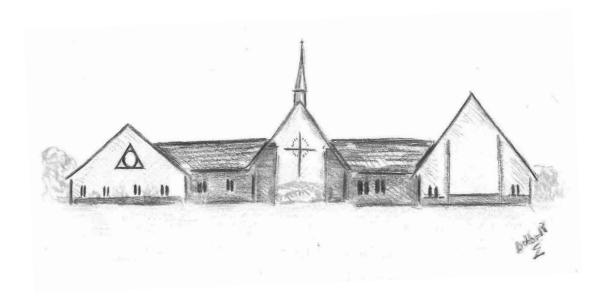
Second Sunday of Easter April 27, 2025



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

In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

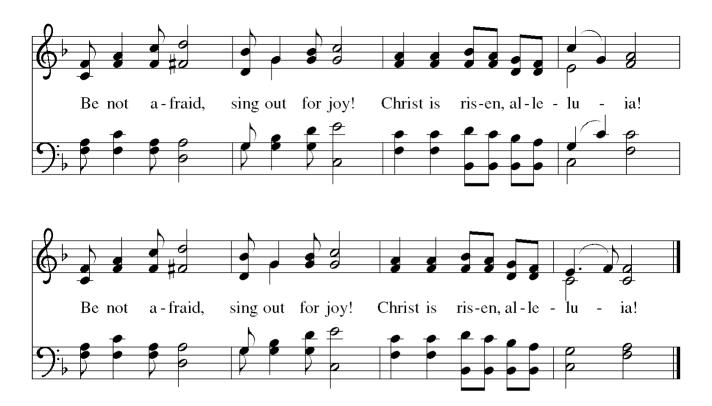


Now, let our singing help us clear our hearts and minds for worship.

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WELCOME SONG ELW 388

Be Not Afraid



Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community
Music: BE NOT AFRAID, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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GATHERING

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

Please rise. P

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

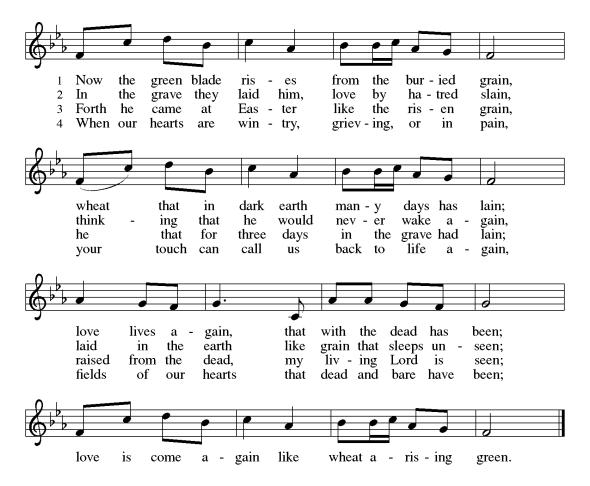
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.
- C Amen.
- P Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

 Silence is kept for reflection.
- P Merciful God,
- C you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.
- P God proclaims these words of assurance:
 "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
 I have called you by name. You are mine."
 In # Christ, you are forgiven.
 In the Spirit, you are made free.
 Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
 live anew as beloved children of God.
- C Amen.

OPENING HYMN ELW 379

Now the Green Blade Rises



Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958 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.
- O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, 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 5:27-32

Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.

When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

- L The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 118:14-29

L	¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my song,
	and has become my salvation.

- C ¹⁵ Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!
- L 16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"
- C 17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.
- L 18 The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.
- C 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.
- L ²⁰ "This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."
- C 21 I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.
- L 22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
- C 23 By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- L 24 This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- C 25 Hosanna! O Lord, save us!

We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!

- L ²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD; we bless you from the house of the LORD.
- C 27 The LORD is God and has given us light. Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.
- L 28 You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.
- C 29 Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.
- P Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

- P The holy gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who "have not seen and yet believe."

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

- ²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."
- ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."
- ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.
- 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 ELW 393

Verses 1, 2 & 5

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!



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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 God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence*.
- L Inspire the church with the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire deacons and pastors, lay leaders and bishops to boldly proclaim your love for all people. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- L Preserve the earth as a safe home for all creatures. Restore habitats contaminated by pollution or overuse, strengthen efforts to shape more sustainable communities, and make us mindful of the impacts of our daily lives on the well-being of creation. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- L Kindle in the nations a spirit of cooperation and mutual care. Raise up creative and courageous leaders committed to shaping just solutions to complex challenges in our local and global communities. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- L Embrace all who carry wounds, that they might know your compassion. Draw near to those with chronic pain or anxiety, and all for whom death is near. Comfort individuals and communities suffering in any way.

