



## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Anchored in Faith. Serving Our Neighbor. Singing God's Praise.*

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

### Seventh Sunday of Easter May 12, 2024

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The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

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**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!**

*The presence of children is a gift to the church and a reminder that our congregation is growing. Please welcome our youngest brothers and sisters and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.*

# ✝ THE SERVICE ✝

## ↓ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ↓PRELUDE *When Twilight Comes*

Tune: *Dapit Hapon*, Philippines  
Arr. Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960  
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## ✝ GATHERING ✝

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

### ↑THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.  
**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

### ↑HYMN *I Come with Joy* #482 vs. 1, 4, 5

- 1 I come with joy, a child of God,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall  
in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.***
- 4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here,  
alive among us here.***
- 5 Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one,  
the love that makes us one.***

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### ↑GREETING

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

### ↑CANTICLE OF PRAISE Page 169-170

***This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia. (repeat)***

- 1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and  
honor, blessing and glory are his. (refrain)***
- 2. Sing with all the people of God, and join in  
the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor,  
glory and might be to God and the Lamb  
forever. Amen. (refrain)***
- 3. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his  
reign. Alleluia. (refrain)***

### ↑PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Gracious and glorious God, **you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, 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 1:15-17, 21-26

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup>“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—<sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

↓ Psalm 1

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

↓ SECOND READING

1 John 5:9-13

<sup>9</sup>If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the

testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

*You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.*

↑ GOSPEL

John 17:6-19

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus prayed:] <sup>6</sup>“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. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for 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. <sup>9</sup>I 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. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And 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. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup>I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## ↓SERMON

## ↓CHOIR

### *O God in Heaven*

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Tune/music: Ilonggo (Philippines) traditional

## ↑AN AUSTRALIAN CREED

Let us affirm our faith.

**We believe in God, creator and lover of the earth, origin and destiny of us all.**

**We believe in Jesus the Christ-God coming to us in the fragile promise of a baby yet unborn- who emerges as the herald of hope, God's laughter in the face of despair. Plunged into death and hell, he broke free of the captives, and is leading the way to the land of promise where justice and peace will flourish.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who implants the seed of truth, brings us to birth as the body of Christ, and empowers us to confront and transform all that is corrupt, degrading and deceitful.**

**We believe in the coming reign of God. Announced by the Baptist, it has drawn near to us in Jesus, and will be consummated in the glorious marriage of earth and heaven, when all who have passed through the world's deep sorrow will be raised from the waters, robed in righteousness, and gathered into the joyous fulfillment of God's desire.**

**For the coming of that day on this day, we work and pray: Come, Lord Jesus, Come!**

An Affirmation of Faith from our siblings in Australia

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*(The congregation is encouraged to take the position which is most prayerful to you.)*

You may choose to sit or stand as you are comfortable.

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

You sanctify us in your truth; your word is truth. Send your church out into the world to spread your love and joy. Embolden all bishops, pastors, and deacons (*especially*) to be faithful ministers of your word and sacraments. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your creation groans under the strain of pollution. Preserve melting glaciers and dwindling forests. Bolster those who work for climate justice and help us all to be good and faithful stewards of your creation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your people seek wisdom, understanding, and peace. Guide all those who govern and inspire them to work on behalf of the most vulnerable in our midst. Keep safe first responders, those serving in the military, and those whose duty it is to protect others. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your children need your loving care. Protect them from all harm. Comfort those in any affliction. Today we pray especially for *Betty Ann Haskins, Matt Fleischman, Ginny Parsons, Lou and Stevie O'Connell, JoAnn Lee, Eva Fields, Ryan Simpson, Elizabeth Madaras, RuthAnne Ladue, Jerry Stich, Sister Pat Nagle, Bernadette Hunsaker, Peter Dow, Jane McDermott, Mary Goglio, Wes & Marla Anderson, Constance Farber, Alan Petersen, Annalise Simmons, Helen Pedersen, Ann Kenyon, Tricia, Pam Clisham, Deanna Madarasz, Craig Anderson, Pastor Craig, Jackson Bohm, Nancy Stich, Patricia Runo, Michael Rasmussen, Gail Cromack, Kate Ganschow, Michael Lamb, Maddy Pearce, Christine Winberg and Dorothy Wingire.* Support those who grieve and bring solace to those near death. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the ministries of your Word, for Trinity Church Council, the Strategic Exploration Team, the priesthood of all believers, Church of Christ in Alameda, the Lutheran Church of Kagitumba in Rwanda and our Sunday School. We pray for the lives of Carol Blomberg, Brendan Mills, and John Kofranek as they celebrate their birthdays this week. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your Spirit lives within us here. Inspire the work of this congregation and unite us as one. Bless all the mothers in our midst, console those for whom this day is difficult, and gather us all under the care of your loving wings. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

At this time, you are invited to pray the prayers of your heart, either silently or aloud.

