



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.

May 7, 2017 The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us in the midst of the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

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: Candace Gutleben

Coffee Hour: Carol Blomberg

Counters: Jessica Fleischman & Ray Wentz

Director of Music Ministry: Julie Haydon

Greeters: Don & Margie Sherratt

Musician: Starr Brown

Nursery: Roberta Salisbury

Prayers: Chuck Bangert; Anita Burnaford

Preacher/Presider: Pastor Sharon Stalkfleet

Reader: Chuck Bangert; Mike Luque

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 8:00-12; 10:30-64

Music, Music and More Music! Mark your Calendars:

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

No admission fee -donations accepted

Saturday May 20th Soli Deo Gloria performs Mozart Requiem

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

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

Sunday June 4th 4 p.m. Ken Medema and Georgia Youth Choir in Trinity Sanctuary

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sun 5/7	8:00	Worship
	9:00	Early Coffee Hour
	10:30	Worship
	12:30	Confirmation Class @ Trinity Alameda
	4:30	High School Youth meeting @ St. Paul
Mon 5/8	9:00	Craft Group
Tue 5/9	7:00	Breakfast and Bible Study
Wed 5/10	10:00	Women's Bible Study on Matthew
	6:15	Bell Choir
	7:30	Choir rehearsal
Thu 5/11	7:30	Morning Prayer time- sanctuary
	10:00	Trinity Seniors
	1:30	Ukuleles
	2:00	LMNH Worship at Crown Bay Nursing
Sun 5/14	8:00	Worship
	9:30	Sunday School
	10:30	Worship-Youth Sunday

Next Sunday, May 14th, marks the 15th Anniversary of Lutheran Ministry to Nursing Homes! Come join together to celebrate the love and care given and received through this profound Gospel based ministry.

TRINITY'S SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will take place on Sunday, May 28th following the 10:30 worship service. We will elect new Council Members, thank those whose terms are ending and vote to approve a revised constitution. Please join us for this brief meeting after Worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Antiphon V* Marcel Dupré 1886-1971

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: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* #369

↑ 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 page 195
(Refrain): *Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.*

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. (Refrain)*
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. (Refrain)*
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 our shepherd,

you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through 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)

WORD

↓ FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47

Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was outpoured on God's people. This new community is founded on the teachings of the apostles and sustained in the breaking of the bread.

⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

↓ Psalm: *The King of Love my Shepherd is* #502

↓ **SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25**

Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly in the midst of adversity.

¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²²"He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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 John, the tenth chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

↑ **Gospel: John 10:1-10**

Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Good shepherds bring people to life through Jesus, but those who avoid Jesus are dangerous to the flock.

[Jesus said:] ¹"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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

↓ **SERMON:**

↑ **HYMN: Be Thou My Vision**

#793

↑ **APOSTLES' CREED**

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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: Arise My Soul, Arise**

by Dale Wood
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 Page 200
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: Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us #789**

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: Praise the Lord, Rise up Rejoicing #544**

↑**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: Christ ist erstanden (Christ Is Arisen)**

Marcel Dupré



Bettina Meyer, Sister of *Sue Ann Schultz*
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*
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.

Ray Fitzsimons (5/6)

Joanne Robinson (5/9)

Bertie Salisbury (5/11)

Carol Blomberg (5/12)

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