

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**1186 Jason Drive, Greencastle, PA**

**TLC Renews**



We want to be a congregation who continues:  
Trusting God  
Loving and Connecting with God and one another  
Reaching out to all God's children

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 7, 2023 10:15 AM**

**Rev. Denise Horn – Interim Pastor**  
**Ministers to the World – Congregation of Trinity Lutheran**  
**Mission – *To Share Christ in Word and Deed***  
**Office Phone – 717-597-9348**

## **WE WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE THIS DAY!**

- If you are visiting with us, we are honored by your presence. If you are seeking a church home, please contact the Pastor.
  - Holy Communion is celebrated in this morning's worship. All are welcome to the table. Young children should follow the practice of their home congregation.
  - The Worship Service will be available on You Tube, Facebook and the Website after the service. It is being recorded through Facebook Live.
  - Congregational responses are in bold.
- \* *Please stand*

### **Welcome, Announcements, Opening Prayer**

#### **GATHERING**

##### **Prelude**

*Christ is Alive, Let Christians Sing* (ELW #389)

##### **Confession**

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so**

**that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

**\*Gathering Hymn**

*Christ Our Hope in Life and Death* (CCLI #2823825)

1 What is our hope in life and death

Christ alone Christ alone

What is our only confidence

That our souls to Him belong

Who holds our days within His hand

What comes apart from His command

And what will keep us to the end

The love of Christ in which we stand

*Chorus*

O sing hallelujah

Our hope springs eternal

O sing hallelujah

Now and ever we confess

Christ our hope in life and death

2 What truth can calm the troubled soul

God is good God is good

Where is His grace and goodness

known

In our great Redeemer's blood

Who holds our faith when fears arise

Who stands above the stormy trial

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh

Unto the shore the rock of Christ

3 Unto the grave what will we sing

Christ He lives Christ He lives

And what reward will heaven bring

Everlasting life with Him

There we will rise to meet the Lord

Then sin and death will be destroyed

And we will feast in endless joy

When Christ is ours forevermore

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**\*Greeting:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**\*Prayer of the Day:** We pray together: **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.**

### **First Lesson – Acts 7:55-60**

<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.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

<sup>1</sup>In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>**Incline your ear to me;  
make haste to deliver me.**

<sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold;

for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>**Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,  
for you are my tower of strength.**

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

<sup>15</sup>**My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those**

**who persecute me.**

<sup>16</sup>Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.”

## Second Lesson – 1 Peter 2:2-10

<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.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation



\*The Holy Gospel according to John, the fourteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*Gospel: John 14:1-14**

[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.”

The gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Scott Valentine

**Time of Silence:** *We respond to God’s love becoming still, closing our eyes and opening our heart spaces to God’s presence.*

## Hymn

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* (ELW #597)

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
no merit of my own I claim,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
- Refrain*  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.
- 2 When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in ev'ry high and stormy gale  
my anchor holds within the veil.  
*Refrain*
- 3 His oath, his covenant, his blood  
sustain me in the raging flood;  
when all supports are washed away,  
he then is all my hope and stay.  
*Refrain*
- 4 When he shall come with trumpet  
sound,  
oh, may I then in him be found,  
clothed in his righteousness alone,  
redeemed to stand before the  
throne! *Refrain*

*Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.*

**\*Prayers of the Church** - (*Each petition ends with "Hear us, O God."*. *The Congregation responds "Your mercy is great."*)

### **\*Sign of Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.** (*If you are joining us on Facebook, please share Christ's peace with one another in the comments.*)

### **MEAL**

*You are invited to come forward for the traditional distribution of Communion or if you prefer, take a prepackaged kit available from the Usher and remain seated. The Pastor will give instructions to you prior to communing the Assistants.*

### **\*Offertory**

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **\*Dialogue**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

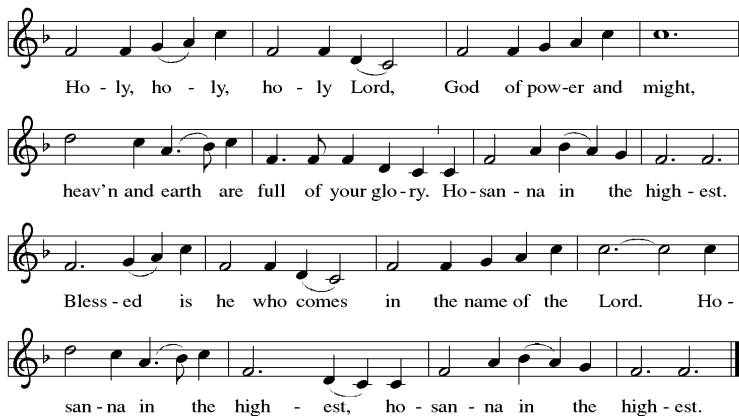
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### **\*Words of Institution**

Last week we celebrated Communion together, blessing the bread and cup we share today.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new



covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

### **\*Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer Our Savior taught us: **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**

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

**Pew Communion:** *Those who wish to commune from their seats using the prepackaged kits please open them now. Take and eat and drink, the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.*

### **Assistants Commune**

### **Communion**

The body of Christ given for you.

The blood of Christ shed for you.

Communion Hymns: (Lyrics available on the screen)

*Rock of Ages* (ELW #623) vs 1,2,3

*Just a Closer Walk With Thee* (ELW #697) vs 1,2

*All to Us*

### **Table Blessing**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## SENDING

### **Benediction**

The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **Amen.**

### **\*Sending Hymn**

*Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land* (ELW #333)

1 Jesus is my refuge  
My rock, my strength, my light  
He will lead and guide and save  
For he understands our plight

2 Jesus is a living stone  
Choice and precious in the sight of God  
He wants a holy, living church  
A spiritual house for a priesthood

3 "Let not your heart be troubled  
Believe also in Me  
I go to prepare a place for you  
And very soon you will see"

### **\*Sending for Service**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Thank you to Scott Valentine for bringing the message today.*

***SERVING TRINITY TODAY***

Director of Music – Sandra Wingert

Assisting Minister – Charlie Ford

Communion Assistants – Sue Wunderlich, Mary Thomas, Robin Witmer-Kline

Communion Cups – Josie Thomas

Singer – Matt Cessna

Usher – Rob Marsh

IT Ministry – IT Team

Communion Preparer – Donna Wolfe and Sue Wunderlich

Media Shout – Ivan Wingert

**TODAY WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Gust and Mimi Barbuzanes, Joyce Berger, Carolyn Clark, Gladys Coble, Sue Deardorff, Terry and Laura Ellis, Betsy Fisher, Nancy Freshman, Donnie Funk, Wendy Hall, Jake Johns, Doug McCullough, Ray Shriver, Bud and Donna Wolfe.

Each week we also remember four families of our congregation: Rhonda Swart; Dale and Karen Thatcher; James, Mary, Larson and Josie Thomas; Scott Valentine.