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

For those in need of God's healing love and strength: Charles, Steve, Mike, Richard, Joan, Peggy, Anna, Marita, Tilly, Heather, Kylar, Susan, Tom, Leslie, Al, Brenda, Lynne, Melissa, Lorraine, Margarita, Sandra, Nancy, Kim, and Bob.

For those in need of God's guidance, protection and strength. Meg & Shelly

In gratitude for God's abundance.

For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

For those who serve and protect our nation: Jordan, Brian, Craig & Eve.

And for those who we hold in our hearts, and those whose needs are known only to you God.

Hear us, O God.

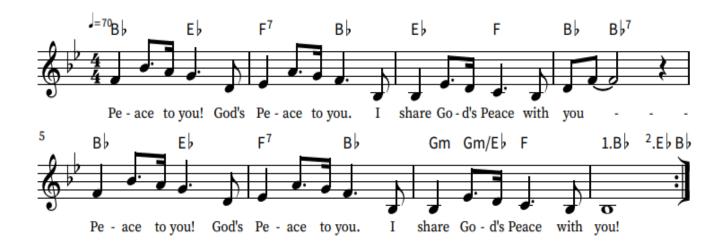
- C Your mercy is great.
- L We remember the faithful departed from all times and places. Confident that you are the Alpha and Omega, we pray for your wisdom and guidance until our earthly pilgrimage is complete. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- L We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.
- 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



P Please be seated.

OFFERTORY MEDITATION MUSIC

OFFERING

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P Please rise.

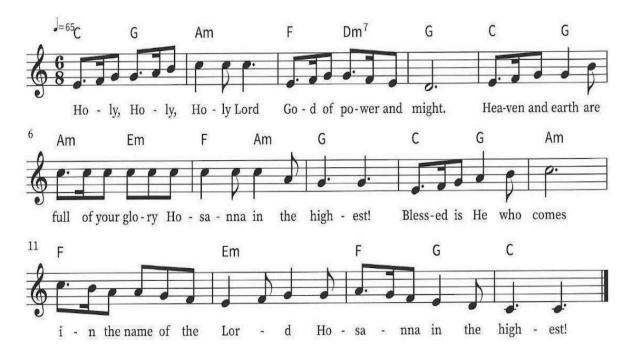
OFFERING PRAYER

- P Risen One,
 you have gathered us around your table of grace
 along with these gifts we bring.
 Come among us again,
 breathe your life into us,
 and enliven us with this meal,
 that we may live as your risen body in the world.
- 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; who 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



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.

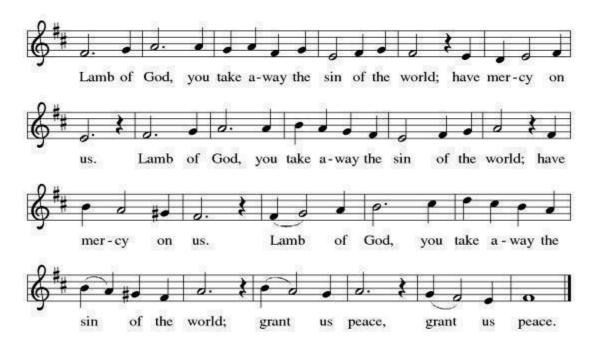
LORD'S PRAYER

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

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P Please be seated until the invitation.

LAMB OF GOD



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 Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.
- C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.

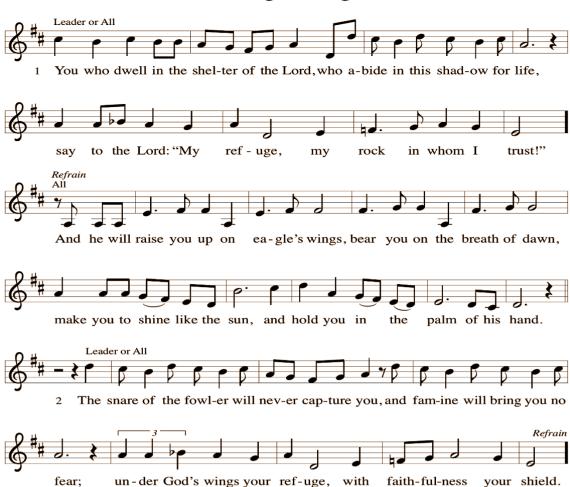
 The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

