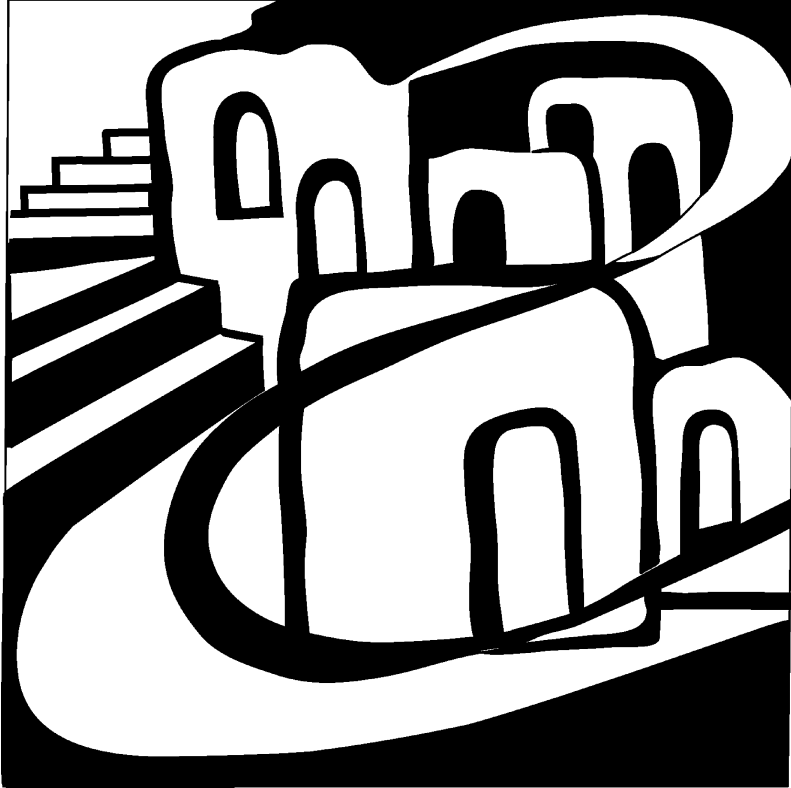


Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 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

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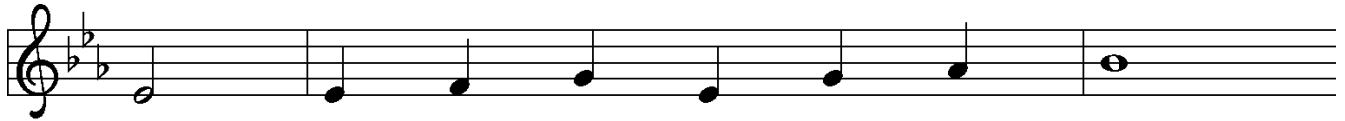
Serving Today

Presiding Minister:	Rev. Dr. Stephen Larson
Assisting Minister:	Krista Straus
Greeter:	Lynn Perrin
Usher:	Ross Eichler
Altar:	Pat Schmetzer
Musicians:	Jamie Courtney, Handbell Ensemble
Technology:	Lisa Hagen
Fellowship:	Melissa Racho

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

Gathering Song

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
set heart and will on things a - bove that we
and with the heav'n-ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



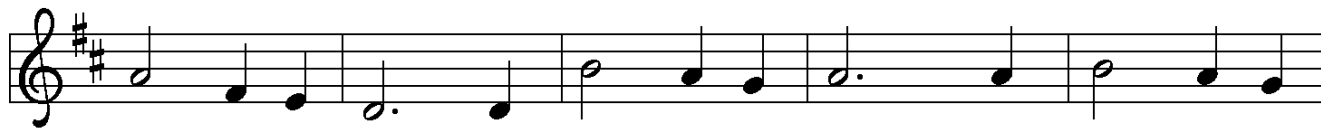
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

Proverbs 4:10-18

- 10 Hear, my child, and accept my words,
that the years of your life may be many.
- 11 I have taught you the way of wisdom;
I have led you in the paths of uprightness.
- 12 When you walk, your step will not be hampered,
and if you run, you will not stumble.
- 13 Keep hold of instruction; do not let go;
guard her, for she is your life.
- 14 Do not enter the path of the wicked,
and do not walk in the way of evildoers.
- 15 Avoid it; do not go on it;
turn away from it and pass on.
- 16 For they cannot sleep unless they have done wrong;
they are robbed of sleep unless they have made someone stumble.
- 17 For they eat the bread of wickedness
and drink the wine of violence.
- 18 But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,
which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

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

Psalm 119:25-32

My soul cleaves to the dust;
give me life according to your word.

