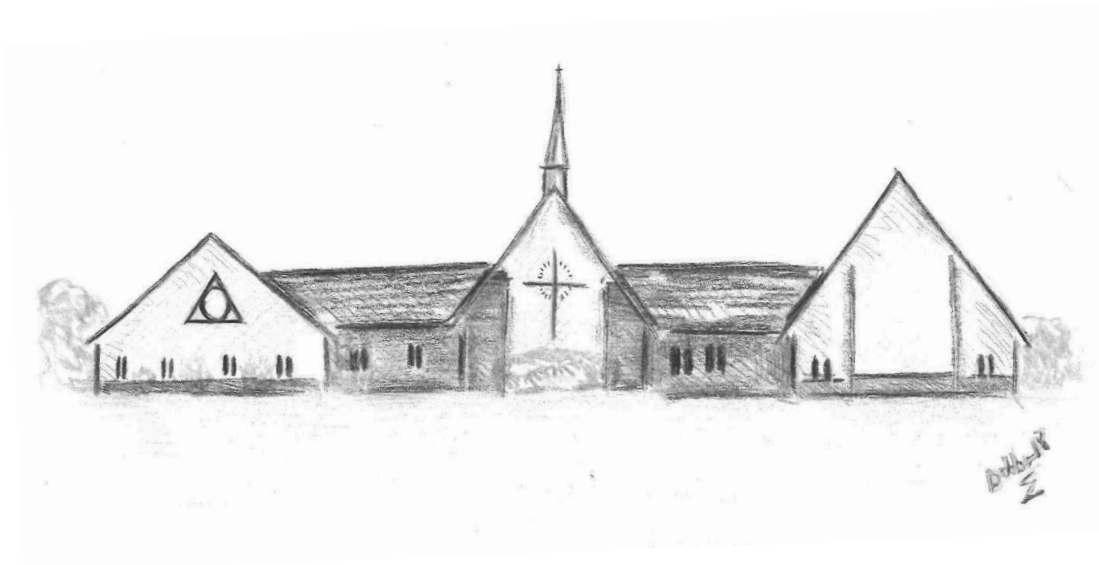


# Fourth Sunday of Easter

## April 21, 2024



### **OUR MISSION:**

***To make disciples for Jesus Christ,  
to baptize and to teach the faith,  
that all may know the hope of Jesus Christ  
and become responsible members of His church.***

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## **INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

*The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.*

## **PRELUDE MUSIC**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

P Now, let us take a moment in silent reflection as we clear our hearts and minds for worship.

# WELCOME SONG

W&P 21

Blessing, honor, and glory

21

C Am<sup>7</sup> G/B C F/A G/B  
Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry to the Lamb.

C G/B C/E F Gsus G C/E  
Ho - ly, righ - teous, wor - thy is the Lamb.

F Am<sup>7</sup> G Em<sup>7</sup> C/E F Am G C<sup>2</sup>/E  
Death could not hold him down, for he is ris - en!

F<sup>2</sup> Am<sup>7</sup> G Em<sup>7</sup> C/E F Dm<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup>Gsus G  
Seat-ed up - on the throne, he is the Lamb of God!

<sup>2</sup>Gsus G C Am<sup>7</sup> G/B C F/A G/B  
God! Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry to the Lamb.

C F/A G/B C/E F G C/E F C  
Ho - ly, righ - teous, wor - thy is the Lamb of God.

## GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

P Please rise.

# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Most merciful God,

C **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.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us,  
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority,  
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

# GATHERING SONG

ELW 379

## Now the Green Blade Rises



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

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Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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## GREETING

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **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.**

P Please be seated.

## WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

### **FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12**

*Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.*

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let 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.

<sup>11</sup>This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.'

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

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

# RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## Psalm 23

- L <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.
- C <sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**
- L <sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
- C <sup>4</sup>**Though 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.**
- L <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- C <sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**
- P Please rise.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

7 Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -  
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **GOSPEL: John 10:11-18**

**P** The holy gospel according to John, the tenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The 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. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I 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. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No 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.”

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**P** Please be seated.

## **SERMON**

**The Reverend Karen Nelson, Pastor**

**P** Please rise.



# SERMON HYMN

## W&P 95

### Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

*Prayer of St. Francis*



1 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.  
2 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.  
4 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.



