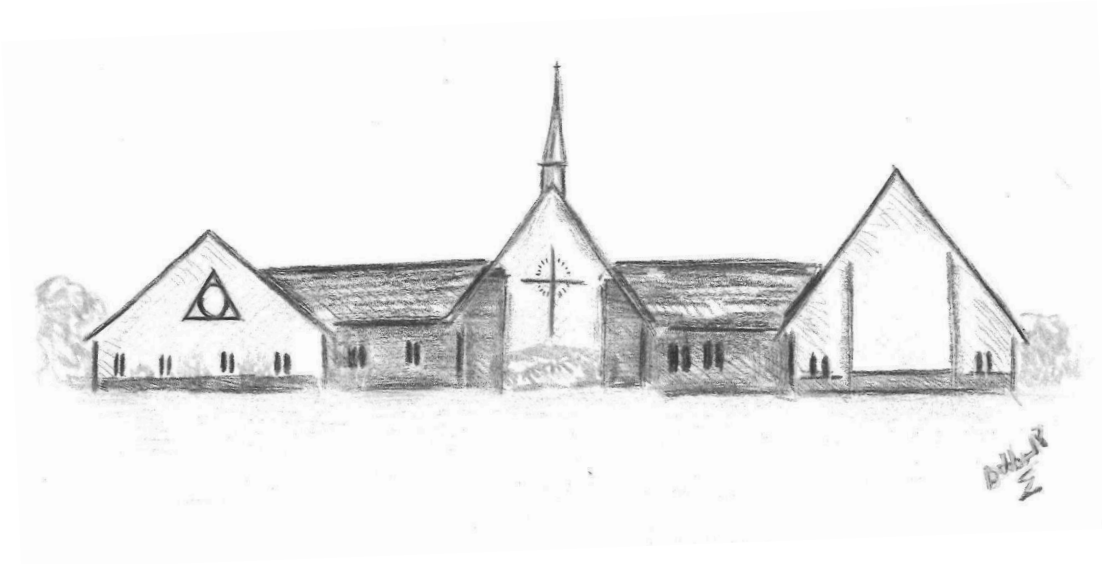


Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 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

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

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 Am⁷ G/B C F/A G/B

Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry to the Lamb.

C G/B C/E F G^{sus} G C/E

Ho - ly, righ - teous, wor - thy is the Lamb.

F Am⁷ G Em⁷ C/E F Am G C²/E

Death could not hold him down, for he is ris - en!

F² Am⁷ G Em⁷ C/E F Dm⁷ ¹G^{sus} G

Seat-ed up - on the throne, he is the Lamb of God!

²G^{sus} G C Am⁷ 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 457

Waterlife

Leader or All



1 Be - fore I can re - mem - ber the cov - e - nant was sealed
2 A sim - ple sweet be - gin - ning, a lov - ing place to start:
3 My hope and ex - pec - ta - tion for true com - mun - i - ty



with Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, in wa - ter was re - vealed.
Christ be - gan the sing - ing that swells with - in my heart.
be - gins with res - ur - rec - tion, his death and life in me.



The cleans - ing was for cer - tain, with wa - ter and the Word;
His love be - came my call - ing, his life my min - is - try.
His Spir - it fills the Bod - y: his church through wa - ter sees



gen - tle words were spo - ken, in heav - en they were heard.
His name is my a - dop - tion in - to his fam - i - ly.
prom - ise for to - mor - row, his wa - ter - life in me.

Refrain

All



They were sing - ing wa - ter - life, be - gin - ning life, wa - ter - life



all my life, wa - ter - life, Spir - it life, wa - ter - life.

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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 God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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 8:26-40

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 22:25-31

- L ²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.
- C ²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**
- L ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.
- C ²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.**
- L ²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead,
shall kneel before the LORD.
- C ³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**
- L ³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"
- 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 15:1-8

P The holy gospel according to John, the fifteen chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.

[Jesus said:] ¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

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

He is exalted

F F/A B♭ B♭/D C/E

He is ex-alt-ed, the King is ex-alt-ed on high; I will praise him.

F F/A B♭ C/B♭ B♭/C C

He is ex-alt-ed, for - ev - er ex-alt-ed, and I will praise his

Dsus D/C Gm Dm/F C/E C F Am

name. Je - sus is Lord, for - ev - er his truth shall

B♭ F/A Gm Dm/F C/E C F Am

reign; hea - ven and earth re - joice in his ho - ly

B♭ F/A Gm B♭/F E♭M⁷ B♭/C F B♭/F F

name. He is ex-alt-ed, the King is ex-alt-ed on high.

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 We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Keep all the newly baptized and confirmed in your care. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

L For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams and estuaries, melting glaciers and polluted waters. Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

L For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

L For all those in need: for any experiencing homelessness or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum, and for all who are ill or suffering.

