

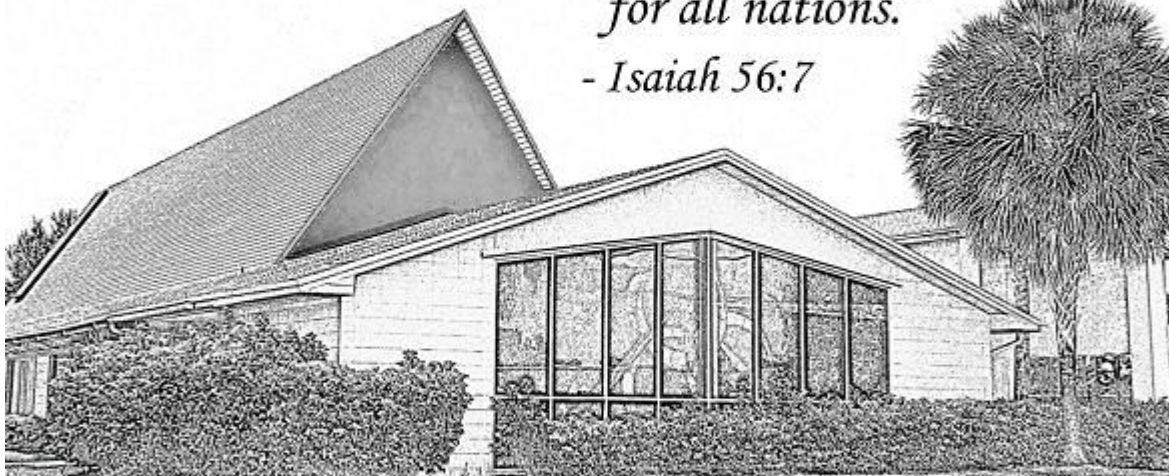
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

2011 S. 13th Street

Fort Pierce, FL 34950



*“For My house
will be called a house of prayer
for all nations.”
- Isaiah 56:7*



Celebrating our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

Welcome: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church where our vision is “**educating, equipping, and empowering all people to live lives of Promise and purpose through Jesus Christ**”! We’re excited you’re here and look forward to the opportunity to learn more about your unique faith journey. As you spend time here, you’ll notice some amazing things:

1. You’ll notice warm and friendly people trusting in God’s promises and sharing their experiences.
2. You’ll notice authentic and vibrant worship. It could be Latin chanting, familiar old hymns, or a guitar-led modern worship piece, but in every instance, worship at Trinity comes from the heart.
3. You’ll be noticed. When you’re here, expect people to be interested in you. You have an amazing story to tell, and we want to hear it!

As We Gather

A treasured children’s song, “I Love to Tell the Story, has a refrain that follows each of the stanzas penned by poet Arabella Katherine Hankey, repeating the simple words: “I love to tell the story; ’Twill be my theme in glory, To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.” The original Greek language in which John wrote his Gospel uses the word “love” either as a noun or a verb some nine times in the section of Jesus’ words heard in the Gospel for today. Jesus wants His disciples and us to know the abiding power of His love. It is that love that compels us to love one another—and the “others” beyond our circles of family, friends, and other close relationships. We are blessed in hearing the “old, old story of Jesus and His love” anew today. May we be blessed in telling it out in love as well!

Prelude: “Here I Am to Worship”

Trinity Worship Team

The Congregation prepares their hearts for worship. "...Let us draw near with a true heart..." (Hebrews 10:21-25)

Confession and Absolution

Please stand.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Exhortation

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

Absolution

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Please stand and face the Processional Cross.

The candles are lit during the Processional Hymn.

Processional Hymn: 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

sts. 1-3, 7-8



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and
8 He lives, all glo - ry to His name! He lives, my



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
I shall con - quer death; He lives my man - sion
Je - sus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.
sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-99, abr.
Tune: attr. John C. Hatton, d. 1793
Text and tune: Public domain

Service of the Word

Kyrie

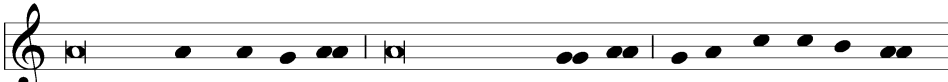
Mark 10:14



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a - bove and for our sal - va - tion let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



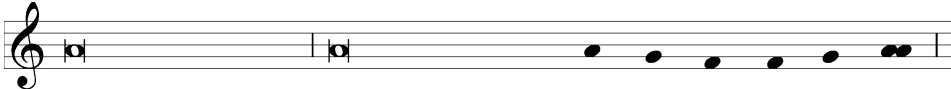
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni - ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



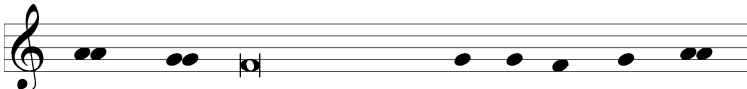
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



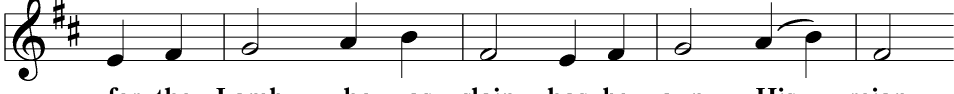
Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please sit.

