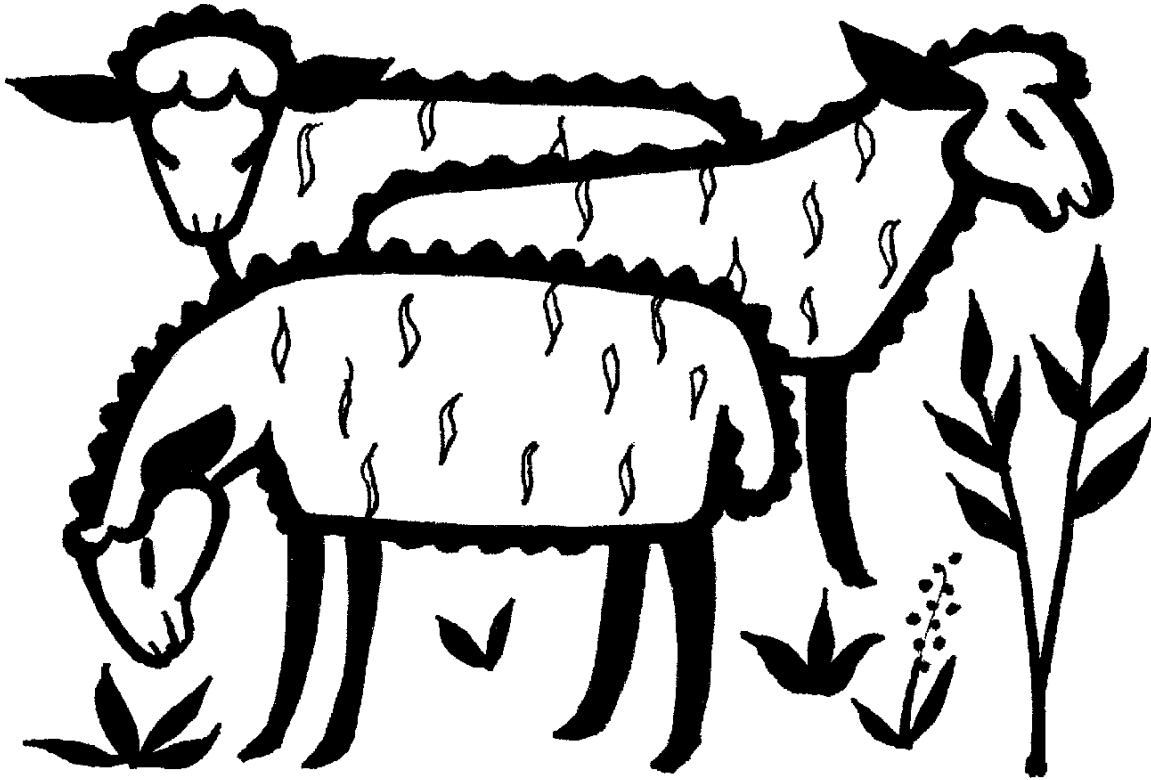


Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026 ▪ 9:30 am



Welcome to Trinity Church

We are committed to being a loving and welcoming community centred in the good news of Jesus. We invite you to join us for worship and to take up your place with us on our journey. We'd be glad of your presence and grateful for your company!

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Holy Communion

Gathering

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Postlude	<i>Postlude on LLANFAIR</i> – Wayne L. Wold

