



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today's gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

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: Ken Gutleben
Coffee Hour: Council
Counters: Jessica Fleischman & Ray Wentz
Director of Music Ministry: Julie Haydon
Greeters: Kaye Fitzsimons & Kathy Booker
Musician: Starr Brown
Nursery: Roberta Salisbury
Prayers: Ann Kenyon; Candace Gutleben
Preacher/Presider: Pastor Sharon Stalkfleet
Reader: Mary James; Ray Wentz

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 8:00-14; 10:30-78

TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY Elizabeth Madaras in honor and celebration of her Children's Birthdays.

The Envelope Please! Who will be the recipient of the free will offering gathered at the concert next Sunday June 4th with Ken Medema and The Student Choir of The First Baptist Church in Dalton, Georgia? Come and be the recipient of great music, meet the students, their chaperones and their Music Director Susan Deal. These inspiring youth have paid for their own way here and offer to fundraise for a recipient at the choice of the Mission and Service Committee.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sun 5/28	8:00	Worship
	9:30	Sunday School
	10:30	Worship
	11:45	Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting
Mon 5/29	9:00	Craft Group
Tue 5/30	7:00	Breakfast and Bible Study
Thu 6/1	7:30	Morning Prayer time- sanctuary
	10:00	Trinity Seniors-final Thursday until Sept.
	1:30	Ukuleles
	2:00	LMNH Worship at Crown Bay Nursing
Sun 6/4	8:00	Worship
	9:30	Early Coffee Hour
	10:30	Worship
	4:00	Ken Medema Concert with Georgia Youth Choir- hosted at Trinity.

TRINITY'S SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will take place today 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: Nate Ben-Horin

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.

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 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. 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.

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

↑ HYMN: *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!* #393

↑ 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, 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 of glory,

your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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 10:30 a.m. 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.

WORD

↓ FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14

Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension.

⁶When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

↓ Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

¹Let God arise, and let God's ene- | mies be scattered;
let those who | hate God flee.

²**As smoke is driven away, so you should drive | them away;**

as the wax melts before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the pres- | ence of God.

³But let the righteous be glad and rejoice | before God;
let them also be mer- | ry and joyful.

⁴**Sing to God, sing praises to God's name; exalt the one who | rides the clouds;**

I AM is that name, rejoice | before God!

⁵In your holy habita- | tion, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defend- | er of widows;

⁶**you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners | into freedom;**

but the rebels shall live in | desert places.

⁷O God, when you went forth be- | fore your people,
when you marched | through the wilderness,
⁸**the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain, at the
presence of God, the | God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the | God of Israel.**
⁹You sent a bountiful | rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance | when it languished.
¹⁰**Your people found their | home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision | for
the poor.**
³²Sing to God, O kingdoms | of the earth;
sing praises | to the Lord.
³³**You ride in the heavens, O God, in the | ancient heavens;
you send forth your voice, your | mighty voice.**
³⁴Ascribe pow- | er to God,
whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is | in the skies.
³⁵**How wonderful you are in your holy places, O | God of
Israel,
giving strength and power to your people! | Blessed be
God!**

↓ **SECOND READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others, because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

^{5:6}Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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 seventeenth chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

↑ **Gospel: John 17:1-11**

On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples], he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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

↓ **SERMON:**

↑ **HYMN: What Wondrous Love is This #666**

↑ **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: Peace at the River arr. Don Hart 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: *Thine the Amen*
Christ Is the King!

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#662

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: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

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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:

Nate Ben-Horin



Sandy Bonifield, Friend of *Sherri Bangert*
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*
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.
Fern Stern (5/31)

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