First Reading: Gentiles Hear the Good News

Acts 10:34–48

A The First Reading is written in Acts, chapter 10.

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle: Overcoming the World

1 John 5:1–8

A The Epistle is written 1 John, chapter 5.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel: Abide in My Love

John 15:9–17

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please sit.

Hymn of the Day: I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove, of
2 I love to tell the sto - ry; more won - der - ful it seems than
3 I love to tell the sto - ry; 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat what
4 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best seem

Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love. I
all the gold - en fan - cies of all our gold - en dreams. I
seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet. I
hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it, like the rest. And

love to tell the sto - ry be - cause I know it's true; it
love to tell the sto - ry; it did so much for me, and
love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard the
when in scenes of glo - ry I sing the new, new song, 'twill

sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.
that is just the rea - son I tell it now to thee.
mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Tune: W. G. Fischer

Sermon

Please stand.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,

very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

"Us men" means all people.

Christian: the ancient text reads "catholic", meaning "the whole".

"Church" as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine.

Please sit or kneel as you are able.

Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, You invite us freely to come and hear Your Word. Bless and increase our faith, that we may rightly fear You and learn what You have done for our souls. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord of all, You make known the good news of peace through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Bless and direct the work of our missionaries, that in every nation there would be people who fear God, do what is right and, believing in Jesus, receive forgiveness of sins through His name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Father of love, out of great love for You and for sinners, our Lord Jesus laid down His life for the world. Increase in us true love for one another, that like our Lord, we may also lay down our lives for our friends. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Almighty Father, You rule this world by Your established authorities in ways that we do not always understand; yet in the name of Jesus, we may ask You anything freely as friends and sons. Bless our nation's leaders and cause them to serve wisely for our good. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Merciful God, You hear and answer Your children in their hour of need. Give aide to *Connie, Mike, George, Angie, Rev. Engel, Karol, Kevin, Robert, Angela, Cathy, Donna, Skip, Amanda, Ernie, Elma, Fred, Pat, Joe, Theresa, George, Bonnie, Cheryl, Mary, Tammy, Heather, Jim, Melissa*, those affected by violence around the world, those who battle addictions, those with mental health concerns, those who are lost or forgotten, those who are homeless, and those we now name in our hearts:

Individual prayers may be offered at this time.

Grant that they would bear their crosses with faith, ever looking to You, and so fix their hearts where true joy is found. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Merciful God, at the death of Your Son, You gave the testimony of Your Spirit in the water and blood that poured from His wounded side. Grant that, having received this testimony in the water of Baptism, we may also receive it in the body and blood of Jesus in the Holy Supper and so overcome the world by our faith in Him. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please sit.

Offering: 791 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our
3 O en - ter then His gates with praise; Ap - proach with
4 For why? The Lord our God is good: His mer - cy
△ 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, The God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with mirth, His
aid He did us make. We are His folk, He
joy His courts un - to. Praise, laud, and bless His
is for - ev - er sure. His truth at all times
heav'n and earth a - dore, From us and from the



praise forth - tell; Come ye be - fore Him and re - joice.
doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.
name al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.
firm - ly stood And shall from age to age en - dure.
an - gel host Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1593, alt.
Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois
Text and tune: Public domain

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: “Time, Talent, and Treasure”

1 Timothy 2:5–6 – “For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all.” To be ransomed is to be bought back, to be purchased. We belong to God fair and square, not only because He created us, but now doubly so because we are ransomed. We belong to God: that’s the beginning of thankfulness and generosity.



Please stand.

Service of the Sacrament

Communion Statement


Trinity Lutheran Church joins together in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, are asked first to speak with the pastor. In the mean time, please feel welcome to come forward and receive a special blessing.

Preface


2 Timothy 4:22, Colossians 3:1, Psalm 136



P The Lord be with you.




C And al-so with you.




P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the

marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28, 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

1 Corinthians 11:26, Revelation 22:20

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

C 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.