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 For this congregation: for the caring ministries of this faith community, for all who visit and minister to one another, for all who take communion to homes or care centers, and for all who seek to share your love with the world. 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^7 $B\flat$ $E\flat$ F $B\flat$ $B\flat^7$

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

5 $B\flat$ $E\flat$ F^7 $B\flat$ 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

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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

$\text{♩} = 65$ C G Am F Dm⁷ 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.

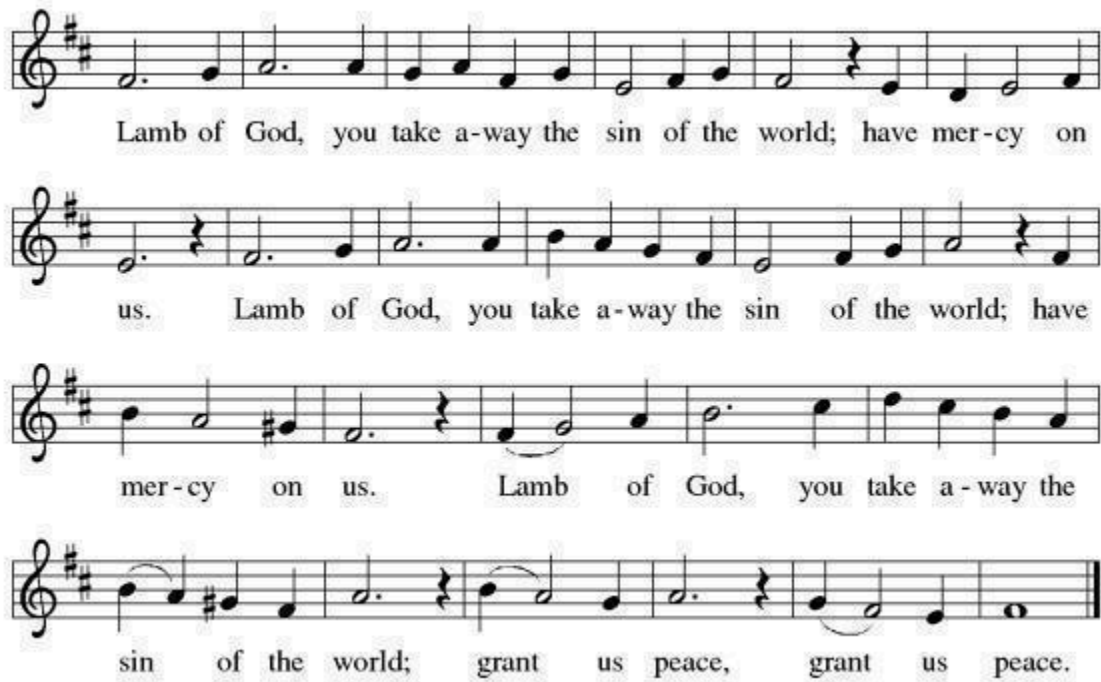
C **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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 860

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

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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.
- Adult Faith Formation: All are welcome to join us after worship and coffee in Room 129. Today Peter Schell will lead our reflection of John 15: 1-8 using the Faith 5 format. See you then!
- Stewardship Opportunities! 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!
- Thank you to the call committee for setting up and hosting coffee hour last week for Pastor Karen's first Sunday as our pastor.
- The Juliet's lunch will be Wednesday, May 1 at the Eagleville Taphouse, 3300 Ridge Pike at 12:00 PM. Contact Trish Graves 610-304-5130 by Monday, April 29th if you plan to attend.
- There will be no food drive on Sunday May 5th to allow for all to attend Pastor Karen's celebration of Ministry. The Food drive will resume on Sunday 5/12.
- The TAG Book Club will be meeting in the church narthex on Tuesday May 7 at 11AM to discuss *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. All are welcome to join in a lively discussion of the book.
- COFFEE TIME HELP NEEDED – Please lend a hand with coffee set up or clean up. Open set up date, May 12. Open clean up date, May 19. Sign up in the narthex or contact Marilou at mariloudoughty@gmail.com.
- Open Altar Flower Dates: 10/20 & 12/22. If you wish to sponsor contact Linda Stone at: lgstone74@gmail.com.

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Lector	Peter Schell
Greeter	Jennifer DePaulis
Communion Assistants	Marilou Doughty & Susan Chambers
Ushers	John & Alma Nowmos
Coffee Hour	Meg Smith & Marilou Doughty
Building Opener	Jeff Shadle
Altar Guild	Ann Dungan
Counting Team	Dave Stone, Meg Smith, Lori Peltier
Serving Sunday 5/5 10 AM	
Lector	Linda Stone
Greeter	Sally Jeffries
Communion Assistants	Judy Flanigan & Alma Nowmos
Ushers	Ann Dungan & Brenda Aslin
Coffee Hour	no coffee
Building Opener	Bob Graves
Altar Guild	Brenda Aslin
Counting Team	JoAnn Sorom, Betty Kratz, Trish Graves





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