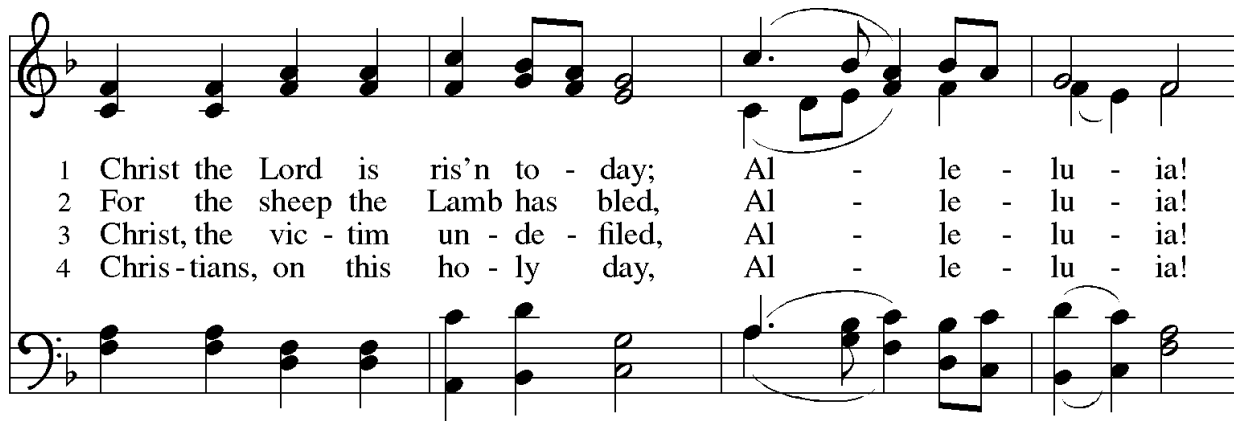
Serving Today

Presiding Minister:	Rev. Tanya Varner
Assisting Minister:	Lynn Thompson
Acolyte:	Lillian Krause
Greeter:	Millie Buehlow
Usher:	Dave Mello
Altar:	Nancy Brodrecht
Musicians:	Jamie & Amy Courtney, Trinity Choir
Technology:	Rick Ritz
Fellowship:	Pat Schmetzer

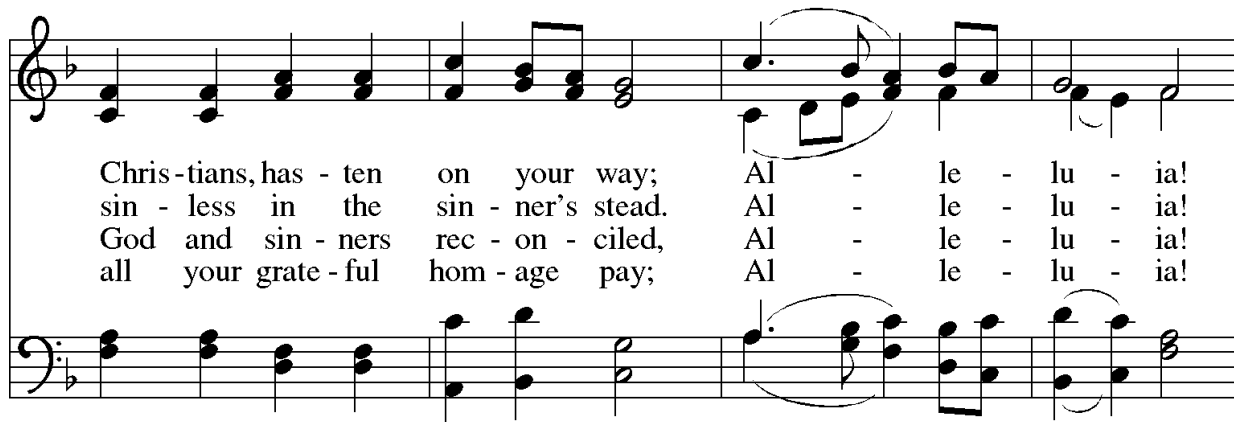
We acknowledge that we gather for worship on the traditional territories of the Neutral, Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Mississauga peoples.

