

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 22, 2018 The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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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 sister or brother in need.

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: Karol Luque

Coffee Hour: Green Team

Counters: Jessica Fleischman & Ray Wentz

Director of Music Ministry: Julie Haydon

Greeters: Ken Gutleben

Musician: Starr Brown

Nursery: Roberta Salisbury

Prayers: Ann Kenyon; May Kay Wentz

Preacher/Presider: Stephanie Johnson

Reader: Mark Schoenrock; Carol Blomberg

TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY Meg Brogan in honor of Michael Langella

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 8:00-15; 10:30-49

CELEBRATE EARTHDAY BY BRINGING YOUR TABLET

In an effort to incorporate technology in worship and seeking new ways to reduce our carbon footprint, we invite you to bring your e-reader or tablet to access next week's bulletin in a PDF format. We will have "technology ambassadors" present to assist you in the process of accessing the bulletin.

COMING UP: Trinity's Music Ministry Concert- Sunday, May 6th at 3pm in the Fellowship Hall. Fliers are available in the church entryway for you to invite your friends and neighbors. Ice Cream Social to follow!

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sun 4/22	8:00	Worship
	9:30	Sunday Funday
	10:30	Worship
Mon 4/23	9:00	Craft Group
Tues 4/24		Pastor Stephanie Time Off
	7:15	Bible Study
Wed 4/25		Pastor Stephanie Time Off
	3:30	Joyful Noise Children's Choir practice
	6:15	Bell Choir
	7:30	Choir
Thu 4/26		Pastor Stephanie Time Off
	7:30	Morning Prayer time- sanctuary
	10:00	Trinity Seniors
	1:30	Ukulele Group
Sat 4/28	10:30	Church Council Visioning Retreat
Sun 4/29	8:00	Worship
	9:30	Sunday Funday
	10:30	Worship
	2:30	EBLP Annual Meeting at United

THE EAST BAY LUTHERAN PARISH'S (EBLP) ANNUAL MEETING

will take place next Sunday, April 29th from 2:30-5:00pm at United Lutheran (8800 Fontaine Street, Oakland). This meeting is an open meeting to any member of the EBLP Congregations who want to come hear what the EBLP has been up to in the last year. Please feel free to join us!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Terra Patris (This Is My Father's World)

Charles Callahan b. 1951

✠ GATHERING ✠

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

↑ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: 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:
for water to bathe in, water to drink,
for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder, for water that gives life to our planet.

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

P: We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place: for water from our tap, for rain, for the waters that surround us.

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

P: 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,
for guiding your people across the Jordan into a new land, for quenching the Samaritan woman's thirst with living water.

C: We give you thanks for your salvation through water.

P: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized, and for all who gather here; for godparents and baptismal sponsors, for children and grandchildren, for those newly baptized; *holy season*; for our brothers and sisters in Christ whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.

C: We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.

P: 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.

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

↑ **GATHERING**

All Creatures, Worship God Most High

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↑ **GREETING**

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

C: And also with you.

↑ **HYMN OF PRAISE**

Page 4-5 (hymnal insert)

Refrain:

Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy to the God of life and love and freedom: praise and glory forevermore!

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God. (refrain)

2. Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever. (refrain)

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God; to make all things new. (refrain)

↑ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: Let us pray. Holy and righteous God,

C: you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, 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)

↓ **FIRST READING**

Acts 4:5-12

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**

¹The LORD | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.

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

³You restore my | soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear
no evil;**

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

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

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

↓ **SECOND READING**

John 3:16-24

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.

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Thanks be to God.

↑**GOSPEL VERSE**

Alleluia

Page 8 (hymnal insert)

Alleluia, alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

↑**GOSPEL**

John 10:11-18

[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."

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

↓ **SERMON**

↑ **HYMN**

When Long before Time

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↑ **NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Prayer Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

✠ **MEAL** ✠

↑ **SHARING THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: 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**

Look at the World by John Rutter

Choir Anthem

↑ **HYMN** *As the Grains of Wheat*

Page 10 (hymnal insert)

Refrain:

***As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
So may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.***

***As this cup of blessing once shared within our midst may we share the
presence of your love
(refrain)***

***Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares within your love.
(refrain)***

↑ **PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

↑ **OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray. Be known to us, O Lord,

**C: 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.**

↑ **THANKSGIVING**

Page 11 (hymnal insert)

P: *The Lord be with you.*

C: *And also with you.*

P: *Lift up your hearts.*

C: *We lift them to the Lord.*

P: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

C: *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

↑ **PREFACE FOR THE DAY**

P: *It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer
thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ who calls us to
follow his way of humble service and love, and so with the church on
earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and
join their unending hymn:*

Holy, holy, holy are you. God of power and might; Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

↑**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God; everything is filled with your glory. We give you thanks for your promise and presence which have sustained the faithful in this and every generation. Above all we give you thanks for Jesus, born of Mary, who in word and deed announced your gentle rule of justice, reconciliation and peace.

On the night of his betrayal 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. 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.

Remembering his command to love one another, his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension, we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P: This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and our friend.

C: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ in the unity of the Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, O God, now and forever. A - men.

↑**LORD'S PRAYER**

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

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.

↑ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

↓ DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

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

Page 14 (hymnal insert)

- 1 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us**
- 2 Lamb of God, you broke the bonds of sin and death; have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us**
- 3 Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us**
- 4 Lamb of God, you are the way of mercy and love; have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us**
- 5 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.**

↓ Distribution Music

<i>Touch the Earth Lightly</i>	#739
<i>God of the Sparrow</i>	#740

↑ POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

↑ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Life-giving God,

C: 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**

P: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.
Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and
forever.

C: **Amen.**

↑ **HYMN**

Let All things Now Living

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↑ **DISMISSAL**

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

↓ **POSTLUDE**

Easter Entrada

Harvey B. Gaul 1881-1945

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



WE HOLD IN PRAYER...

Kenny Hallstone, friend of Ray & Mary Kay
Wentz

Joanne Lee, Sister of Mary Kay Wentz

Vicki Taylor, friend of Mark Schoenrock

Adriana Garcia, friend of Mark
Schoenrock

Michael Rasmussen, Nephew of Sherri &
Chuck Bangert

Alan Peterson, Brother of Sherri Bangert

Clarice & Mark Mitchell, Friends of
Demeter Lamb

Barbara Denis, Sister of Mary Kay Wentz

Patrick Stroh, Cousin of Mary Kay Wentz

Eric Abrahamson, Son-in-Law of Don &
Margie Sherratt

Scott Bogart, Son-in-Law of Don & Margie
Sherratt

Ryan Joseph, Friend of John Kofranek

Doug Williams, Former Trinity member

Constance Farber, Former Trinity member

Aimee & Cooper Mantech, Niece and
Great-Nephew of Sherri & Chuck Bangert

Mikaela Mitchell, Niece of Mary James

Claire Trimper, Friend of Mary James

Trinity members: Evelyn Berger, Gail
Cromack, Ray Fitzsimons, Kate Ganschow,
Dennis Laine

We especially remember Central Baptist
Church in Alameda this week in our Trinity
Cycle of Prayer