

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 21, 2017 The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Jesus does not leave his followers orphaned. Through the Holy Spirit Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

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):

Acolyte: Kori Lamb

Assisting Minister: Jean Abbe

Coffee Hour: Mission & Service Committee

Counters: Jessica Fleischman & Ray Wentz

Director of Music Ministry: Julie Haydon

Greeters: Lou & Stevie O'Connell

Musician: Starr Brown

Nursery: Roberta Salisbury

Prayers: Mary James; Carol Blomberg

Preacher/Presider: Pastor Sharon Stalkfleet

Reader: Mary James; Geoff Burnaford

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 8:00-21; 10:30-55

TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY Colleen Vermillion in honor of all who share their musical gifts to enhance the worship experience.

"Join in the Song!" The Trinity Choir invites you to sing with us next Sunday, May 28th for our last Sunday before the choir takes a summer break. We are singing a medley of favorites (Shall We Gather at The River, Peace Like a River, In the Sweet By and By). Join us at 9:50 am that morning to learn your part and sing the anthem during church.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sun 5/21	8:00	Worship	
	9:30	Sunday School	
	10:30	Worship-Music Ministry Sunday!	
	1:00	CROP Walk (see bulletin insert)	
	Mon 5/22	9:00 Craft Group	
Tue 5/23	7:00	Breakfast and Bible Study	
Wed 5/24	10:00	Women's Bible Study	
	6:15	Bell Choir	
	7:30	Choir rehearsal	
	Thu 5/25	7:30	Morning Prayer time- sanctuary
	10:00	Trinity Seniors	
	1:30	Ukuleles	
	2:00	LMNH Worship at Crown Bay Nursing	
	Sun 5/28	8:00	Worship
	9:30	Sunday School	
	10:30	Worship	
	11:45	Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting	

TRINITY'S SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will take place next 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: *Anthems of Love*

by Dan Forrest
Trinity Choir and Bell Choir

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. A-men, a-men.

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: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #807

↑ 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. (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,**

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God,

you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

↓ FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

↓ Psalm *Psalm 150*

by César Franck (1822-1890)
Trinity Choir

↓ SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Christians have a zeal for doing what is right in God's eyes no matter what the circumstances because in baptism we are saved and made alive. Thus our Christian beliefs and behavior are to be a matter of public record just as our baptism is.

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in

Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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 14:15-21**
In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

↓ **SERMON:** *He Never Failed Me Yet* by Robert Ray
Trinity Choir and Youth Karol Luque & Geoff Burnaford, soloists

↑ **HYMN:** *Sing and Rejoice* Traditional
Sing and rejoice. Sing and rejoice
Let all things living now sing and rejoice.

↑ **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:** *Let us Talents and Tongues Employ*

arr. Michael Helman

Bell Choir

↓ **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:

Amy Likar, flute

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: *How Great Thou Art*

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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: *When in Our Music God is Glorified*

Charles V. Stanford arr. Mary McDonald



Ruth Dow, Wife of Peter Dow

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.

Annie Dustin (5/23)

Jason Hayes (5/23)

Kristin Moeller (5/23)

Mary James (5/24)

We especially remember Alameda Christian Reformed Church this week in our Trinity Cycle of Prayer.



Julie Haydon, Director of Music Ministry

Starr Brown, piano/organ

Amy Likar, flute

Alise Ewan, violin

Daniel Gelman, trumpet

Sopranos:

Jean Abbe

Anita Burnaford

Karol Luque

Mary Kay Wentz

Altos:

Susi Battaglia

Alice Chalip

Eva Fields

Candace Gutleben

Kristen Moller

Helen Pederson

Tenors:

Geoff Burnaford

Rob Cabrera

Linda Domholt

Ray Fitzsimons

Rachel Hanson

Basses:

Peter Dow

Don Groskreutz

Tony Lewis

Ray Wentz

Trinity Bell Choir

Sherri Bangert

Nick Hayes

Geoff Burnaford

Karol Luque

Rob Cabrera

Elizabeth Madaras

Linda Domholt

Ray Wentz

Eva Fields