giving. We give of our first fruits on a regular basis, and must if the world is to see a difference in suffering and death due to hunger. An envelope for World Hunger will be with your church envelopes. Your donations are greatly appreciated.



May 26, 2024

## PREVENT, PREPARE & PROVIDE to SURVIVE

*Learn safe medication storage and disposal, and how to respond to an opioid overdose. Contact the Office or Sign up in the hallway to join us at Trinity on*

**Thursday, May 16 at  
11am in the Social Hall  
"or" 6:30pm in Cloud 9.**

**SAVE  
a life**



Use your artistic and creative talents and design a  
**NEW LOGO FOR TRINITY!**

**Win a \$25 Gift Card!**

Your design will be used on our website, printed materials, and social media. Open to ALL ages and abilities.

Submit your design to the office by June 3, 2024.

Top 5 designs will be given to the congregation for a vote.



**SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024**



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# THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

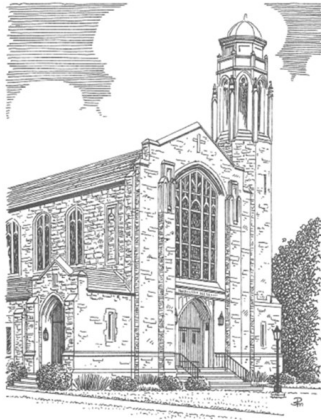
<b>Sunday - 4/28/24</b>	9:00 AM	<i>Learning for all Ages: Confirmation - Cloud 9 2nd to 5th Grade - Library Preschool to 1st Grade - Nursery</i>
	10:00 AM	<i>Worship - Sanctuary <b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> <b>RECYCLE PAPER DAY - Paper Only</b></i>
<b>Stewardship Appreciation Luncheon following Worship in the Social Hall</b>		
<b>Monday - 4/29/24</b>	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Boy Troop - Scout Room
<b>Tuesday - 4/30/24</b>		<i>National Healthy Kids Day</i>
<b>Wednesday - 5/1/24</b>	10:00 AM	Service - Lounge
	5:15 PM	Yoga - Social Hall
	7:00 PM	Choir - Sanctuary
<b>Thursday - 5/2/24</b>	5:00 - 8:00 PM	Dance Works - Social Hall
	7:00 PM	Learning Committee - Cloud 9
	7:00 PM	Grief Share - Lounge
<b>Friday - 5/3/24</b>	5:00 - 8:00 PM	Dance Works - Social Hall
	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Cub Scouts - Scout Room
	8:00 - 10:00 PM	Girl Troop - Scout Room
<b>Saturday - 5/4/24</b>		<i>National Firefighter's Memorial Day</i>
<b>Sunday - 5/5/24</b>	9:00 AM	<i>Learning for all Ages: Confirmation - Cloud 9 2nd to 5th Grade - Library Preschool to 1st Grade - Nursery</i>
	10:00 AM	<i>Worship - Sanctuary <b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b></i>



**SEWING GROUP**  
 May 29, 2024 at 11 AM  
 at Linda L's home.  
 For more info call/email  
 the church office.



*Sponsors Needed - Sign-up on  
 bulletin board in the hallway  
 or call the church office.  
 Altar Flowers - \$40 Plus  
 Children's Bulletins - \$3  
 Worship Bulletins - \$35*





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### TRINITY STAFF TO SERVE YOU

Pastor	<i>The Rev. Barbara Barry</i>
Visitation Pastor	<i>The Rev. Ruth Smith</i>
Director of Music Ministries	<i>Robert Eyer, Jr.</i>
Communications Secretary	<i>Monica Crider</i>
Administrative Assistant	<i>Priscilla Cullinane</i>
Treasurer	<i>Dennis Alleman</i>
Financial Secretary	<i>Cindy Scanzello</i>
Livestream Coordinator	<i>Jason Brown</i>

### TRINITY CHURCH COUNCIL

Council President	<i>Evan Sutton</i>
Council Vice President	<i>Gloria McCauley</i>
Council Secretary	<i>Joyce McDonald</i>

### COUNCIL MEMBERS

<i>Kathy Ashway</i>	<i>Ray Brindle</i>
<i>Heidi Hawbaker</i>	<i>Laura Pearce</i>
<i>Ken Saylor</i>	<i>David Wenerd</i>
<i>Wallace Whitworth</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"*