Gathering Song

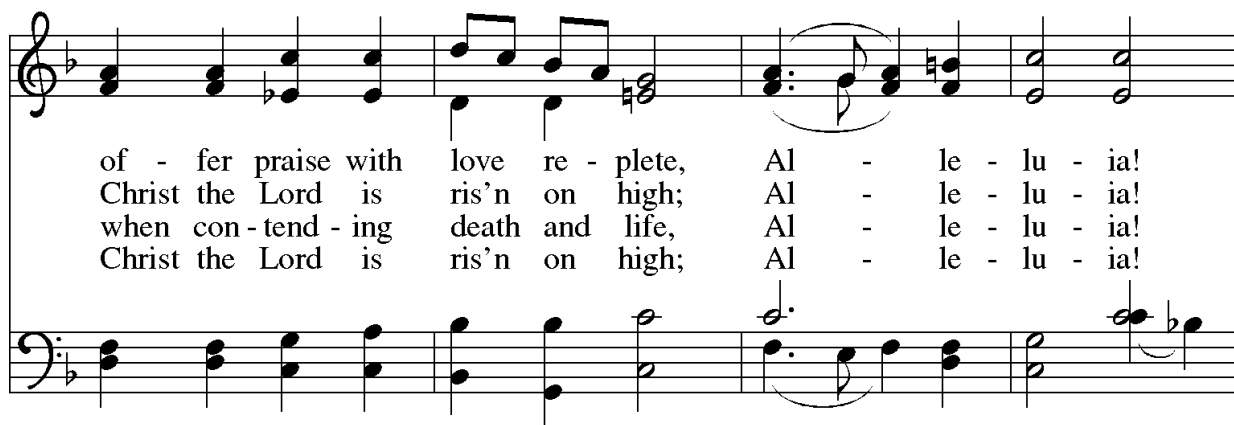
Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



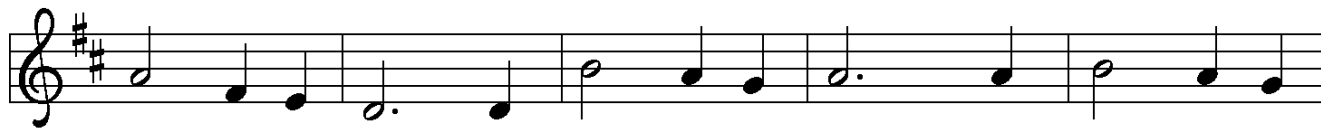
at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Canticle of Praise

Refrain



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



1 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.

Refrain



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



2 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

continued...



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.

First Reading

Ezekiel 34:7-15

⁷ Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: ⁸ As I live, says the Lord GOD, because my sheep have become a prey and my sheep have become food for all the wild animals, since there was no shepherd, and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves and have not fed my sheep, ⁹ therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: ¹⁰ Thus says the Lord GOD: I am against the shepherds, and I will hold them accountable for my sheep and put a stop to their feeding the sheep; no longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, so that they may not be food for them.

¹¹ For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. ¹² As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights

of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God.

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

Psalm Refrain

Psalm 100



Shout for joy to God all the earth, al-le - lu-ia! Praise the Lord!

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹ It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²² "He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Hymn of the Day

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd



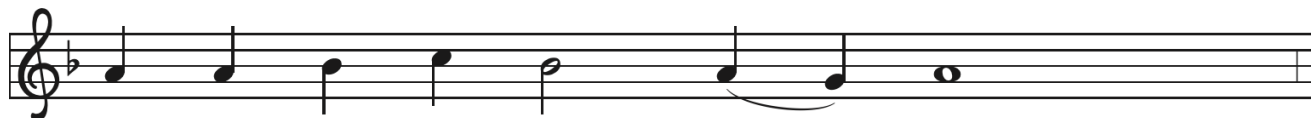
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
 stripped of might up - on the cross,
 sit in pow - er at God's side.
 Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



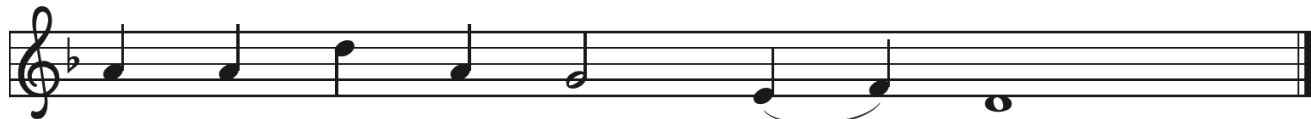
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
 shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
 beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
 have a love that reach - es wide.
 wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 you, who are both gift and cost.
 you, who are our pil - grim guide.
 you, who are our death and life.