Where there is ha - tred, let me bring your love;  
Where there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope;  
It is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned,

*Last time to coda* ⊕



where there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord;  
where there is dark - ness, . . . . . on - ly light;  
in giv - ing of our - selves that we re -



and where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
and where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.



3 O Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so



much to be con - soled as to con - sole, to be



un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be

*D.C. (stanza 4) al coda*



loved as to love with all my soul.



ceive, and in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

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Music: PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS, Sebastian Temple

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# **APOSTLES' CREED**

**P** Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C** **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.**

P Please sit or kneel.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L Let us pray.

L 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.*

L Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

L Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire scientists, researchers, conservation organizations, and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may be better stewards of the world around us. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

L Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good. God of grace,

**C hear our prayer.**

L Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable.

We especially pray for those who are unable to be with us today: Jerry, Sandy, Dot, Nancy, Joe, & Diane.

For those who need your healing: Stacy, Joan, June, Peggy, Anna, Marita, Chrissy, Heather, Vera, Charles, Steve, Dave, Rick, Brandon, Mike, Susan, Kate, Brandy, Bob, Susan, Julia, Mary, Melissa, Joe, Grace, Rhiana, James, Kim & Kathy.

For Trinity's congregation, committees and church council.

For our sisters and brothers who serve and protect our nation: Jordan and Brian.

God of Grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

L Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

L 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.

**C** **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

P Please rise.

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

*While we sing, you may turn to those sitting closest to you to offer, and receive, the peace and reconciliation which is possible only through Christ.*

### Peace

♩ = 70

B $\flat$  E $\flat$  F<sup>7</sup> B $\flat$  E $\flat$  F B $\flat$  B $\flat$ <sup>7</sup>

Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you - - -

5 B $\flat$  E $\flat$  F<sup>7</sup> B $\flat$  Gm Gm/E $\flat$  F 1.B $\flat$  2.E $\flat$  B $\flat$

Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you!

**P** Please be seated.

## OFFERTORY MEDITATION MUSIC

### OFFERING

*God has blessed us in so many ways. We offer our gifts as a demonstration of our gratitude. And we pray God will use these resources to help us address the needs of our neighbors.*

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**P** Please rise.

### OFFERING PRAYER

**P** God of abundance:  
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.  
As we feast on your goodness,  
strengthen us to labor in your field,  
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,  
in the name of Jesus.

**C** **Amen.**

# GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also 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 our thanks and praise.**

P 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;  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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:

## SANCTUS

♩=65 C

G Am F Dm<sup>7</sup> G C G

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord Go - d of po - wer and might. Hea - ven and earth are

6 Am Em F Am G C G Am

full of your glo - ry Ho - sa - nna in the high - est! Bless - ed is He who comes

11 F Em F G C

i - n the name of the Lor - d Ho - sa - nna in the high - est!

# THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P 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

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

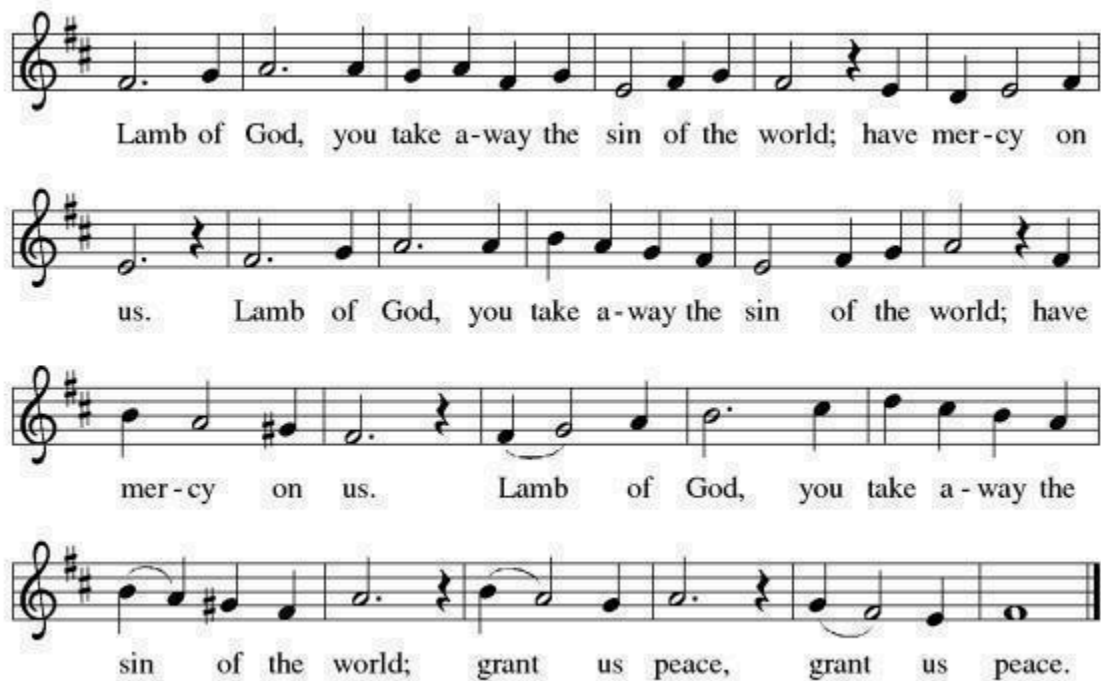
**C Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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.**

