

Welcome to Trinity!

Here at Trinity, we strive to follow our Lord Jesus in fully welcoming everyone into community. We seek to provide a place of true sanctuary in a world that too often offers judgment instead of grace and exclusion rather than embrace. As a Reconciling In Christ congregation, we rejoice to fully welcome LGBTQIA folks. We celebrate racial and ethnic diversity as a gift to the community. We seek to include those who are dealing with physical challenges and developmental disabilities. Beyond all this, we happily include people wherever they are on their faith journey, including seekers with deep doubts and questions, those who are new to the faith, and seasoned long-time believers.

In short, we believe that when Jesus commanded his followers to share the Gospel with ALL people – he meant it! Welcome!

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The Empty Tomb

Robert Overman Hodgell (1922-2000)

Resurrection of Our Lord / Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

9:30 am & 11:00 am

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Transforming lives by living the Gospel of Jesus Christ



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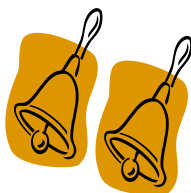
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Gathering

The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection.

Prelude: "Easter Bells" by Michael Ryan
EASTER HYMN and LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Handbell Choir



Please stand as you are able.

Easter Proclamation

P Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

P Rejoice, now, all heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ is risen!
Celebrate the divine mysteries with exultation;
sound the trumpet of salvation.
Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,
radiant in the brightness of your king!
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever.
Rejoice, O holy church! Exult in glory! The risen Savior shines upon you!
Let this place resound with joy,
echoing the mighty song of all God's people.
Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Greeting:

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

P The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

Canticle of Praise: "Worthy is Christ"by Richard Hillert arr. Michael Burkhardt

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

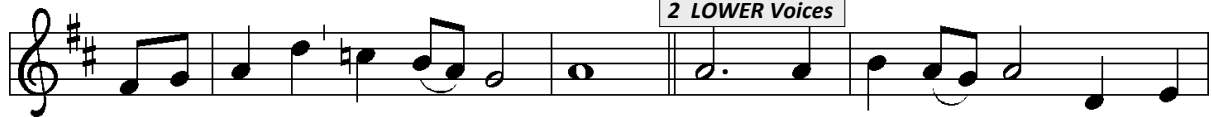


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



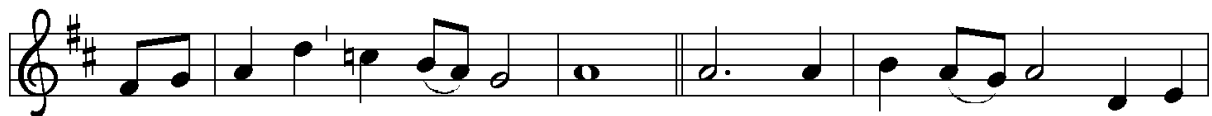
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



Refrain: ALL

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. **4 TREBLE Voices** For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Refrain: ALL

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Prayer of the Day:

P God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, 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

God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung and preached.

Word for the Children



First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality,³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation: ELW, No. 377..... *“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”*

EARTH AND ALL STARS

arr. Michael Burkhardt, P. McPeck

**1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!**

***Refrain:* Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**5 City of God, Easter forever,
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels,
sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain***

P The holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon





1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

Nicene Creed:

**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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from 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,
with the Father and the Son he 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:

P 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.

After each petition:

A God of grace,
C **hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P 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.**

Peace



Please be seated.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Raised to new life, filled with the Holy Spirit, and gifted richly by God, we respond with joy and thanksgiving for all that God has first given us.

If you are joining us virtually, you may share your offerings by mailing your checks to the church office or by using your bank’s bill-pay system. If you would rather, you can use our Vanco online giving option. Here’s the link to the secure site: bit.ly/TLCgives22 Or scan this QR code: However it is that you share your offerings, we thank you for your faithful financial support of the ministry we share!



Anthem: “Easter Anthem” by William Billings
Sanctuary Choir (9:30)

“Resucito, Resucito!”by Kiko Arguello, arr. Lorraine Florindez
Spirit Ensemble (11:00)

*The Lord is ris'n indeed,
Hallelujah.
Now is Christ risen from the dead,
and become the first fruits of them that slept.
Hallelujah.
And did He rise?
Hear, O ye nations, hear it, O ye dead.
He rose, He burst the bars of death,
He burst the bars of death and triumph'd o'er the grave.
Then I rose,
then first humanity triumphant passed the crystal ports of light,
and seiz'd eternal youth.
Man, all immortal hail, hail,
Heaven, all lavish of strange gifts to man,
Thine's all the glory, man's the boundless bliss.
—Edward Young*

*Resucito, resucito! (Arose, Arose!)
Alehuya, Alehuya!*

*O death,
Where is thy Sting?
Where then, o grave
Thy victory?*

*Si con el morimos, (If we die with him,)
Con el vivimos; (We live with him;)
Con el cantamos; (We sing with him;)
Alehuya!*

*Rise up and sing now,
Sing alleluia,
Since Christ is risen
We too shall rise!
—Kiko Arguello*

Please stand as you are able.

