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**April 21, 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Easter
Sunday Worship at 10:45 am**



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Musician
Lector
Counter

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Michael Raunick
Marvin Reynolds
Dan Mowrey

Welcome to First Trinity!

We welcome you! We are glad you are here, and we want you to sense much more than our welcome, for the Lord himself bids you welcome. If you are a guest today from another Christian congregation, please take our greetings back with you. If you are without a church home and have been giving thought to establishing your spiritual roots, we want to assist you. We are here to serve God and God's people. There is room for you here. Please come again soon.

Mission Statement

We, the members of First Trinity Lutheran, are confessing and professing followers of Jesus Christ. We are dedicated by God to live out our faith through God's Word and Sacrament ministry.

Inspirational Thought for This Sunday

We begin our time of prayer with petitions lifted up by the congregation, offered silently or aloud. If your prayer is offered aloud conclude your prayer with the words "**God of grace**" to which we respond, "**hear our prayer**". After the prayers have been lifted up from the congregation, we will continue with the Prayers of Intercession. For what shall we pray?

Amen.

Lesson Themes for Today's Worship

Acts 4:5-12

Salvation in the name of Jesus

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (*Ps. 23:1*)

1 John 3:16-24

Love in truth and action

John 10:11-18

Christ the shepherd

Legend:

P: Pastor	A: Assisting Minister
L: Lector	C: Congregation

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

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. Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

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.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

GATHERING SONG – ELW 385 – Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice 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 - joice 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!

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872–1955, alt.

Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpus, 1570–1615

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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.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the

Lord, have mer - cy.

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

For the peace of the whole

Lord, have mer - cy.

world, for the well - be - ing of the church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of

all, let us pray to the Lord. For this ho - ly

Lord, have mer - cy.

house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise, let us

pray to the Lord.

☑ Lord, have mer - cy. A - men

☐ Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

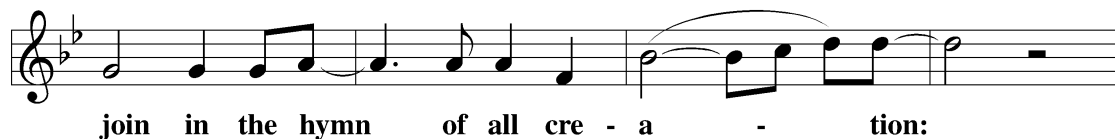
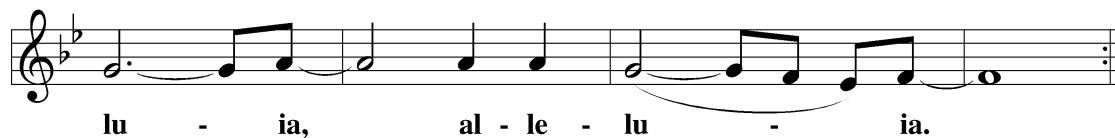
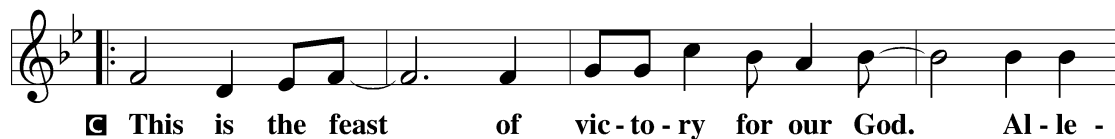
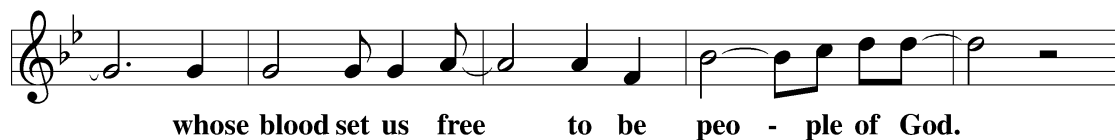
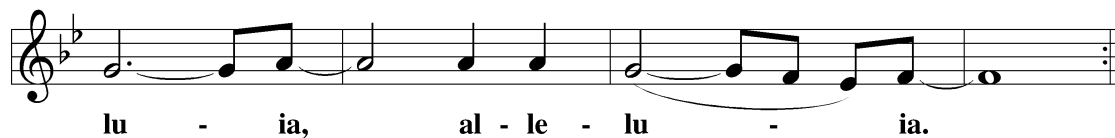
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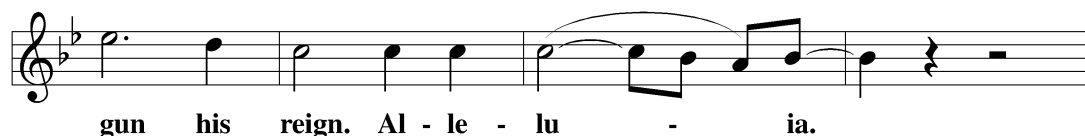
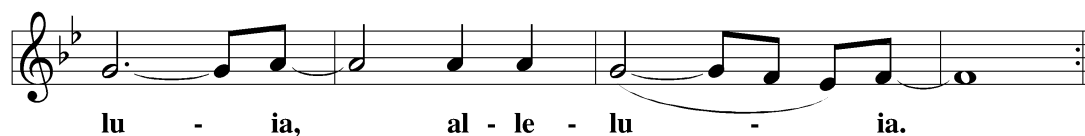
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☑ A - men

Detailed description: The image shows a musical score for a hymn, page 6. It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 7/8. The lyrics are: 'pray to the Lord.', 'Lord, have mercy. Amen', 'Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.', 'Amen', 'Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.', and 'Amen'. The piano accompaniment features a recurring triplet pattern in the right hand. The lyrics are placed below the vocal lines, with checkboxes indicating which parts are to be performed.

HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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

WORD

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING

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.

L: A reading from Acts, the 4th chapter.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let 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. ¹¹This Jesus is
'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

¹²There 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.

PSALM

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

A: A responsive reading from Psalm 23.

A: ¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

C: ²²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

A: ³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

C:⁴Though 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.

A:⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

C:⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

L: A reading from 1 John, the 3rd chapter.

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

L: ¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

GOSPEL READING

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.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 10th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

SERMON- Pastor Jill Lowry

HYMN OF THE DAY – ELW 764 – Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
 2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
 3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
 4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
 flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
 bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
 God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
 his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
 lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
 all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
 Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930
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CREED

A: Let us confess our faith with 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 INTERCESSION

A: We begin our time of prayer with petitions lifted up by the congregation, offered silently or aloud. If your prayer is offered aloud conclude your prayer with the words **“God of grace”** to which we respond, **“hear our prayer”**. After the prayers have been lifted up from the congregation, we will continue with the Prayers of Intercession. For what shall we pray?

You are invited to speak a prayer aloud.

A: 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.

A: 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

A: 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

A: 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

A: 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 Carl Anderson, Phyllis Boston, Sandra Blackburn, Willa Jeffries, Keith Kriesel, Vera Renner, Nancy Ford-Winters, Joanne Grissom, Thomas Rezsonya, Carolyn Sue Woods, Pete and Bev Baldwin, Steve and Bev Gramstad, Davey Yonah-El, Michelle Miller, the Cochran family, David and Debbie Opel, Harry McFarland, and Cheryl Hall-Russell.

God of grace,

C: hear our prayer

A: 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

A: Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith (*including Anselm of Canterbury and all who labored to help generations understand the good news of the gospel*). Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day.

God of grace,

C: hear our prayer

A: 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. And all of God's children say...

C: AMEN

SHARING OF THE LORD'S PEACE

A: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

A: Please take a moment to share the peace with those around you.

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

MEAL

OFFERING HYMN



☐ Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and
 fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a
 har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the
 bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray: Risen One, 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

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.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. And we praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san-na. Ho-san - na. 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: God of our ancestors, friend in our midst, your children come before you.

Here is food! Here is drink!

These things are yours before they are ours.

Now we are making a feast, but it is a thanksgiving:

God, we are thanking you.

With our ancestors in faith and all the hosts of heaven,

O God, we thank you and rejoice.

This food—we shall eat it in your honor!

This drink—we shall drink it in your honor!

P: We thank you for giving us life.

C: We thank you!

P: We thank you for giving us freedom.

C: We thank you!

P: We thank you for bringing us peace.

C: We thank you!

P: We thank you for the one who bore our sins upon the cross.

C: We thank you!

P: We thank you for the one who brought us over from death to life.

C: We thank you!

P: Father, send the Spirit of life,
 the Spirit of power and fruitfulness.

With the Spirit's breath, speak your Word into these things.

Give us who eat and drink the living body and the lifeblood of Jesus, our brother,
 life and power and fruitfulness of heart and body.

Give us true communion with your Son.

On the night of his suffering,

he gave thanks for the bread that he held in his hands.

This bread he shared among his followers, saying:

All of you, take this, eat this;

it is my body, handed over for you.

Do this and remember me.

C: The body of Christ! Amen

P: Then he shared drink with them, saying:

All of you, take this, drink this;

it is my blood, the blood of the new covenant
 that begins now and lasts forever.

This blood is poured out for you and for all people
 so that sins may be taken away.

Do this and remember me.

C: The blood of Christ! Amen

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

C: Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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: Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

All who seek the blessings of Christ's true body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, are welcome at the communion table. There you receive Christ and the new life offered. Those who eat and drink at this table commit themselves to the care and redemption of all God had made. You may choose either wine in the outer rings or grape juice in the center of the tray given by the assisting minister. After all, have communed, please stand for the blessing of the meal.

You are invited to stand.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

☐ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise;
 tell ev - 'ry - one what God has done. Let all who seek the
 Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
 Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in
 joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

SENDING HYMN – TFF 157– God Be with You Till We Meet Again



- 1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
- 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
- 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;
 dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904

Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896

DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

NEWS AND NOTES

Next Sunday's Servers:

Pastor	Deacon Hope Moran
Assisting Minister	Agnes Shelton
Lector	Leo Grissom
Counter	Dan Mowrey

Prayer Requests for This Week:

Carl Anderson, Phyllis Boston, James Green Jr, Willa Jeffries, Vera Renner, Nancy Ford-Winters, Carolyn S. Woods, Sherman Jefferies, and Sandra Blackburn

Next Sunday – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Readings:

Acts 8:26-40

Philip teaches and baptizes an Ethiopian.

Psalm 22:25-31

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD. *(Ps. 22:27)*

1 John 4:7-21

God's love perfected in love for one another.

John 15:1-8

Christ the vine

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