

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH 1186 Jason Drive, Greencastle, PA

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER April 21, 2024 10:15 AM

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Mission – To Share Christ in Word and Deed

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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 and the Website after the service.
- Congregational responses are in bold.
- Please stand

Welcome, Announcements, Opening Prayer

GATHERING

Prelude

Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia (ELW #369)

*Confession and Forgiveness

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.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive 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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of \pm Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with

power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

*Gathering Hymn

- 1 Oh the perfect Son of God In all His innocence Here walking in the dirt with you and me He knows what living is He's acquainted with our grief A man of sorrows Son of suffering
- 3 Some imagine You are distant and removed
 But You chased us down in merciful pursuit
 To the sinner You were grace
 And the broken You embraced
 And in the end the proof is in Your wounds
 Yes in the end the proof is in Your wounds

Son of Suffering (CCLI #2823825)

- 2 Blood and tears how can it be There's a God who weeps There's a God who bleeds Oh praise the One Who would reach for me Hallelujah to the Son of suffering
- 4 Your cross my freedom Your stripes my healing All praise King Jesus Glory to God in Heaven Your blood still speaking Your love still reaching All praise King Jesus Glory to God forever

5 All praise King Jesus All praise King Jesus All praise King Jesus Glory to God forever All praise King Jesus All praise King Jesus All praise King Jesus Glory to God forever

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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: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson – Acts 4:5-12

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone.'

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 (Read responsively)

¹The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Second Lesson – 1 John 3:16-24

⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation -



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*The Holy Gospel according to John, the tenth chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel: John 10:11-18

[Jesus said:] ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

The gospel of the Lord **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Time of Silence: At our best Trinity is passionate about God. We respond to God's love becoming still, closing our eyes and opening our heart spaces to God's presence.

*Hymn

The King of Love My Shepherd Is (ELW #502)

*Apostles' Creed

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 power of 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 the Church - (Each petition ends with "God of grace,". The Congregation responds "hear our prayer.)

*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

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

*Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

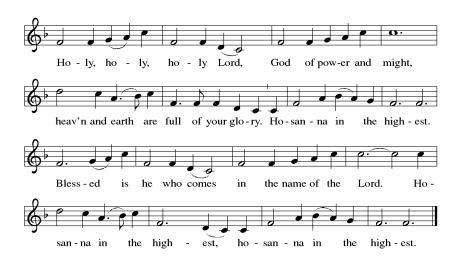
We lift them to the Lord.

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:



*Words of Institution

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, Jesus 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

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

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:

Lamb of God (ELW #336) Behold the Lamb (CCLI #2823825)

away

Slain for us and we remember

The promise made that all who come in He drained death's cup that all may

faith

Find forgiveness at the cross

So we share in this Bread of Life And we drink of His sacrifice As a sign of our bonds of peace

Around the table of the King

1 Behold the Lamb who bears our sins 3 The blood that cleanses every stain of

sin

Shed for you drink and remember

enter in

To receive the life of God

So we share in this Bread of Life And we drink of His sacrifice As a sign of our bonds of grace Around the table of the King

2 The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ 4 And so with thankfulness and faith we Torn for you eat and remember

The wounds that heal the death that

brings us life

Paid the price to make us one So we share in this Bread of Life And we drink of His sacrifice As a sign of our bonds of love

Around the table of the King

rise

To respond and to remember

Our call to follow in the steps of Christ

As His body here on earth As we share in His suffering

We proclaim Christ will come again And we'll join in the feast of heaven

Around the table of the King

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This I Believe (The Creed) (CCLI #2823825)

1 I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in One
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

2 I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

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*Table Blessing

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

*Post Communion Prayer

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

Benediction

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.**

*Sending Hymn They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love (CCLI #2823825)

1 We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored *Chorus*

Chorus
And they'll know we are Christians
By our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love

2 We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land *Chorus*

3 We will work with each other
We will work side by side
We will work with each other
We will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity
And save each man's pride *Chorus*

4 All praise to the Father From whom all things come And all praise to Christ Jesus His only Son And all praise to the Spirit Who makes us one *Chorus*

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*Sending for Service

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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TODAY WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Gust Barbuzanes, Don Berger, Marie Dean, Sue Deardorff, Terry and Laura Ellis, Shirley Freeman, Charles and Nancy Freshman, Sally Funk, Dick Gardenhour, Erma Horn, Jake Johns, Roger Johns, Tracy Loucks, Gary Louder, Doug McCullough, Don Swart, Bud and Donna Wolfe.. *The prayer list will be purged at the end of the month. If you wish a name to be retained (other than homebound members) please call or email the office — 717-597-9348/tlcsecoffice@gmail.com.*

Each week we also remember four members and friends of our congregation: Peggy Potter; Tammy Potter; Rob, Erin, Dorian and Lydia Pryke; Kathy Saczawa..