Setting the Table: ELW, No. 481 *“Come to the Table”*



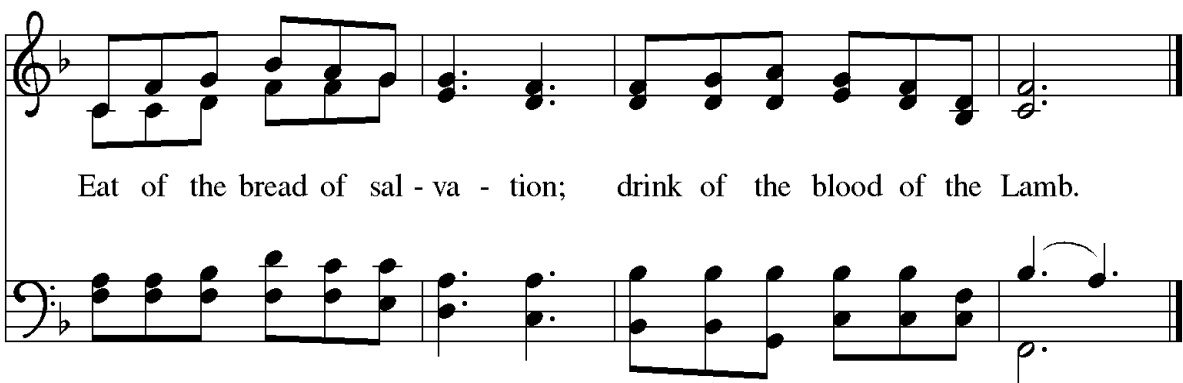
Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Offering Prayer:

A 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.

C Amen.

Great Thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r 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.

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord's Prayer

Please pray the version that speaks to you.

(Traditional version)

**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.**

(Ecumenical version)

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
are yours, now and forever.
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.

Children not yet receiving communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

Please be seated.

Communion Instruction

You are invited to come forward via the center aisle at the direction of the ushers.

Pastor will distribute the bread, and a deacon will distribute the wine in individual, recyclable plastic cups.

Communicants will take a cup from the tray and will dispose of it in the basket provided before returning to their seat via the side aisle.

Gluten free wafers are available. **Grape juice** is located in the inner circle of the tray.

If you are unable to come to the altar and would like to receive communion, please tell an usher and communion will be brought to you.

For those who prefer to remain in the pew, individual communion sets containing grape juice are available in the narthex as people enter.



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.



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!

of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!

at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,
 1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.

m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.
 Re - jice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
 un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.

A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,
 For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 He who gives life did death un - der - go,
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.

m - si - fu - ni sa - sa yu ha - i.
 e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 and in its con - quest his might did show.
 On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

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Refrain

Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.
Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.

Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.
Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;
Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.
Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

- 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save. Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won." *Refrain*
- 5 Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. *Refrain*

Prayer after Communion:

A Shepherd 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

Please stand as you are able.

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 Song: ELW, No. 376 *"Thine is the Glory"*
JUDAS MACCABAEUS

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Dismissal:

A Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude: Dorian Easter Fantasy by Philip McPeck

Musicians

Trinity Handbell Choir, Sanctuary Choir & Spirit Ensemble

Instrumentalists:

Katie Burrows, saxophone

Darren Castellanos, trombone

Dave Fodor, percussion

Joyce Oakes, flute

Michelle Pranger, trumpet

Morna Roberts, violin and viola

Connor Thummel, trombone

Easter Flower Dedications

Mark & Ruth Allee
In Memory of Loved Ones

Carol Cyrus
Dedicated to the Thorson and Cyrus Families

Peter & Vicki Donati
In loving memory of our Mom/Nana, who we remember with pride, with love, and with warm appreciation for how she deeply connected with us and so many others.

Jackie Filippini
Dedicated to Rev. Elmer Johnson

Stephanie & Jim Gabriele
In Memory of Loved Ones who have passed

The Gasbarra Family
In Loving Memory of
E. Rosemary Johnsen, Nancy Johnsen Jedan, Don Johnson, Linc and Marilyn Gasbarra, Marcelo and Ruth Gasbarra, Kurt Gasbarra, Jim and Barbara McNaught, Bill E. and Eileen Heer, Norbert and Arlene and Allan Johnson, Joan Harrison, Grant Herr, Aleck and Emilie Johnson, Alice and Richard Joesel, Roy and Esther (Glans) Abraham, Tomás and Germana Gasbarra, Wm J, Gladys (Burley) Heer, Bob Hansen, Gus Mitsis and other dear family members.

In loving memory of James Kiefer, Walt Holden, and Jean Schaeffle

Elaine Hogstrom
Dedicated to the Strelbel Family

The Holcomb Family
Dedicated to Nana and Grandpa Fadely, Jack & Vi Seiler

Alan & Peg Hoskin
The Joy of Easter and it's deep meaning for all!

Brian Johnson
To the Glory of God

Dick Lee
Dedicated to Trinity Choirs

Peg Lee
Dedicated to Loved Ones on earth and in heaven

Treva O'Banion
Dedicated to the Promise of Easter

Rob & Paula Payne
To the Glory of God

Rebecca Payne
In Memory of Nex Benedict

Richard & Lois Rock Peterson
In Memory of Hope Stein

John & Sandie Schlauch
In Memory of Our Parents and Granddaughter

Nancy Schmidt
Dedicated to William T. and Jean L. Schmidt

Joan Sherman
In Memory of siblings Janet Bailey, Bobby Glaeser, Ann Glaeser

Carrie Stalec
To the Glory of God

Omer Voss Jr.
In Memory of Omer & Annabelle Voss In Honor of Staff and Friends at Trinity

Mr. & Mrs. Paul (Jodee) Vragel
Dedicated to Loved Ones

William Weissinger & Family
To the Glory of God

Lois Wurl
In Memory of Loved Ones