Prayers of Intercession

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Shepherding God, draw all people to yourself and lead them in paths of righteousness. Embolden your church to enter the valleys of the world and guide us beside the still waters of your grace.

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, by the resurrection of your Son, show us your steadfast love and instruct our hearts in your ways. Help us to revere and protect the wonders of your creation.

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

Righteous Judge, strengthen and uphold those who work for justice and advocate for human rights. Bring an end to oppression and save us from the temptation of violence or vengeance, especially in Ukraine, Russia, the Holy Land, the Congo, Sudan, Myanmar, Cameroon, Thailand, Iran, and the United States.

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

Great Physician, walk with those who are grieving, and anoint those who are ill or injured, especially Dorothea, Myles, Stan, Josiah, Mary, Nan, and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts. [a pause] Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit.

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

Good Shepherd, continually seek us out as lambs of your flock, and form us at Trinity, New Hamburg, into a community where all are honored and cared for. Spread a feast before us and fill our cups to overflowing.

God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

Living God, we praise you for the saints who have died in faith and now dwell in your love. At our end, bring us, with them, to our heavenly home. God of Resurrection, **hear our prayer.**

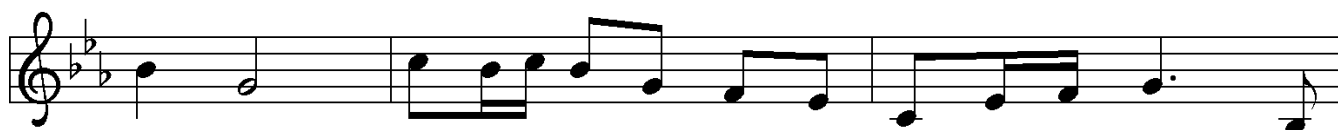
God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

Offering Song

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



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

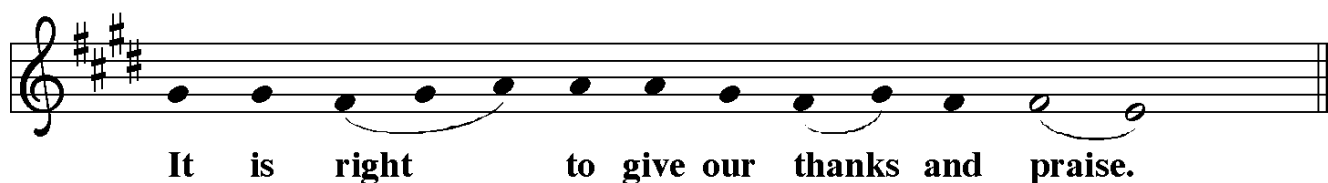
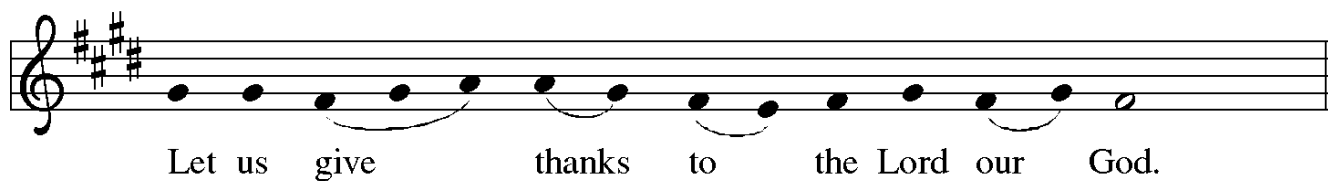
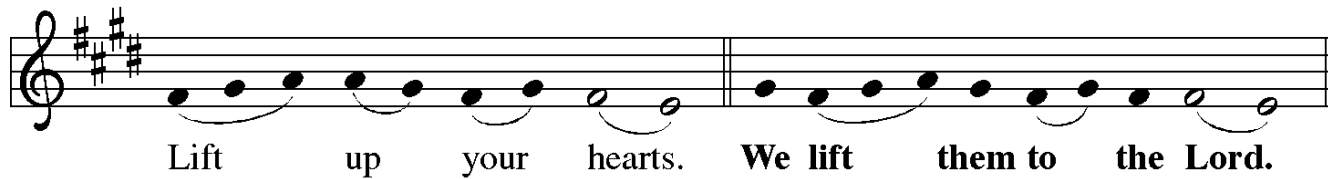
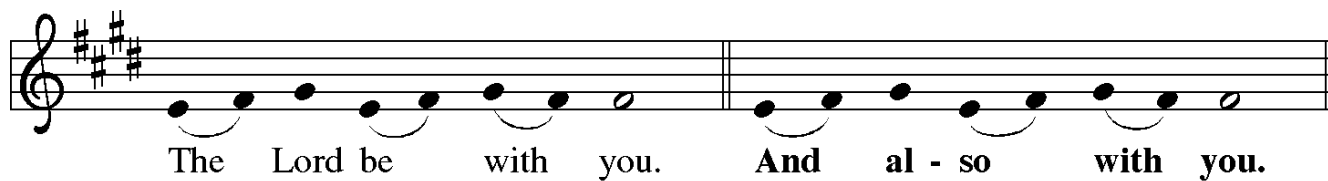