*A moment is offered for prayers from the congregation*

Your saints dwell with you in light. Keep us ever thankful for those who have gone before us in faith. Inspire us by their witness. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

✠ MEAL ✠

↑ SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

↓ OFFERING

↑ 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

*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, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

↑ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest,  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

↑ JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

↑ 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

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.  
**Thanks be to God!**

↓ DISTRIBUTION

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. The cup we serve is non-alcoholic. **Gluten-free wafers are offered for those who have need. Please indicate your need to the pastor as you approach to receive the host.** 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.**

↑ POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

↑ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Shepherding God, **you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

↑ BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

↑HYMN *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!* #383

- 1 *Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!  
Celebrate this day of days!  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:  
all creation is amazed.  
In the desert all surrounding,  
see, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding  
bring a taste of love unknown.*
- 2 *Christ is risen! Raise your spirits  
from the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning.  
See what love can do and dare.  
Drink the wine of resurrection,  
not a servant, but a friend.  
Jesus is our strong companion.  
Joy and peace shall never end.*
- 3 *Christ is risen! Earth and heaven  
nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation  
where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:  
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the First and Last is with us.  
Sing Hosanna, ev'ryone!*

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↑DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE *I Come With Joy*

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# THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AT TRINITY

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 39

## IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK:

Mon 5/13	<i>Dine and Connect hosted at Trinity</i>	
	9:30am	Craft Group
Tues 5/14	7:30am	Bible Study (meets on Zoom)
Wed 5/15	10:00am	Women's Bible Study (meets on Zoom)
Thurs 5/16	12:30pm	Ukuleles with Ozzy's Music Academy (fellowship hall)
Sun 5/19	8:00am	Bible Study (meets in meeting room next to Pastor's Office)

**TRINITY'S SPRING SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will take place **NEXT** Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> immediately following the worship service. Current agenda items are to elect new Council Members and have a Strategic Exploration Committee report. Please plan to attend!

**NEXT SUNDAY, 5/19, IS PENTECOST SUNDAY. Wear red to church!**

**LUTHERAN LOBBY DAY** Wednesday May 15<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30am-4pm in Sacramento. Registration is now open. For more information on Lobby Day, or to register to attend, please visit [lutheranpublicpolicyca.org](http://lutheranpublicpolicyca.org) or talk with Mary James to learn more about this vital event.

**A NOTE FROM OUR MUSICIAN, STARR:** May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, when we recognize the contributions and influence of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islander Americans to our history and culture. Each Sunday this month we will have at least one piece of music from the AAPI community; check out the fine print under each hymn to see its origin.

**SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** Join Pastor Stephanie on Sunday mornings in the meeting room by Pastor's office at 8:00am for bible study. The study will allow those who wish to sing in the choir to still be able to join this study and also make it to pop-up practice at 8:45, though final thoughts/fellowship will continue until 9:00am. Our series beginning on May 5<sup>th</sup> will look at passages that discuss the how, when, and why of prayer. All are welcome! No previous experience or prior participation necessary! We have bibles, but you may want to bring your favorite from home.

**AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM OZZY'S MUSIC ACADEMY:** Hello Trinity Community! We are excited to announce the return of a Ukulele group! Ozzy's Music Academy will be hosting a weekly ukulele jam group/workshop every week on Thursdays through June from 12:30-2pm. Feel free to send Ozzy an email at [info@ozzysmusicacademy.com](mailto:info@ozzysmusicacademy.com) to say hello before joining next week. Bring a ukulele, guitar, or instrument of choice to begin or revisit your music practice and share in community music-making. Please feel free to spread the word to anyone you know who might be interested!

**STRATEGIC SPIRITUAL JOURNEY** On Sunday, June 23, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., following the church service we plan to have our first Strategic Spiritual Journey session. A small lunch will be provided by the SET. During this meeting, we will divide into groups of 2-3, discuss a prayer or a scripture passage and share what it has to say to us about God's will for our congregation. There will be leaders there to help in this process, but your voice is critically important. Please consider whether you would be willing to participate in this journey with the Strategic Exploration Team. There will be a sign-up at the Congregational Meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup> so the SET can form the groups.



*Trinity Lutheran*  
**UKULELE  
GROUP**

**THURSDAYS 12:30-2PM**

**APRIL 25  
MAY 2, 9, 16, 23  
JUNE 13, 20, 27**

**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED  
• OTHER INSTRUMENTS WELCOME**

**Visits from Pastor Stephanie**

If you would appreciate a visit from Pastor Stephanie, she is available by phone, text or email to make an appointment. She is happy to visit with you in your home, at her office, or a location of your convenience.

**Pastor's Office Hours**

*Mon-10:00-Noon; Tues. 9am-Noon; Thurs.-10:00-Noon*  
You can reach Pastor Stephanie on her cell phone at (510) 846-0883