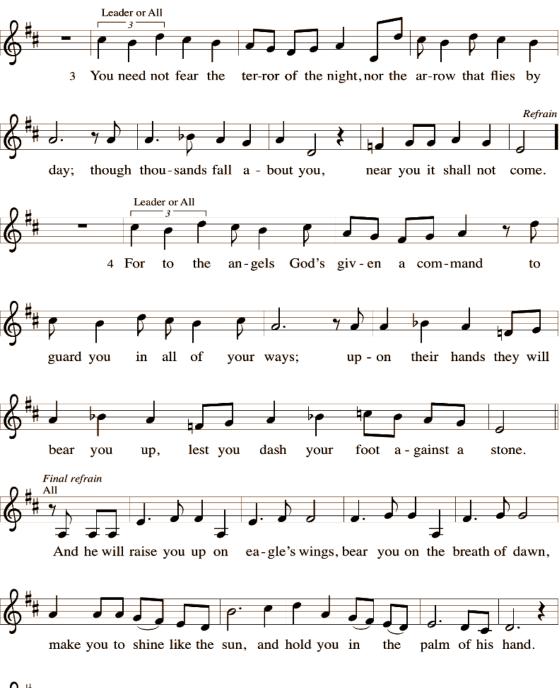
 The Lord look upon you with his favor, and give you his peace.
- In the name of the Father, + and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG ELW 787

On Eagle's Wings





And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

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DISMISSAL

- P Go in peace. Live in hope.
- C Thanks be to God.



The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in thanks for yesterday's celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary by Heddy and Michael Martorelli.



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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.
- Congregational Meeting Today following worship. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and get congregational approval for the "PAVE THE WAY" capital campaign to mill and pave the driveway and parking areas. This is a large, but necessary, undertaking and we need your support.
- PLEASE LEND A HAND FOR COFFEE SET UP OR CLEAN UP! Open set up dates: May 4th, 11th, & 18th. Open clean up dates: May 4th & 25th...
- Here we go again!! Come on out to the Eagleville Taphouse on Wednesday April 30th to help us earn a little money to cover expenses for the Country Fair! Twenty percent of your food purchases, either dine in or take out all day, will be given to Trinity. Have fun with fellow Trinitarians and enjoy some good food. Bring your friends and family and the flyer for your waitress. This cannot be combined with any other offers. We hope to see you there!!
- Ladies join the Juliets for lunch on Wednesday May 7th at noon at Buttercup Bistro. The restaurant is located at 735 W Main Street, Trappe, PA. Call or text JoAnn Sorom at 610-721-6493 to RSVP.
- Do you have a special skill to share? Are you creative? Consider donating the skill or service for the raffle baskets at the Country Fair! You can offer your handyman skills or gardening skills and we can build a basket around that for you. What about a shore house to donate for a week or weekend? If you enjoy walking dogs, you can offer one dog walking session that we can put into a basket of dog items? We appreciate your creativity to help us to have a successful country fair this summer!!
- For Pastoral emergencies please call 610-584-8411 extension 2 and leave a message for Pastor Nelson. This voicemail is being monitored for emergencies.



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This Week at Trinity

Sunday, April 27

10:00 AM – Worship

11:15 AM – Congregational Meeting

12:00 PM -Library Committee

1:00-3:00 PM – Food Drive

Monday, April 28

8:30 AM -2 PM -Trinity Country Nursery School

6:30 PM - Aerobic Rhythmics - Hall

7:00 PM - Trinity Christian Book Club – Empire Diner

Tuesday, April 29

8:30 AM -2 PM -Trinity Country Nursery School

Wednesday, April 30

8:30 AM -2 PM -Trinity Country Nursery School

6:30 PM – Aerobic Rhythmics - Hall

7:00 PM -Evening Prayer on Zoom

Thursday, May 1

8:30 AM -2 PM -Trinity Country Nursery School

1:00 PM -TAG Cards & Games - Narthex

7:00 - 7:45 - Bell Choir Rehearsal -Sanctuary

7:45 - 8:30 - Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary

Friday, May 2

8:30 AM -2 PM -Trinity Country Nursery School

Saturday, May 3

8:00 AM – Car Club – Narthex

Upcoming Events at TrinityWednesday, April 30

Dine & Donate at the Eagleville Taphouse

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