all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble

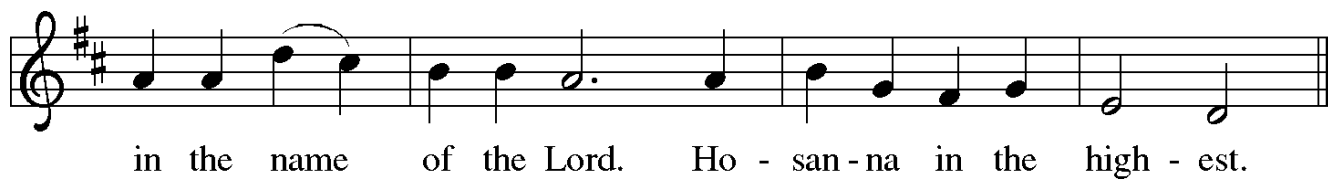
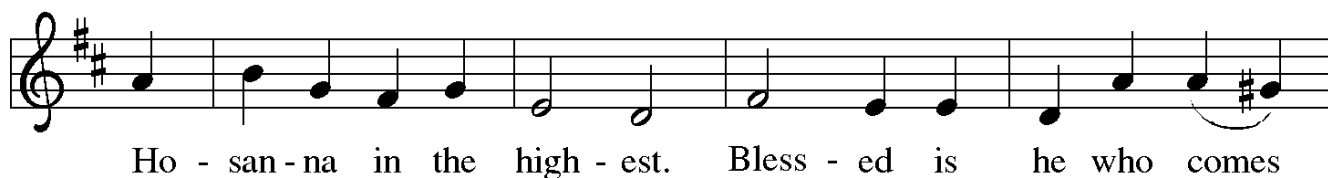
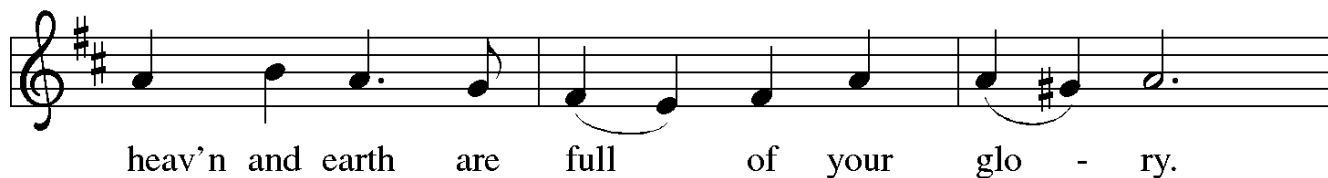
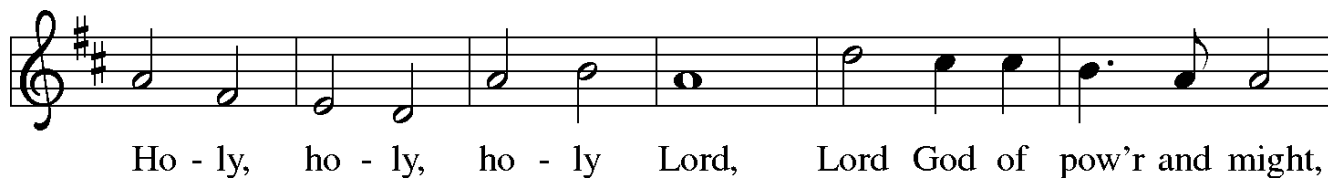