**I have recounted my ways, and you answered me;
instruct me in your statutes.**

Make me understand the way of your commandments,
that I may meditate on your marvelous works.

**My soul melts away from sorrow;
sustain me according to your word.**

Take from me the way of lying;
let me find grace through your teaching.

**I have chosen the way of faithfulness;
I have set your judgments before me.**

I hold fast to your decrees;
O LORD, do not put me to shame.

**I will run the way of your commandments,
for you increase my heart's capacity.**

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,
“The stone that the builders rejected

has become the very head of the corner,”

⁸ and

“A stone that makes them stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

Gospel Acclamation



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



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

Gospel

John 14:1-14

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place

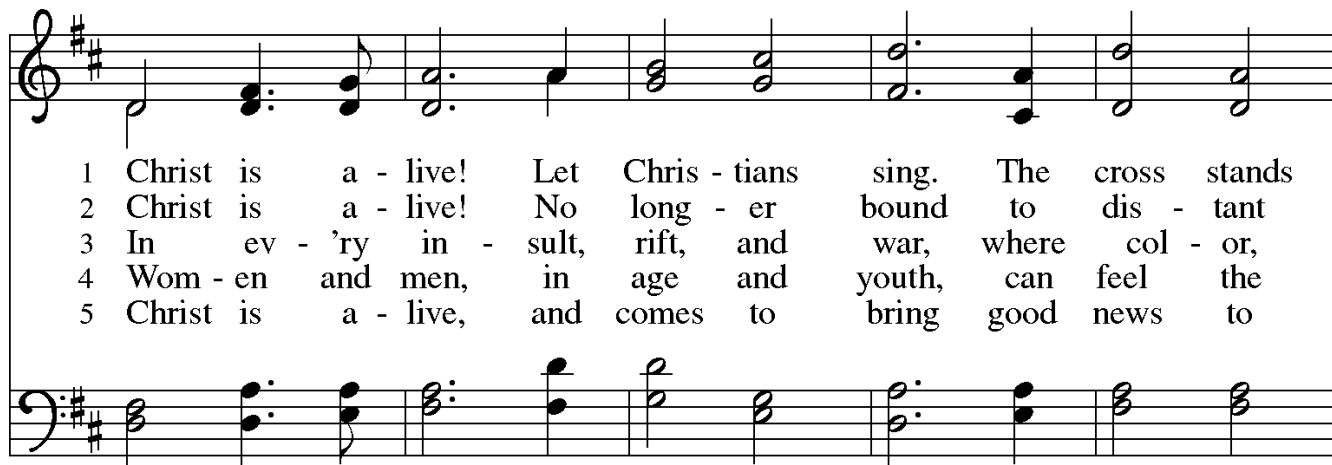
for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶ Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸ Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day

