

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024



**TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
EAST BERLIN, PENNSYLVANIA**

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Ukraine and its people
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concerns
Hurricane/Flood Victims
People of Israel
Innocent Victims in Gaza

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

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.

PRELUDE

"Let All Things Now Living"

Wilbur Held

Please take a moment to prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Rev. Susan McCarthy

Children are invited to come to the front of the nave for a time of worship and learning.

***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!

***GATHERING HYMN** “*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*” ELW 367

***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

The grace of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**



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



^{All}
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



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



Final refrain
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.

***SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

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.

²⁶An 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.) ²⁷So 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 ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now 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.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

³⁶As 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?” ³⁸He

commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When 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. ⁴⁰But 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.

PSALM: Psalm 22:25-31 (*sung using tone 6*)



²⁵From you comes my praise in the [|] great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who [|] fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat [|] and be satisfied,**

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts [|] live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn [|] to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow [|] before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs [|] to the LORD,**
who rules o- [|] ver the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow [|] down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- [|] fore the
LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall [|] serve the LORD,**
whom they shall proclaim to genera- [|] tions to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people [|] yet unborn,
saying to them, "The [|] LORD has acted!"

Here ends the Psalm.

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.

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

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So 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. ¹⁷Love 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. ¹⁸There 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. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those 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. ²¹The 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.

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

We begin our prayer together in worship each week. Please continue our prayer Monday-Saturday by praying each day for the concerns of the church, the world, and all those in need. Please pray for those on our prayer list daily.

We pray for the church around the world: cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For the nations and all those in authority: let your justice and peace reign through local, state, and national leaders, elected representatives at every level, and international organizations. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For all those in need: provide for people experiencing homelessness or unemployment, those fleeing oppression, and for all who are ill or suffering, especially those on our prayer list and those we name before you now, *pause for individual prayers*. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

For this congregation: help us to share your love with the world through the caring ministries of this faith community and through our care for one another. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors: help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where everyone will feast together at your table. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
Amen.

***PEACE**

The peace of the risen Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Those gathered offer a sign of Christ's peace with those around them. This may be a handshake, a hug, a wave, a smile, etc.

OFFERING

In worship we offer our whole selves to the Lord for Christ's work in the world. The Lord uses our time, our talents, and our treasures in ministry in this place. Thank you for your monetary giving, your hard work, your prayers, and all gifts of love that you share here at Trinity – together we follow Christ's call to love one another.

MUSICAL OFFERING “*There in God's Garden*” Robert Buckley Farlee

***OFFERTORY** “*Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*” ELW 403

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

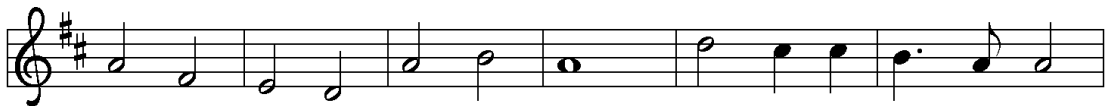
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in 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, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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.

***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

INVITATION TO HOLY 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!

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We believe Christ himself invites you to this holy meal. All believers are welcome to receive the sacrament at his table. Holy Communion will be served in a continuous flow. Please come forward to receive the bread and wine from the ministers. Also available are gluten free wafers, grape juice, and sealed pre-consecrated wafer/juice packets.



*LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

ELW 359

"Let All Things Now Living"

ELW 881

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our risen Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

*ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always.

Amen.

*DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resound”

David Cherwien



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Announcements

To Serve God And His Church

During The Coming Week

Sunday.....	10:30a.m.	Christian Education
Sunday.....	12:30p.m.	Spring Fling (Plum Run Acres)
Sunday.....	6:00p.m.	East Berlin Singers Rehearse
Sunday.....	6:30p.m.	AA Meeting
Monday.....	6:00p.m.	Bible Study
Monday.....	6:30p.m.	Girl Scouts
Wednesday.....	8:30a.m.	Fellowship @ Graybill's
Wednesday.....	10:00a.m.	Prayer Service
Wednesday.....	3:00p.m.	Fellowship Time
Wednesday.....	4:00-6:00p.m.	Food Pantry
Thursday.....	8:30a.m.	Cleaning Crew #1
Thursday.....	6:30p.m.	AA Meeting
Sunday.....	8:15a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday.....	9:00a.m.	Word & Sacrament

Assisting in the Service Today: Assisting Minister: Charlie Hoffman; Lector: Sandy Emig; Communion Assistant: Ruthann Bowen; Ushers: Rick & Anita Madsen, Mark Boyer; Altar Guild: Deb King; Hymn Leader: Becky Rinehart; Cookie Break: Sherry Brown; Acolyte: Brody Moore.