with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Dialogue



Holy, Holy, Holy

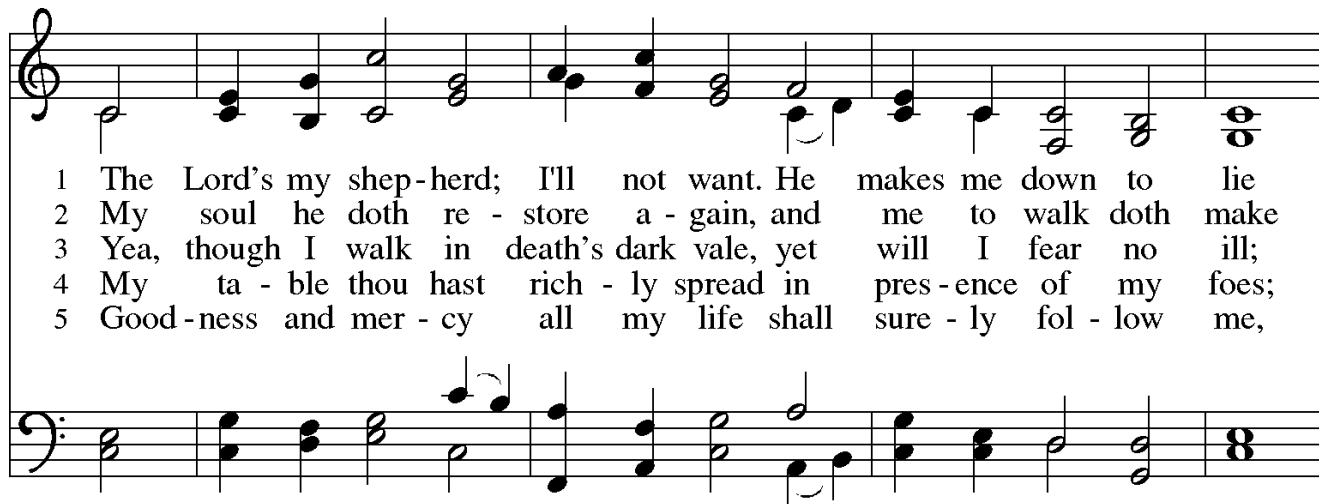


Lord's Prayer

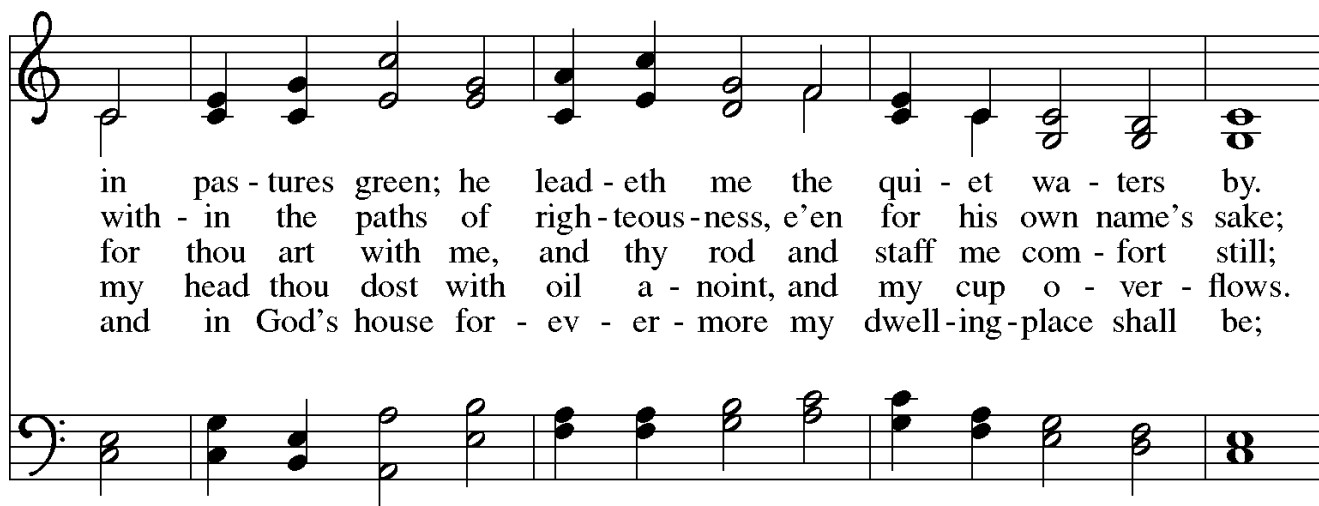
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are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