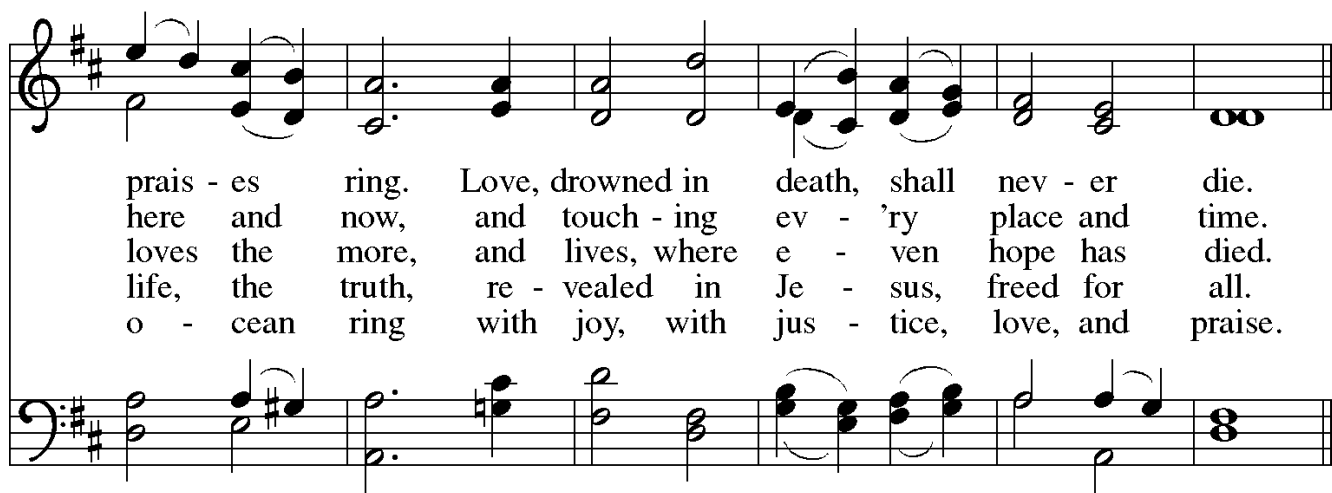
Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Blessing of Handchimes

Dear friends: Today we give thanks to God, and we seek God's blessing as we set apart these handchimes for the glory and praise of God.

A reading from Colossians: Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Sing with joy to God our strength.

and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

Praise God with tambourine and dance;

praise God with strings and pipe.

We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe, for your abundant gifts.

... ..

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The handchimes are rung.

Lord God, before whose throne trumpets sound,
and saints and angels sing the songs of Moses and the Lamb:
accept these handchimes for the worship of your church,
that with the voice of music we may proclaim your praise and tell it abroad;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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.

God of glory, you have built your church on Christ the cornerstone. Inspire lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim forgiveness and your steadfast love to all whom they encounter.

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

God of majesty, you bring forth plants and animals, skies and seas, mountains and valleys. Protect all you have made from the ravages of pollution and climate disaster.

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

God of mercy, you intend governments and social service agencies to be instruments of peace and justice. Guide political leaders and organizations to be agents of compassion, and raise up advocates for those who seek refuge and assistance. We pray for peace in lands, especially in Ukraine, Russia, the Holy Land, the Congo, Sudan, Myanmar, Cameroon, Thailand, Iran, and the United States.

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

God of well-being, you soothe those in distress, console all who grieve, provide for any in need, and comfort those who are sick, especially Dorothea, Myles, Stan, Josiah, Mary, Nan, and those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts. [a pause] Instill caregivers with a sense of purpose to be your healing hands in this world.

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

God of gentleness, we give you thanks for our visit within your creation. For many, their visit ended through violence and we don't know where they currently lay. We remember those Missing and Murdered Women and Girls

and Two Spirited People who suffered, and we remember they are Our Relations within your creation. Give us your strength to live together with respect, care for one another, and commit ourselves to providing safety for all.

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

God of eternal life, you have prepared dwelling places for your people, so that we are never separated from you. We give you thanks for all the faithful departed who witnessed to your mighty acts in word and deed.