Pax Domini

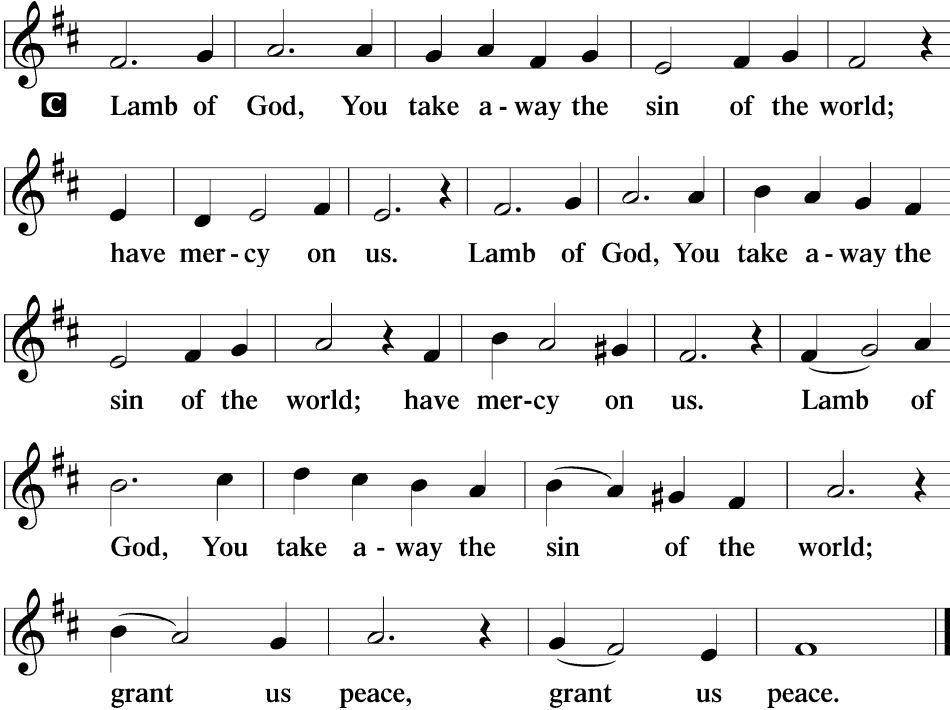
John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29




C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please sit.

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Distribution Hymn: 543 What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, When
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my
is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

Text: A General Selection of . . . Hymns and Spiritual Songs, 1811, Lynchburg, alt.
Tune: Southern Harmony, 1835, New Haven
Text and tune: Public domain

Piano Interlude: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
Public Domain. Isaac Watts, 1707

Distribution Hymn: "In Christ Alone"
Getty and Townend ©2016 JJC Music

- 1 In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

- 2 In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

3 There in the ground His body lay,
 Light of the world by darkness slain
 Then bursting forth in glorious day,
 Up from the grave He rose again!
 And as He stands in victory,
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
 For I am His and He is mine
 Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4 No guilt in life, no fear in death
 This is the pow'r of Christ in me
 From life's first cry to final breath,
 Jesus commands my destiny.
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
 Can ever pluck me from His hand
 'Til He returns or calls me home
 Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Text: Stuart Townend
 Text: © 2002 CCLI. Used by permission: CCLI no. 11008289

Piano Interlude: "The Power of the Cross"

CCLI Song # 4490766. Keith Getty | Stuart Townend © 2005 Thankyou Music

Please stand.

Thank the Lord

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
 He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
 joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
 es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

Recessional Hymn: 686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
 4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
 help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
 strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
 love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
 Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
 Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
 How I'll sing Thy won - drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–90, alt.
Tune: Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813, Harrisburg
Text and tune: Public domain

During the Recessional Hymn, all candles are extinguished.

Congregational Announcements

Please sit for the Announcements.

Postlude

Rick Forsberg

Acknowledgments

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2024 Concordia Publishing House.

Even if you've never had to testify in court, a thousand TV shows have made you familiar with the question, "Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?" Why not just make people swear to tell the truth? Or make them promise not to lie?

Any parent who has ever had to interrogate a child about a broken cookie jar or a scuffle over a toy knows the answer. There are plenty of ways to try to get out of trouble without technically lying. You tell just enough of the truth to skate on by.

We often play the game of seeing how close we can get to sinning without technically going over the line.

But in our heart of hearts we know that this is not what God intended when He gave us the commandments. He's not giving us a merely negative rule and challenging us to just barely stay away from this or that. There is much more to each commandment than a prohibition. We shouldn't just avoid murdering people — we should be of service to our neighbor.

For each negative prohibition in the commandments there is a positive good that we are to cherish and protect. In the Eighth Commandment, that gift is the reputation of our neighbor and our relationship with him:

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Your relationship with your family members (who are your nearest neighbors), the other members of your congregation, your coworkers and your friends is one of the most precious gifts you have been given. You need to exercise good stewardship with this gift just as much as you need to exercise good stewardship with your life, resources, time and income. This is an especially fragile gift because it's easy to ruin a relationship with slander and talking behind someone's back.

