

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Streaming Worship 9:00 am April 28, 2024



Attention: The Congregation Council moves to call a Special Congregational Meeting. The sole purpose of this meeting is to vote on receiving the property of Christ Lutheran Church, Filey's, located at 15 S. Fileys Rd., Dillsburg, PA 17019.

The meeting will be held this weekend on Sunday, April 28, 2024, at noon in Fellowship Hall.

Youth Hangout: Grades 5-12. Bring a friend!

Come to Fellowship Hall on Sun., April 28, from 6-8 pm. There will be pizza, games, and fun! We will try to get outside, weather permitting.



Save the date: Sunday, May 19. ONE DAY with TWO EVENTS!

First, join us for "Kickin' it Old School," a congregation-wide fellowship event. Watch for more details!

Then, the last concert of the Trinity Concert Series begins at **4 pm** (please note that this is a change from what was originally advertised). Everyone will enjoy the Hymn Festival with David Cherwien.

Thank you for your Lenten gifts!

We are sending \$398.37 to Harrisburg Area Food Pantry and to Lutheran World Relief, two of our ministry and mission partners. Your generosity is impacting many!

Senior Connect Luncheon: May 15 at 11:30 am

Sign up in the Gathering Space or online to let us know how much food to prepare.

Last call: Help send our youth to New Orleans!

Grab an envelope from the Gathering Space or donate online by the end of the week. All donations will help cover travel expenses to the 2024 Youth Gathering. Contact Moses w/ questions.

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church! We're so glad you're here. Hearing assistance devices and large print bulletins are available from an usher.

We would like to know you were here worshiping with us. Using a QR reader or camera on your mobile device, please scan this QR code to check you and your family into today's worship service. Or go to the following link: trinitycamphill.org/checkin.

about today's service

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.

P: Presiding Minister L: Lector C: Congregation

+ Gathering +

We gather together to praise God and receive God's love.

Welcome

Prelude: "Alleluia" (Exultate, Jubilate)

Kirsten Del Gaudio, violin

W. A. Mozart

Announcements

Mission Moment:

Robin Abrol, On Eagle's Wings Executive Director

(Please stand as you are able)

Thanksgiving for Baptism

- P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.
- C: Amen.
- P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

- P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.
- P: Look, here is water!
- C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!



Pastor Liz Frey

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

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- C: Amen.
- P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Gathering Hymn: Christ the Lord is Risen Today



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Easter Greeting

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

- 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, 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.
- C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

+ Word +

We listen to the story of God's mighty acts for the sake of God's people.

Children's Message

Pastor John Brock

*Song: "If We Are the Body"

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Reading:

1 John 4:7-21

We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

- P: The holy gospel according to John, the 15th chapter.
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel:

John 15:1-8

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:] ¹¹I 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.

(Please be seated)

Sermon: "A Place to Belong...with Others"

Pastor Jack Horner



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(Please stand as you are able)

Nicene Creed

- P: Let us profess our common faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.
- C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the + resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Each petition ends:

- P: God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.

+ Meal +

When we celebrate communion, we remember that Jesus died for us and we experience His love and forgiveness. As we eat the bread and wine Christ is present with us.

Sharing of the Easter Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

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Offering Prayer

- P: Risen One,
- C: you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: Transforming God, you make the ordinary extraordinary. Your Son became human and put on the substance of flesh and bone. Come among us now and make the ordinariness of our lives glow with the wonder of your eternal life. Take these ordinary gifts of bread and wine and make them be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;

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.

P: Great is the mystery of faith.

C: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again. Alleluia!

- P: Incarnating God, you turn Word into flesh, and your perfect love casts out our fear. Abide with all whose lives are far from fruitful; remain with those who have experienced pruning; dwell with any who feel like branches that have been discarded. Unite your whole church, living and departed, as branches of your one vine, and through being rooted and grounded in you, make us fruitful in body, mind, and spirit, until we stand before you, with your whole creation, and you are all in all, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Invitation to Communion

- P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.
- C: Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

Sharing our Lord's Supper

All Christians are welcome to celebrate the real presence of Jesus Christ in our Lord's Supper. If you'd like to receive communion via intinction, please come forward by the middle aisle, receive the bread, dip it into the wine, and return by the side aisles. Communion may be received in bread only, if desired. Non-communing children and adults are invited to come forward for a blessing. In addition, we offer gluten-free wafers available upon request--please ask the pastor at the time of communion. Additionally, you may receive communion by prepackaged communion elements, which you can get from the baskets as you entered the worship space. Just remain at your seat and at the direction of the pastor, you will be invited to commune, at which time, you will open the individually wrapped, prepackaged communion elements. The bread is in the bottom and wine in the top. If you did not receive communion elements when you arrived, please see an usher.

The presiding minister will now invite those receiving communion, by prepackaged communion elements, to commune at your seat.

Open the bread:

P: The Body of Christ given for you.

Open the wine:

P: The Blood of Christ shed for you.

Those who wish to receive communion by intinction, please come forward at the direction of the usher.

"Spirit of Gentleness"

arr. David Cherwien

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free; Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea... Kirsten Del Gaudio, violin

(Please stand as you are able)

Post Communion Blessing

- P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C: Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

- P: Let us pray. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.
- C: Amen.

+Sending +

We have heard the Word of God and offered our gifts. Now we are sent out, strengthened by the Holy Spirit to be God's people in the world.

Blessing

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

- P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.
- C: Amen.

Dismissal

- P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
- C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

*Sending Song: "Oh How Good It Is"

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Worship notes

Videos of last week's sermons are available on our website (<u>www.trinitycamphill.org</u>). If you would like a printed copy, please call the church office and we can mail one to you.

The flowers in the Nave and Fellowship Hall are presented to the glory of God and by Mrs. L. K. Thompson III & family in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. L. K. Thompson Jr. & Dr. L. K. Thompson III; also by Roy & Kathy Hanson and Emma Sczepanski in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Edwin F. Hanson & Mr. & Mrs. Cloyd Hearn; also by his daughter, Robie Hall in loving memory of Donald M. Lauman.

The sanctuary lamp candle that burns day and night as a symbol of God's abiding presence is presented to the glory of God and by anonymous donor; also by their family in loving memory of Grace and Vincent Morgan; also by his family in loving memory of Jim McGovern.

Join us next week!

+ + + Sixth Sunday of Easter **Sermon Series Theme:** "A Place to Belong...with Joy."

> + + + Preaching: Pastor John Brock