We welcome visitors – If you have questions during worship, feel free to ask the ushers in the back or anyone around you. We believe Christ himself invites us to His Table; all believers are invited to share in Holy Communion. If you'd like to join our mailing list, please fill out a visitors' slip and place it in the offering plate or scan the QR code here.



The spring fling picnic will be held today, Sunday, April 28th at 12:30pm. The location is Mark Boyer's Plum Run Acres, 1440 East Berlin Road, New Oxford. Please bring a dish to share. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please come out for a relaxing, enjoyable afternoon of fellowship. Please contact Anita Madsen or Deb King if you have any questions. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Offering Plates are located in the rear of the sanctuary and in the narthex (lobby) near the front entrance. Please make your giving your first or last act of worship today. Thank you for participating in Christ's ministry here!

Kids' Cookie Break: Kids 6th grade & younger are invited to take a break after the Gospel to go to the Social Hall for a snack & activity. They'll return in time for Holy Communion.

Drive-Thru Holy Communion Distribution will be held next Sunday, May 5, in the parking lot near the disability parking. Let your friends know!

Collecting Diapers & Wipes during the month of May for New Hope Ministries for neighbors in need.

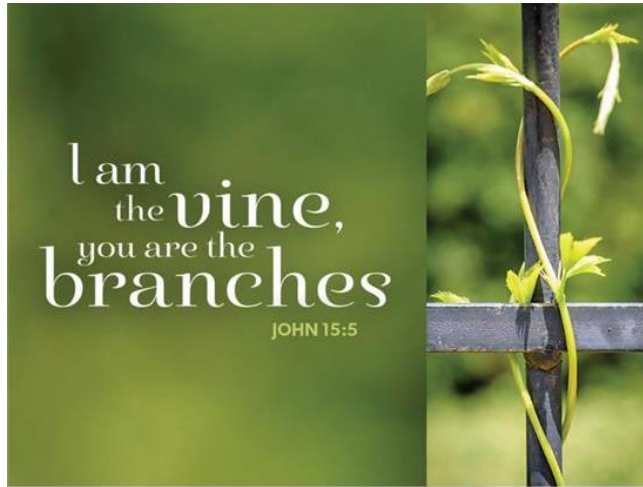
No Handbell Rehearsal during the month of May. Thank you for all your hard work!

East Berlin Community Singers
Concerts on May 17 at 7:30pm at St. Mark Lutheran Church and May 19 at 3:00pm at Paradise Lutheran.

NEWSLETTER MAILING LIST – Are you on our mailing list? If you're not and would like to be, please submit your mailing information to Jen in the office, or drop a note into the offering plate. We'd love to connect with you!

Our friend Josh Sweetser has deployed overseas for a few months. He would love to hear from his Trinity church family! Send well wishes to: Josh Sweetser
379 EMDS Unit 61214
APO, AE 09309-1214

Volunteers are Needed to help park cars on June 1 for Synod Assembly in York at St. Matthews. The hours are 6:30am – 1:30pm. Please call or text Jack Hinkle if you are able to help 717-451-25-7.



Your generous support of our ministries not only keeps the lights on but empowers Trinity to contribute to and fully fund MANY ministries. Want a full report? Ask us in the office and/or check out all the info on our website. Thank you!

2024 Weekly Contributions			
Budget vs. Actual			
Through April 22, 2024			
Month	Amount	YTD 2024	%
April Budgeted Income	13,308	75,410	
April Actual Income	12,449	75,520	
Over/(Under)Budgeted Income	(859)	110	0.1

April 21, 2024 Worship Totals

Worship Service85
 Online Livestream *Views.....*28/56

*Our church attendance record is maintained for both in-person attendance and online views through Trinity’s YouTube page. The number of online views is counted for seven days following the service. Each view is multiplied by 2 (as an average household).

*Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
East Berlin, Pennsylvania*

Our Mission: We are a family of Christian disciples committed to making Christ known while loving and serving God and neighbors.

Our Vision: To fulfill our mission, we will:

Worship through liturgy, music, prayer & Sacraments;

Teach God's Word and nurture spiritual growth;

Serve and provide for those in need;

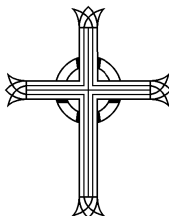
Witness to others by sharing the Gospel;

Celebrate with fellowship;

Return with joy what God has given;

Be active in our community and the Church.

Worship, Serve, Celebrate!



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