

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

1323 Central Ave, Alameda CA 510-522-5220

*Mission: To be a caring and diverse community of people who know and share the love of God through Jesus Christ.*

**April 30, 2017 The Third Sunday of Easter**

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*Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them, and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.*

**WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH.** You are invited to join with us as we seek to be God's loving community for all who enter here. You are received as a friend . . .

- just as you are, created by God.
- whatever your color, culture and customs, your age, abilities, sexual orientation or gender identity.
- wherever circumstances find you... in the midst of change or challenge or pain, in need of strength and hope, or in search of spiritual fullness and friendship.
- whether you are a new visitor or an old friend, have no church home, have doubts or do not believe, or want to follow Christ and pursue peace and justice in Christ's name.

You are embraced as an expression of the diversity and beauty of the creation God has given us. **You are welcome here!**

## MINISTERING THIS MORNING (8:00; 10:30):

Assisting Minister: Ray Wentz

Coffee Hour: Susi Battaglia

Counters: Jessica Fleischman & Ray Wentz

Director of Music Ministry: Julie Haydon

Greeters: Carol & Harvey Blomberg

Musician: Starr Brown

Nursery: Roberta Salisbury

Prayers: Sherri Bangert; Philipos Ghaly

Preacher/Presider: Pastor Sharon Stalkfleet

Reader: Sherri Bangert; Helen Pedersen

**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 8:00-14; 10:30-32**

## Music, Music and More Music! Mark your Calendars:

**Friday May 19<sup>th</sup>** Alameda Strings Concert with Erica Ward, violin and all. 7 p.m. Trinity Fellowship Hall.

No admission fee -donations accepted

**Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>** Soli Deo Gloria performs Mozart Requiem

4:30 p.m. Christ Episcopal Church, 1700 Santa Clara

**Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>**, "Music Sunday" 10:30 a.m. Worship. Music with Youth, Bell Choir and Adult Choir. Come and experience this uplifting worship experience.

**Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup>** 4 p.m. Ken Medema and Georgia Youth Choir in Trinity Sanctuary

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

<b>Sun 4/30</b>	8:00	Worship
	9:30	Sunday School
	10:30	Worship
	3:30	EBLP Board Meeting- United Lutheran
<b>Mon 5/1</b>	9:00	Craft Group
<b>Tue 5/2</b>	7:00	Breakfast and Bible Study
<b>Wed 5/3</b>	6:15	Bell Choir
	7:30	Choir rehearsal
<b>Thu 5/4</b>	7:30	Morning Prayer time- sanctuary
	10:00	Trinity Seniors
	1:30	Ukuleles
	2:00	LMNH Worship at Crown Bay Nursing
<b>Thu 5/4-Sat 5/6</b>		Synod Assembly in Fresno, Ca.
<b>Sun 5/6</b>	8:00	Worship
	9:00	Early Coffee Hour
	10:30	Worship

**The Sierra Pacific Synod collects in-kind gifts during the Synod Assembly (May 4-6) for a human service organization in the Synod Assembly host city. This year they are collecting baby diapers and personal items for women at the Marjorie Mason Center in Fresno, a shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. Trinity will be collecting diapers and personal items April 23 and 30<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Sharon and Anita, Trinity's representatives at the Assembly, will deliver our offerings.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE:** *Raabe (Day of Arising)*

Aaron David Miller b. 1972

## GATHERING

(Arrows indicate when the congregation may sit ↓ or stand ↑ as able. Bold print indicates responses spoken by the congregation.)

### ↓ READING OF THE WELCOME STATEMENT

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Just as God's work of creation never ends, so the gifts received in baptism are renewed every day.

Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life and the many ways water affects our lives.

**We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.**

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place: for water from our tap, for rain and snow, for the San Francisco Bay and Pacific Ocean.

**We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.**

We give you thanks for your salvation through water: for delivering Noah and his family through the floodwaters, for leading your people Israel through the sea into freedom, for preserving your prophet Elijah through the time of drought and for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

**We give you thanks for your salvation through water.**

We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized, and for all who gather as the eternal family of Christ. We pray with thanks for your Word that extends to all.

**We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.**

We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit: for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters, for our new birth into a life of freedom and service,

for our calling to be your people, sent out for the life of the world.

**We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. Amen.**

↑HYMN: *This Joyful Eastertide*

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### ↑GREETING

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

### ↑HYMN OF PRAISE

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- 1. Lord God, heav'nly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**
- 2. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God; you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.**
- 3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the**

*Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. A-men, a-men.*

### ↑PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God,

**your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### ↓CHILDREN'S SERMON

*Following the Children's Sermon, parents of children who are six or younger are welcome to take their children to child-care and retrieve them for communion. (10:30 worship service only)*

## WORD

### ↓FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

*Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], <sup>36</sup>"Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."

<sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

### ↓ Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,  
and listened to my | supplication,

<sup>2</sup>for the LORD has given | ear to me  
whenever | er I called.

<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me;

I came to | grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup>Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:  
"O LORD, I pray you, | save my life."

<sup>12</sup>How shall I re- | pay the LORD  
for all the good things God has | done for me?

<sup>13</sup>I will lift the cup | of salvation  
and call on the name | of the LORD.

<sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God's people.

<sup>15</sup>Precious in your | sight, O LORD,  
is the death | of your servants.

<sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I | am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me | from my bonds.

<sup>17</sup>I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving

**and call upon the name | of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God's people,  
<sup>19</sup>**in the courts of | the LORD's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah!**

↓ **SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23**

*The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.*

<sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

<sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Hymn #519 verse 1 & refrain**  
*Open your ears, O faithful People, open your ears and hear God's word. Open your hearts, O royal priesthood, God has come to you.*

*God has spoken to the people, hallelujah! God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah! God has spoken to the people, hallelujah! God has spoken words of wisdom, hallelujah!*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

↑ **Gospel: Luke 24:13-35**

*The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.*

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.

<sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them,

"Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

↓ **SERMON:**

↑ **HYMN: I Received the Living God** #477

↑ **APOSTLES' CREED** page 105  
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

↑ **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Prayer Leader: Lord, in your mercy,  
**Congregation: hear our prayer.**

**MEAL**

↑ **SHARING THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*The congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

↓ **OFFERING: It is Well with My Soul** arr. John Ness Beck  
Choir Anthem

↓ **PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

## ↑OFFERING PRAYER

Be known to us, O Lord,  
in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world.  
Amen.

## ↑ GREAT THANKSGIVING

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*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.***

## ↑PREFACE FOR THE DAY

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..... and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.***

## ↑WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### ↑LORD'S PRAYER

*You are invited to pray in the version or language of your choice.*  
**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

Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

## ↓DISTRIBUTION

*Communion (Eucharist) celebrated at Trinity is open to all. We welcome you to the table! The cup we serve is non-alcoholic. Dip the bread into the cup (intinction). If you do not wish to take communion you may come forward for a blessing or remain seated.*

## ↓LAMB OF GOD

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

***Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, have mercy on us.***

***Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.***

### ↓Distribution:

***Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands*** #370  
***You Satisfy the hungry Heart*** #484

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

## ↑PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God,  
in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

## SENDING

### ↑BLESSING

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Creator, + Redeemer, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### ↑HYMN: *The Risen Christ*

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### ↑DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.  
Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

*Many worshippers choose to stay in the sanctuary to listen to the musical postlude (3-4 minutes).*

↓**POSTLUDE:** *Truro* (Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing)  
Aaron David Miller



Roxanne Trimper, Sister of Mary James  
Marcus Anthony, Newborn Cousin to Jessica Fleischman  
Rich Thomas, Friend of Elizabeth Madaras  
Mikaela Mitchell, Niece of Mary James  
Katherine Dupuich, Granddaughter of Rachel Hanson  
Noel Van Der Word, Friend of Linda & Richard Domholt  
Darwin Reynolds, Friend of Linda & Richard Domholt  
Michael Rasmussen, Nephew of Sherri & Chuck Bangert  
Debi Stebbins, Friend of Sherri Bangert  
Henry Raglin, Friend of Jackson Bohm & Christine Winberg  
Simon Fendinger, Cousin of Susi Battaglia  
Don Sheldon, Brother of Pastor Sharon Stalkfleet  
Ronald Reeves, Son-in-Law of Ray & Kaye Fitzsimons  
Keith & Michelle O'Donnell, Son & Daughter-in-Law of Pastor Ned O'Donnell  
Claire Trimper, Friend of Mary James  
Alan Peterson, Brother of Sherri Bangert  
Evelyn Berger, Gail Cromack, Kate Ganschow,  
Geoff Kline, Dennis Laine, Mike Lamb, Bill Pond, Dolores Reitmeier Trinity Members

*We give thanks for the life of those having birthdays this week.*  
**Linda Bringman (5/2)** **Chase Beardsley (5/5)**

*We especially remember University Lutheran Church in Berkeley this week in our Trinity Cycle of Prayer.*