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



bles-sing. 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

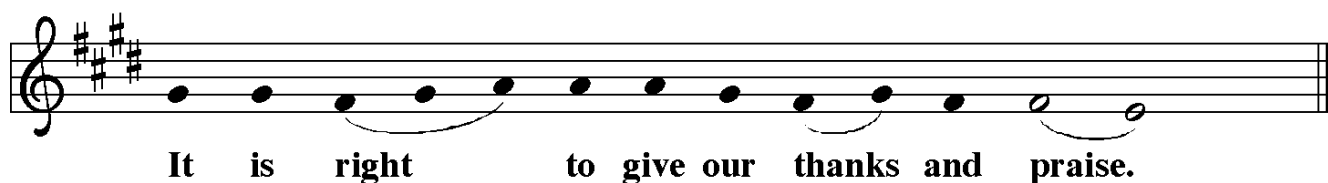
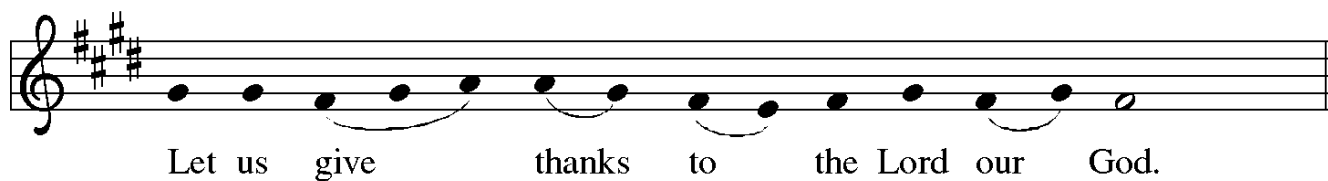
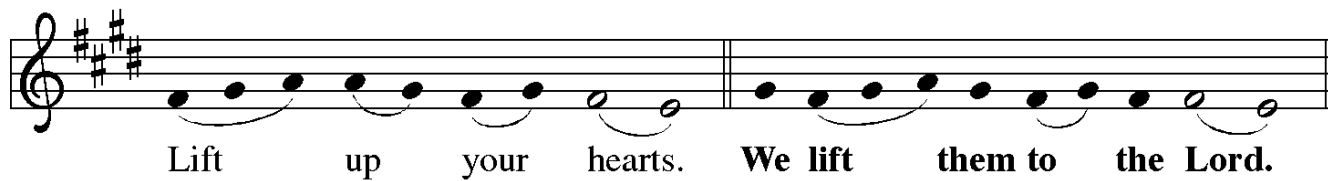
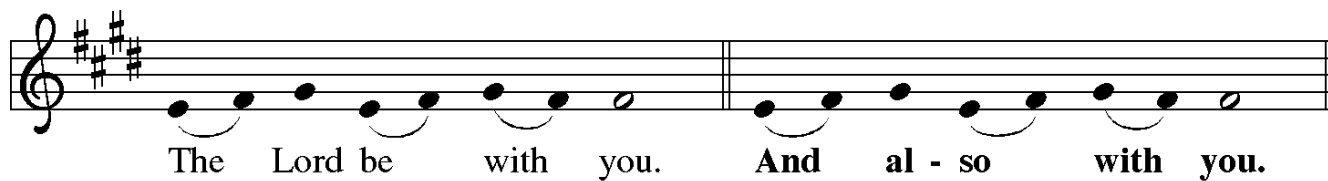


all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble

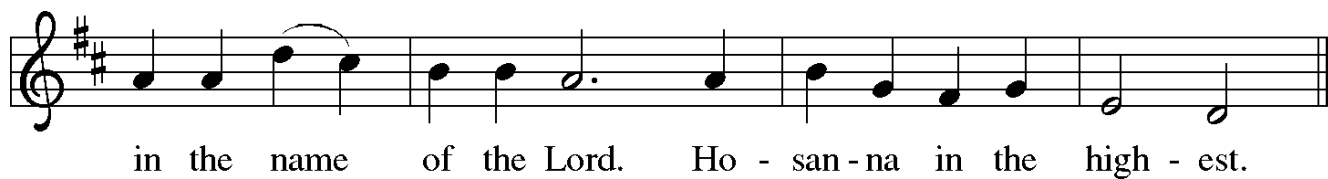
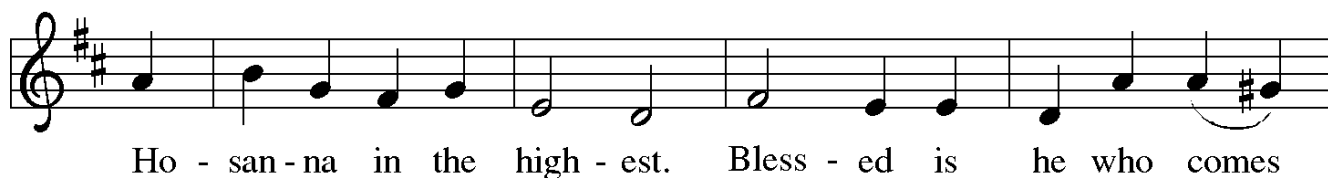
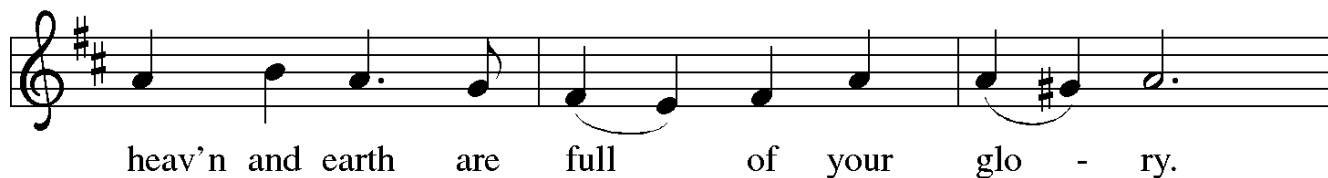
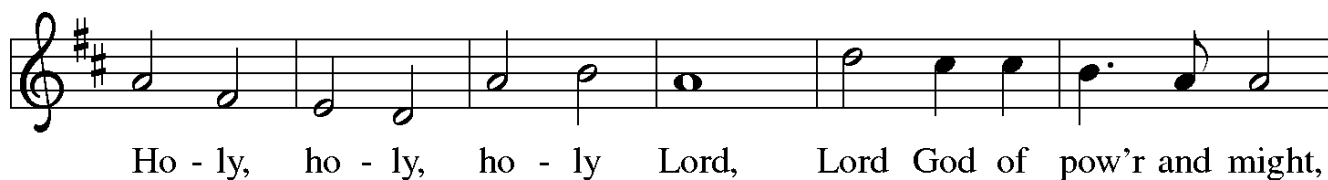


