

# 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 14, 2017 The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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*As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As First Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.*

**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: Henry Mills

Coffee Hour:

Counters: Jessica Fleischman & Ray Wentz

Director of Music Ministry: Julie Haydon

Greeters: Philipos Ghaly & Chase Beardsley

Musician: Starr Brown

Nursery: Roberta Salisbury

Prayers: Sherri Bangert; Brendan Mills

Preacher/Presider: Pastor Sharon Stalkfleet

Reader: Sherri Bangert; Rosalyn Luque

## **ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 8:00-17; 10:30-54**

**TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY** Bob and Ann Kenyon in honor and celebration of their 33<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**THE 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL EBLYP** Variety Show will be held next Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul Lutheran. The evening begins at 6:00 with a Spaghetti Dinner for \$10 per person. The Variety Show with a Free Will Offering will take place after dinner. We have quite the line-up of Youth performances and hope you will join us!

## **THIS WEEK AT TRINITY**

<b>Sun 5/14</b>	8:00	Worship
	9:30	Sunday School
	10:30	Worship-Youth Sunday
<b>Mon 5/15</b>	9:00	Craft Group
<b>Tue 5/16</b>	7:00	Breakfast and Bible Study
<b>Wed 5/17</b>	6:15	Bell Choir
	7:30	Choir rehearsal
<b>Thu 5/18</b>	7:30	Morning Prayer time- sanctuary
	10:00	Trinity Seniors
	1:30	Ukuleles
	2:00	LMNH Worship at Crown Bay Nursing
<b>Sun 5/21</b>	7:30	Council Meeting
	8:00	Worship
	9:30	Sunday School
	10:30	Worship-Music Ministry Sunday!
	1:00	CROP Walk (see bulletin insert)

**Today** marks the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lutheran Ministry to Nursing Homes! We 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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: Sophia Hofmann, piano

## 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, 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: *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

*He's got you and me brother in His hands...*

*He's got you and me sister in His hands...*

*He's got the little tiny little baby in His hands...*

*He's got the whole world in His hands...*

#### ↑ 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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*(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. (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. (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

Almighty God,

**your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

#### ↓ FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

*Stephen was one of the seven men chosen by the apostles to serve tables so that the apostles could be free to serve the word (Acts 6:1-6). Stephen does more than distribute food, however. For his preaching of God's word, he becomes the first martyr of the faith.*

<sup>55</sup>Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" <sup>57</sup>But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup>Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." <sup>60</sup>Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

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

#### ↓ Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

<sup>1</sup>In you, O Lord, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

<sup>2</sup>Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

**Let your face shine upon your servants; save us in your steadfast love.**

<sup>3</sup>You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

<sup>4</sup>take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

**Let your face shine upon your servants; save us in your steadfast love.**

<sup>5</sup>Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

**Let your face shine upon your servants; save us in your steadfast love.**

<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

**<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servants; save us in your steadfast love.**

↓ **SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10**

*Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.*

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup>Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup>like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

<sup>7</sup>To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner,"

<sup>8</sup>and

"A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

<sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God's people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

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 fourteenth chapter  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

↑ **Gospel: John 14:1-14**

*On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will

come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to the place where I am going."

<sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

<sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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

↓ **SERMON:**

↑ **HYMN: *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth* #735**

↑ **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: *Joy in the Morning***

by Natalie Sleeth  
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: *I Received the Living God*  
*You Are the Way*

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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, Praise, Praise the Lord*

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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: *Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*

Mark Sedio b. 1954



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.*  
Eva Fields (5/15) **Brendan Mills (5/16)**  
John Kofranek (5/18) **Demeter Lamb (5/19)**  
Candace Gutleben (5/20)

*We especially remember Full Gospel Healing Ministry of Alameda this week in our Trinity Cycle of Prayer.*