Communion Song

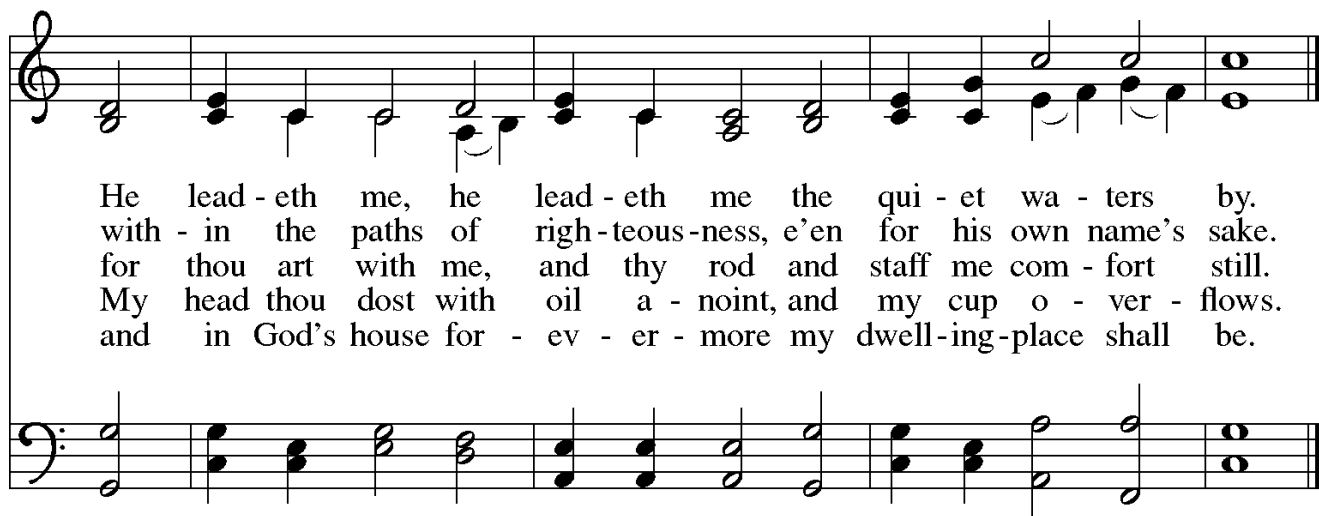
The Lord's My Shepherd



1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres - ence of my foes;
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
My head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be.