with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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

O Jesus, I Have Promised

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.

I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

1 Mak - ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have
 2 Mak - ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble
 3 Mak - ing our way sea - son by sea - son, pil - grims, we jour - ney

heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,
 on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,
 till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,

Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath - ered for wor - ship, of - fer - ing thanks,
 learn - ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem - bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,
 car - ing for strang - er as for friend, till in the joy of long - ing ful - filled,

the great - est with the least have come to share this feast.
 they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.
 to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

Sending Song

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!



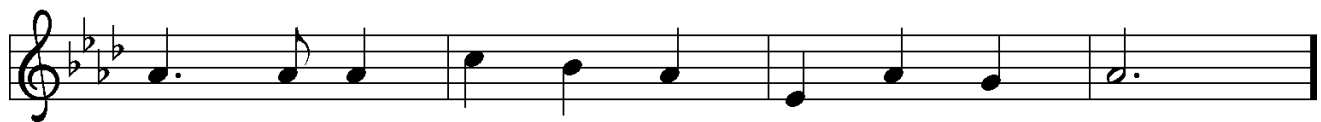
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

+ Sunday to Sunday

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>
4 – Monday	4:30 pm	Karate
5 – Tuesday	9:30 am	Prayer Circle
	10:30 am	Bible Study
	4:00 pm	Karate
6 – Wednesday	5:15 pm	Music Together
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Class
7 – Thursday	8:45 am	Music Together
9 – Saturday	7:45 am	Music Together
	7:00 pm	AA
10 – Sunday	9:30 am	Hybrid Worship + Sixth Sunday of Easter
	10:30 am	Coffee, Juice, and Conversation

+ 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.

✦ Soup Supper & Evening Worship

On Thursday, May 28th 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.

✦ Mondays & Tuesdays

Our final Tuesday Bible Study before a seasonal break will be Tuesday, May 19th. Thank you to all who have been coming to share and engage with scripture.

Our summertime Monday Morning Meetup returns on Monday, May 25th at 10:00 am. Come for a cup of coffee and a social visit in the Katie Luther Room at Trinity. All are welcome.

+ Spring Work Day

Trinity hosts our annual Spring Work Day on Friday, June 5th starting at 9:00 am. Might you lend a hand? We have a variety of tasks at all skill levels to keep our properties in spiffy shape for another season. Let us know if you might help by using the sign-up sheet at in the narthex. Lunch provided.

+ 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.

Today in Adult Learning after worship, we welcome Nancy Dale and Barbara Safri from the Wilmot Indigenous Relations Interfaith Working Group to speak about Red Dress Day and the undertakings of the Working Group.

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