

# Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024



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

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Jorge and Family  
First Responders  
Healthcare Workers  
Military Personnel  
Refugees  
Ukraine and its people  
Those with private  
concerns  
Recent shooting  
victims & their families  
Hurricane/Flood  
Victims  
People of Israel  
Innocent Victims in  
Gaza  
Bridge Victims & City  
of Baltimore

## WELCOME & INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

*The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.*

### PRELUDE

*"O Sons & Daughters of the King"*

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

*"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"*

ELW 386

(Verse 1-4)

**\*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.



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.

**Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, 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 4:32-35**

*While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.*

<sup>32</sup>Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold.

<sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 133** (*sung using tone 6*)



<sup>1</sup>How good and how pleas-<sup>1</sup>ant it is,  
when kindred live togeth-<sup>1</sup>er in unity!

<sup>2</sup>**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up-<sup>1</sup>on the beard,  
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar<sup>1</sup> of his robe.**

<sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the<sup>1</sup> hills of Zion.  
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life for-<sup>1</sup>evermore.

*Here ends the Psalm.*

**SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1--2:2**

*The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.*

<sup>1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—<sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>2:1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup>and he is

the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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.

**\*HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.*

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **KIDS' COOKIE BREAK**

*Children are invited to the social hall for an activity and a snack.*

## **SERMON**

Rev. Susan J. McCarthy

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**      *“O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing”*  
(Verse 5-9)

ELW 386

## **\*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.*

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.*

Your church cries out, O God, and you listen. As you drew near to the disciples, draw near to us this day. Breathe on us your Holy Spirit, renewing our faith. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your creation cries out, O God, and you listen. Nurture trees, crops, wildflowers, and all growing things. Guide farmers, gardeners, arborists, and others who tend the soil and nurture plants to life. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your world cries out, O God, and you listen. Guide first responders to work for the well-being of communities and the dignity of every person, so that no one lives in fear. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your children cry out, O God, and you listen. Hear your people crying out for justice, for an end to racism and other oppression, and for a world where all are fed and safe. We pray for

all who cry in suffering or pain, especially those on our prayer list and those we name before you now, *pause for individual concerns to be raised*. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your congregations cry out, O God, and you listen. Renew all worship leaders, staff, administrators, and volunteers who facilitated Holy Week and Easter worship. Open our hearts to discern where God calls each of us to serve. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Accept our gratitude, O God, for the lives of those who now rest in you. Grant us your peace amid our fears. 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**

*“Hodie”*

Natalie Sleeth

### **\*OFFERTORY**

*“Let Us Talents & Tongues Employ”*  
(Verses 1 & 2)

ELW 674

### **\*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.**

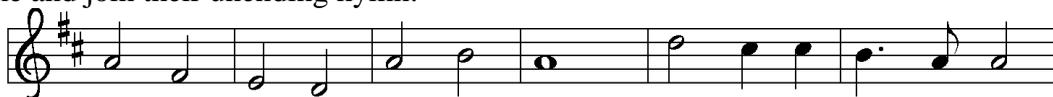
Lift up your hearts.

**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**

**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:

*"We Walk by Faith"*

ELW 635

*"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*

ELW 815

## \*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**

*“Christ is Alive, Let Christians Sing”*

J. Wayne Kerr



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**Announcements**  
*To Serve God And His Church*  
*During The Coming Week*

Sunday.....	10:30a.m.	Christian Education
Sunday.....	10:30a.m.	Drive Through Communion
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
Tuesday.....	5:00p.m.	Laundry Love
Tuesday.....	6:30p.m.	Good News & Brews
Wednesday.....	8:30a.m.	Fellowship @ Graybill's
Wednesday.....	10:00a.m.	Prayer Service
Wednesday.....	1:00p.m.	Worship & Music
Wednesday.....	7:00p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal
Wednesday.....	7:00p.m.	Prayer Shawl Meeting
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: Violet Chidester; Communion Assistant: Luke McCarthy; Ushers: Janet & Mac McMaster, Kathy Kuhn; Altar Guild: Ruthann Bowen; Hymn Leader: Mary Jacobs; Kid's Cookie Break: McSherry Family; 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!

**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!

**Job Opening:** Trinity is hiring a part-time Audio-Video Coordinator. The coordinator is responsible for creating video presentations for all church services and live streaming them through Trinity's YouTube channel. Hours range from 4-10 hours per week depending on church activities. If interested, please contact the church office at 717-259-9125 or [secretary@trinitylutheraneb.org](mailto:secretary@trinitylutheraneb.org).

**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

**Prayer Shawl Meeting** will be held April 10 at 7:00pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Drive-Through Communion** will be held today. Sunday, April 7 at 10:30am behind the church in the parking lot. Anyone wishing to receive communion from their vehicle is invited to attend.

**Get Well Soon!** Emily Booth sustained a brain injury after a fall. She is recovering in Hanover and would enjoy hearing from everyone.

Emily Booth  
Memory Care  
Homewood at Plum Creek  
425 Westminster Avenue  
Hanover, PA 17331

**Pie Sale!** Lemon sponge and Blueberry pies can be preordered on the bulletin board downstairs. Pie sale will take place April 18 & 19.

***Huge Thank You** to everyone who made all the parts of Holy Week and Easter possible! Thank you*

***Thank you message from Andie Guiher:** Thank you all so much for the past four years at Trinity! I am so blessed to have you as a church family, and I hope to continue to help with your ministries in the future! Thank you all so much for the very generous gifts! I will miss you all!*

2024 Weekly Contributions			
Budget vs. Actual			
Through March 31, 2024			
Month	Amount	YTD 2024	%
March Budgeted Income	4,436	62,103	
March Actual income	22,371	63,071	
Over/(Under)Budgeted Income	17,935	968	1.6

**March 31, 2024 Worship Totals**

7:00am Worship Service.....56  
10:15am Worship Service .....116  
Online Livestream \*Views.....\*120/240

*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;

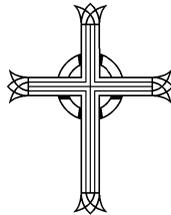
**Witness** to others by sharing the Gospel;

**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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