P Please be seated until the invitation.

## LAMB OF GOD



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.

## COMMUNION

P The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C **Amen.**

*To receive Holy Communion please come by the center aisle to the pastor to receive the bread (wafer) and then proceed to the communion assistant for intinction (dipping your wafer in the wine) and then eat, then return to your seat by the side aisle.*

*Non alcoholic wine is used at all services.*

*A gluten free wafer is available, simply tell the Pastor when you approach.*

*If you are not communing and desire a personal blessing please come to Pastor with your hands at your sides.*



P Please rise.

## COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P We give you thanks, generous God,  
for in this bread and cup  
we have tasted the new heaven and earth  
where hunger and thirst are no more.  
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,  
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

C **Amen.**

## SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

## BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord look upon you with his favor, and give you his peace.  
In the name of the Father, ✝ and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

# SENDING SONG

ELW 385

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi - ce and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which  
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:  
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joi - ce and say:  
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## DISMISSAL

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our parents,  
Dominic and Marie Martorelli and Michael and Ann Seredinski  
by Michael & Heddy Martorelli.



**Announcements:**

- Welcome to all who are visiting us today. Please complete a purple visitor's card (found on the clipboard in the pew chair in front of you) and place it in the offering plate. Thank you for taking the time to worship with us today.
- Stewardship Opportunities! On Sunday April 28th, stop by the table in the narthex after worship to talk to members of the worship support groups. There are so many opportunities to serve to support our worship services. We could use a few more greeters, ushers, communion assistants, building openers, altar guild members, decorators, and to join the new nursery volunteer pool or to set up or clean up for coffee time. Come and discover a new way you can serve!
- Open Altar Flower Dates: 10/20 & 12/22. If you wish to sponsor contact Linda Stone at: [lgstone74@gmail.com](mailto:lgstone74@gmail.com).

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW PASTOR!



Pastor Karen Nelson begins her tenure as Pastor of Trinity Fairview Village today. She comes to us from a Presbyterian church she served for 20 years. We are so excited to have her join us!

She is a lifelong learner and is presently in a post graduate program for clergy at Council for Relationships. She is married to a pastor and has a daughter in high school and a son in graduate school at University of Delaware. In her spare time, she enjoys running and crocheting.

**SAVE THE DATE! MAY 5TH AT 2PM**

Celebration Of Ministry Worship service to install Pastor Nelson as Trinity's Pastor

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<b>Serving Today 4/21</b>	
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Ann Dungan</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Sally Jeffries</b>
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	<b>Rick &amp; Chris Cole</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Linda Stone &amp; Brenda Aslin</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>Beth Keenan &amp; Kristin Stoeber</b>
<b>Building Opener</b>	<b>Rick Cole</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Chris Cole</b>
<b>Counting Team</b>	<b>Dave Stone, Meg Smith, Lori Peltier</b>
<b>Serving Sunday 4/28</b>	
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Peter Schell</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Jennifer DePaulis</b>
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	<b>Marilou Doughty &amp; Susan Chambers</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>John &amp; Alma Nowmos</b>
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	<b>Meg Smith &amp; Marilou Doughty</b>
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