But speaking well of your neighbor in Christian love is absolutely free; it costs you nothing, yet it pays you great dividends. If you find this challenging at times, if you are tempted to speak ill of others, just remember that this other person is also a beloved child of God for whom your Lord Jesus suffered and died. Your Lord Jesus loves you both.

This Week at Trinity

Monday	5:30 pm	Girl Scouts
Tuesday	5:30 pm	Handbells Rehearsal
Wednesday	11:00 am	Prayer Team
Thursday	10:30 am	Bible Class
	6:00 pm	Pilot Club
Sunday	9:00 am	Sunday School Class
	10:00 am	Worship as Family
	11:15 am	Fellowship

Thank you for your support? Trinity Academy classroom furniture donations are still being accepted. A new chart is posted in the narthex. And, if you have already selected an item, you can write a check to “Open Arms” and place it in any Sunday plate.

Open Arms/Trinity Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be July 15th – 19th! If you would be interested in volunteering for activities, please contact Rebecca Bravo at 489-4800, or at “rebecca@openarms4kids.com”.

The Ministry of Acolytes: The Ministry of Acolytes is a beautiful and sacred role at Trinity. Acolytes can be seen at nearly every service, wearing white robes, and assisting our pastors in our liturgical celebrations. Acolytes participate in processions, light candles, assist with the Holy Eucharist, and other tasks related to the liturgy. The Ministry of Acolytes is open to those who are members of the church and possess a love for the liturgy or a longing to know more about it. Acolytes receive instruction several times per year hosted by the Board of Elders. If you are interested in serving The Ministry of Acolytes, please see Jim Davis.

For Those with Mobility Concerns: If you are unable to take Communion at the Altar Rail, please let an usher know so that we can Commune you in your pew. Please also consider sitting at the end of the pew closest to the center aisle.

Pastoral Support: Life is full of ups, downs, twists, and turns. But one of the most wonderful blessings of being part of a local Congregation is that we never have to face life’s challenges alone. If you, or someone you care about, could benefit from a pastoral visit, please contact the Church office (461-7272).

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Income & Expense March, 2024**

	Mar-24			2024 YTD		
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance
Total Income	\$ 19,383	\$ 19,858	\$475	\$ 61,522	\$ 63,054	\$1,532
Total Expenses	\$ 17,748	\$ 15,376	\$2,372	\$ 47,844	\$ 43,252	\$4,592
Net Income	\$1,635	\$4,481	\$2,846	\$13,678	\$19,802	\$6,124

Trinity's Prayer Ministry: You can fill out a prayer request card and place it in the offering plate. You can also email a prayer request to Holly Tetzloff at "GrammaTetz@att.net" or text the request to 772-332-1020. Our prayer team prays throughout the week and meets every Wednesday from 11am - 11:30am. (Contact Jim Davis or Patty Cook for more info. on our Wednesday prayer group. Contact Holly Tetzloff if you would like to be added to the weekly prayer email newsletter.) Join us in prayer as we bring these requests to our Lord's throne of Grace. "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer". (Romans 12:12)

Spiritual Gifts! Want to learn more about how to serve the Church with your unique spiritual gifts? Pick up a Spiritual Gifts Survey in the Narthex! Once completed, you can either keep the information for you own person growth or you can see Pastor Cox for further discussion.

Members Who Are Homebound or in a Nursing Care Facility
~ Connie Barr (2617 Serenity Circle North, Fort Pierce, FL 34981)

Today's Light Readings (May 6th – 11th)

Monday – Daniel 7-8

Tuesday – Daniel 9

Wednesday – Daniel 10-12

Thursday – Hosea 1-2

Friday – Hosea 3-4

Saturday – Hosea 5-6

Attendance for last Sunday, April 28th - 76

Trinity Lutheran Church - TrinityChurch4U.com

Rev. Richard Cox, Pastor (772-461-7272)

Debbie Manis, Congregation President (meanolgranmad@gmail.com)

Jeffrey Edwards, Organist (772-577-8044 - ejeffpiano@gmail.com)

Rick Forsberg, Worship Leader (rickforsberg@gmail.com)

Leslie Graham, Office Manager (772-461-7272 - trinitychurch4u@gmail.com)

Open Arms of Fort Pierce - OpenArms4kids.com (772-489-4800)

Rebecca Bravo, Interim Director (rebecca@openarms4kids.com)

Trinity Academy

Jordon Lee, Principal (Mrs.Lee@openarms4kids.com)