Communion Song

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
 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,
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
 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.
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives to bless me with his love;
 he lives to plead for me above;
 he lives my hungry soul to feed;
 he lives to help in time of need.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 he lives, and I shall conquer death;
 he lives my mansion to prepare;
 he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 he lives and loves me to the end;
 he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
 he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;
 what joy this blest assurance gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

Sending Song

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

+ Sunday to Sunday

26 – Sunday	9:30 am	Hybrid Worship + Fourth Sunday of Easter
	10:30 am	Coffee, Juice, and Conversation
	10:45 am	Adult Learning: <i>Understanding Financial Reporting</i> with Rick Ritz
27 – Monday	5:00 pm	Karate
	6:30 pm	Handbell Ensemble Rehearsal
28 – Tuesday	10:30 am	Bible Study
	12:00 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
	3:30 pm	Visioning Task Team Meeting
	3:00 pm	<i>Reclaiming the 'L' Word</i> Book Study
	4:15 pm	Karate
29 – Wednesday	5:15 pm	Music Together
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Class
30 – Thursday	8:45 am	Music Together
	5:30 pm	Simple Soup Supper
	6:30 pm	Evening Worship
2 – Saturday	7:45 am	Music Together
	7:00 pm	AA
3 – Sunday	9:30 am	Hybrid Worship + Fifth Sunday of Easter
	10:30 am	Coffee, Juice, and Conversation
	10:45 am	Adult Learning: <i>Wilmot Indigenous Relations Interfaith Working Group</i>

+ Soup Supper & Evening Worship

On Thursday, April 30th we meet for a simple soup supper at 5:30 pm in Trinity Hall, followed by a short 6:30 pm worship service. All are welcome. If you care to contribute soup or bread, please use the signup sheet in the narthex.

+ ELCIC Day of Action

On May 31st, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada invites congregations to take part in a **Day of Action** to serve our neighbours. Trinity will undertake a project to support oneROOF, the vital local organization that provides support, resources, and community for youth experiencing, and at risk of, homelessness.

Trinity aims to check an item off the oneROOF wish list: the purchase of **six Chromebook laptops**, at a total cost of approximately **\$3,100**. These laptops will be used by youth in the oneROOF program to support learning, build computer skills, and provide access to job applications and other essential resources. In a world where so much of daily life depends on digital access, this is a meaningful and practical way to support independence, opportunity, and dignity. To help us meet this goal, please **mark an offering envelope or etransfer as “laptops”**. Any additional funds raised beyond our \$3100 goal will go to oneROOF to be used where needed most.

+ Vacation Bible School

Creation Care Quest Vacation Bible School is coming to Trinity Lutheran Church, New Hamburg this summer from **Monday, August 17th to Friday, August 21st**. This will be a full-day program from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm with lunch and snacks included. Kids ages 5 to 11 years old as of December 31st, 2026, are invited to attend. The price is \$50 per child, which includes lunch, snacks, and a t-shirt! **Online registration will begin on May 1st at telc.ca.**

Volunteers are required for leaders, snack and lunch preparation, music, and set up. Youth and teen volunteers are welcome – volunteer hours can be earned. Please speak with Pastor Tanya, Jo-Anne Schwass or Katharine Borch if you are interested in helping with this event.

This VBS is made possible by proceeds from the Trinity Endowment Fund.

+ Praying for the Holy Land

With violence in the Middle East affecting more peoples, in today's intercessory prayers we are praying for peace in the *Holy Land*, encompassing Israel, Palestine (including Gaza), Lebanon, Syria, and Jordan.

+ Red Dress Day

May 5th is Red Dress Day in Canada, a day of remembrance for the thousands of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and two-spirited individuals across the country.

A limited number of red dresses are available for parishioners to borrow to mark this solemn occasion. Each dress will be smudged by Elder Nina de Shane of the Wilmot Wellesley Resource Centre in accordance with Indigenous protocols. The dresses are provided with a photo and short biography of one of the missing persons. The red dress may be placed in a prominent place on May 5th in honour and in remembrance of those who should be alive to wear them. Consider hanging a red dress in a tree, in a window, or on your porch.

Please contact Dee Radke at kitch.radke@sympatico.ca to reserve your smudged red dress.

+ Origami Doves

Carolin Heinze and Lillian Brubacher invite you to participate in an art project for the Day of Pentecost. We're in need of many origami doves! Square paper and instructions are available in the narthex. You're invited to fold a few at home and return them to the box in the narthex. Doves need to be returned by Sunday, May 3rd.

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