

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024



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

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

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

PRELUDE

"Jubilee!"

Arnold B. Sherman

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

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

***GATHERING HYMN** *"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"* ELW 369

*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.

*KYRIE



We pray for peace, O Lord, make plow - shares of our swords, make



plow - shares of our swords: hear us when we cry to you.



Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Lord, have



mer-cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.

Cantor



Christ, make us grow in grace un - til we see your face, un -



til we see your face: hear us when we cry to you.

Assembly



Christ, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Christ, have



mer-cy on us: hear us when we cry to you.

Cantor



De - fend your church, O Lord, and root it in your word, and



root it in your word: hear us when we cry to you.

Assembly

Lord, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, Lord, have
mer-cy on us: hear our cry. A - men.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** “O Sing of God’s Great Victory!”

Verses: Cantor

- 1 Oh, sing of God’s great vic - to - ry! Je - sus’
- 2 This is the feast of vic - to - ry of the
- 3 Oh, is it not a mys - ter - y that our
- 4 All hon - or, bless - ing, glo - ry, might, sing the

blood has set us free! Let all his crea - tures
glo - rious Lamb a - bove. Now all God’s peo - ple
Lord a Lamb should be, who on the cru - el
hosts to Christ on high; all pow - er, rich - es,

join our songs, for to Christ the throne be - longs.
gath - er round for the ban - quet of God’s love.
cross was slain, but a - rose in heav’n to reign.
wis - dom, strength. Now let all on earth re - ply:

Refrain: All

Sing we al - le - lu - ia, prais - es to the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

***SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY** (*in unison*)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray,

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Acts 4:5-12

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.’

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 (sung using tone 6)



¹The LORD¹ is my shepherd;
I shall not¹ be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down¹ in green pastures
and leads me be-¹side still waters.**

³You restore my¹ soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways¹ for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall¹
fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they¹ comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence¹ of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is¹ running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days¹ of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the¹ LORD forever.**

Here ends the Psalm.

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 3:16-24

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than

our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *“O God, Whose Word Well Planted”*



1 O God, whose word well-plant - ed yields fruit a hun-dred - fold,
2 O God of seed and har - vest, of sun and soil and rain,
3 O God, your fi - nal har - vest of his - t'ry's an - cient field



we praise your grac - es grant - ed to those who sowed of old,
at - tend the word we sow, lest its plant - ing be in vain.
will test with truth the proud - est that hu - man work can yield.



who by their wit - ness scat - tered good seed up - on the soil
Send show - ers of your Spir - it, bright sun - shine of your grace,
Op - pres - sion's blight will van - ish, fair free - dom's fruits in - crease;



where oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.
that mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.
and love and joy will flour - ish to clothe the earth with peace.

***HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:11-18**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Kid’s Cookie Break

SERMON

Rev. Susan J. McCarthy

Please Stand

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“The Lord's My Shepherd”

ELW 778

***PRAYERS**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

Shepherding God, gather your holy church to serve the world as one whenever we wander from you and one another. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire us to be better stewards of the world around us. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate with one another, listen to the wisdom others, and to use power for good. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. We especially lift before you those on our prayer list and those we name before you now, *pause for individual prayers.* God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve all people. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith. Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. 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.

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the risen Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us take a few moments to share a sign of Christ's Peace with one another.

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

"Beside Still Waters"

Howard Starks

*OFFERTORY

"Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring"



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to
2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we



place up - on your ta - ble. We do not wor - ship
grew in your good plea - sure. What once was com - mon,
lift in prayer be - fore you. Lord, by your grace now



as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
dai - ly food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor. Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave so that we might have eternal life. And so, with the church on earth and the host of heaven, we praise your name and join in adoring song:

Verses: Cantor or choir



1 Long, long a - go in Je - ru - sa - lem, as the
2 High on a throne sat the might - y Lord, robes
3 Oh, what a sight it was to see and



scrip - tures do re - cord, I - sa - iah to the
flow - ing through the hall, while six - wing - ed an - gels
oh, what a sound to hear! The tem - ple door - posts



tem - ple came to see the ho - ly Lord.
flew a - bove. I - sa - iah heard them call.
shook and quaked, and smoke was in the air.

Refrain: Assembly



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, God's



glo - ry fills all heav'n and earth, God of pow - er and might.

***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us 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

Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

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.

The hymns begin with: "Agnus Dei"



1 O Lamb of God, to earth you came to
2 O Lamb of God, the on - ly Son, to



save us all from grief and shame. Shorn of your life, up -
us show mer - cy, Ho - ly One. You save the world from



on the tree you hung in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
all its sin. Lord, give to us your peace. A - men.

COMMUNION HYMNS

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

ELW 484

"Have No Fear, Little Flock"

ELW 764

"Eat This Bread: Jesus Christ, Bread of Life"

ELW 472

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

*POST COMMUNION HYMN



1 O Lord of the blos-som, O God of the seed, O gra-cious pro -
2 O Lord of the har - vest, O God of the feast, where sor - rows are



vi - der for all hu-man need, you have nour-ished our faith at your
van-quished and joys are in - creased, where the tree of life grows in your



ta - ble of grace, and nur - tured new life in the light of your
or-chards a - bove, we'll join in the cho-rus in praise of your



face. O Lord of the grain - field, O God of the
love. Sing praise to the Fa - ther, sing praise to the



vine, you've fed us your pres - ence in bread and in
Son, sing praise to the Spir - it. Praise God, Three in



wine. In com - mun - ion you've blest to us ar - bor and
One! You have made us one peo - ple you've fed by the



plow, and shown us the gos - pel, your word for us now.
hand, O Lord of the heav-ens, O God of the land.

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we give thanks for your pruning, planting, and nurture. We rejoice that you have used the harvest of field and vineyard to renew and sustain us. Lead us as we go from this life-giving meal into lives of grateful service to you and your cherished creation; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

***ANNOUNCEMENTS**

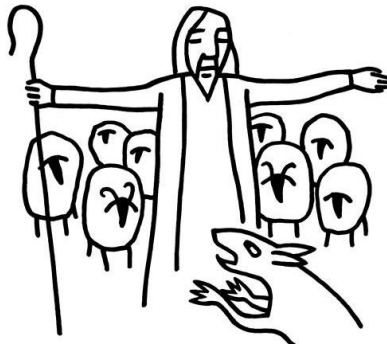
***BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
Amen.

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”* J. Pachelbel



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Announcements
To Serve God And His Church
During The Coming Week

Sunday.....	10:30a.m.	Christian Education
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.....	12:30p.m.	Ruth's Harvest
Wednesday.....	7:00p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
Thursday.....	6:30p.m.	AA Meeting
Saturday.....		Social Hall Rental
Sunday.....	9:00a.m.	Word & Sacrament

Assisting in the Service Today: Assisting Minister: Amber Nickey; Lector: Eddie Sebright; Communion Assistant: Sue Clauser; Ushers: Jim & Noelle Kline, Ruthann Bowen; Altar Guild: Sami Kurtz; Hymn Leader: Chris Long; Cookie Break: Anita Madsen; Acolyte: Addie Ryder.

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. We're glad to have you with us!



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!

The Handbell Selection "Beside Still Waters" is a musical interpretation of Psalm 23. It is an original number composed by Howard Starks, an early supporter of English handbell ringing.

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.

No Adult Choir Rehearsal on April 28th! We will start again in May.

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

Organ Recital: Craig Cramer is giving an organ recital at St Paul's Lutheran Church, Dillsburg, at 3:00 pm, on Sunday, April 28, 2024.

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!

Ruth's Harvest Packing will take place on Wednesday, April 24 at 12:30pm at St. John's in Abbottstown. Anyone who can help pack bags is invited to attend.

Get Well Soon! Emily Booth sustained a brain injury after a fall. She is recovering in Hanover, heading home soon and would enjoy hearing from everyone. Send cards to her home:

Emily Booth
46 Schofield Drive
East Berlin, PA 17316

East Berlin Community Center Yard Sale 4/27/24: In past years Trinity has provided personnel to make and sell Hot Dogs and other food and refreshment at one of the Food Tents at the yard sale from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All supplies are provided by EBACC. Looking for manpower during this time and someone to coordinate and schedule workers. See Karen Wire if you are willing to serve in any capacity.

Volunteers Needed: We are establishing a constitution review committee, and we need two congregation members to participate. Contact Bob King if you are interested in helping.



The spring fling picnic will be held next 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. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please sign-up if you plan to attend and list what dish you plan to bring. Please contact Anita Madsen or Deb King if you have any questions. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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 15, 2024			
Month	Amount	YTD 2024	%
April Budgeted Income	8,872	70,974	
April Actual Income	10,625	73,696	
Over/(Under)Budgeted Income	1,753	2,722	3.8

April 14, 2024 Worship Totals

Worship Service85
 Online Livestream *Views.....*48/96

*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;

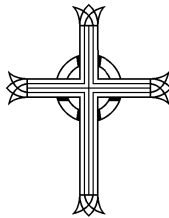
Witness to others by sharing the Gospel;

Celebrate with fellowship;

Return with joy what God has given;

Be active in our community and the Church.

Worship, Serve, Celebrate!



Worship: Sunday, 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.

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