

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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Seventh Sunday of Easter

***May 12, 2024
9:30 am***

Trinity Lutheran Church

ELCA

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Transforming lives by living the Gospel of Jesus Christ



Hearing Loop System in our Sanctuary....The Hearing Loop System in our Sanctuary allows for direct broadcast of the worship service to your hearing aid. We have two direct reception headsets available for those who have non-T-coil equipped hearing aids or no hearing aid at all. Our ushers are happy to assist you. We hope this enhancement is a blessing to you.

JOIN US FOR ONLINE WORSHIP

We continue to live-stream all of our services. If you can't tune in for the live broadcast, or you want to go back and hear a part of the service again, you can access all of our previously recorded services archived on our website. www.trinityevanston.org with a link to our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/TrinityEvanston/>

Gathering

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

Prelude: "Let Us Rejoice" by Cynthia Dobrinski

Bell Choir

Word of Welcome

Please stand as you are able.

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, our 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.

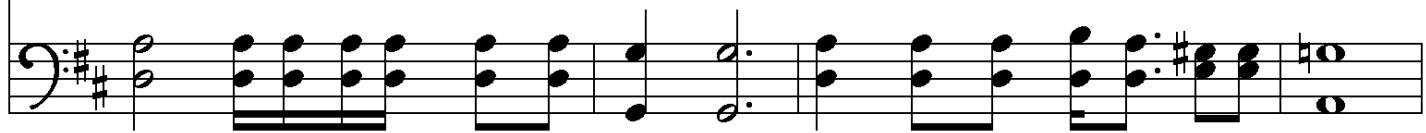
P Look, here is water!

C **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Gathering Song: ELW No. 752 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"
CHILDREN PRAYING



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



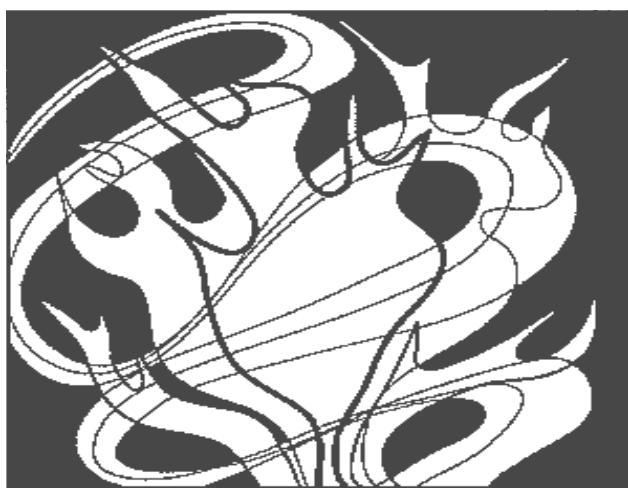
Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.



Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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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.

Kyrie:

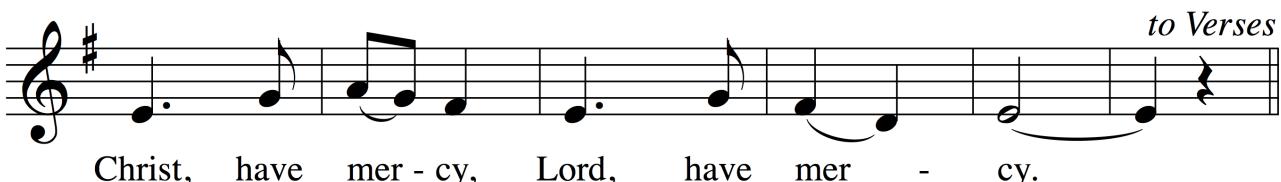
Refrain

Assistant:

Congregation:



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,



Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - - cy.

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

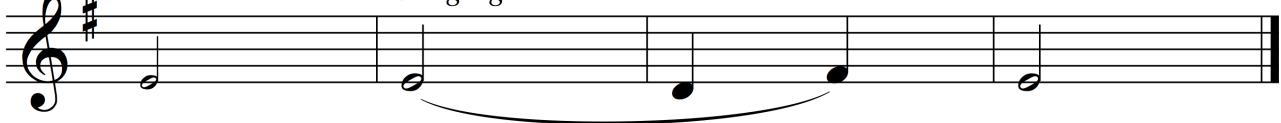
Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant:



Help, save and de - fend us, O

Congregation:



God. A - men.

Text and Music: Marty Haugen, © 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.

Canticle of Praise:

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;

praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

Refrain

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

Refrain

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

Refrain

God; to make all things new.

Prayer of the Day:

P Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and our beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, 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 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said,¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.”²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.”²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias.²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.”²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Brief silence for reflection on the Word.

Anthem: “I Will Not Leave You Comfortless” by E. Titcomb

Sanctuary Choir

*I will not leave you comfortless;
I will come to you yet again. Alleluia.
And your heart shall be joyful. Alleluia.*

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation:

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Optional Repeat

P The holy Gospel according to John, the 17th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: John 17:6-19

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day: ELW, No. 645 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"
WESTMINSTER ABBEY

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The top staff uses soprano C-clef, the second staff alto F-clef, the third staff bass G-clef, and the bottom staff bass F-clef. The lyrics are integrated with the music, appearing below each staff. The first staff contains measures 1 through 4 of the hymn. The second staff contains measures 5 through 8. The third staff contains measures 9 through 12. The fourth staff contains measures 13 through 16.

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing-kind - ness,
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

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,
 *baptized by John the Baptist,
 filled with the Holy Spirit:
 to preach the kingdom of God to the poor, to heal the sick,
 to receive those who have been cast out, to revive Israel for the salvation of the nations,
 and to have mercy upon all people,
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.

* proposed addition by Jürgen Moltmann

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.

A brief silence.

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.

Announcements

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

However it is that you share your offerings, we thank you for your faithful financial support of the ministry we share!



Offertory: "Aria" by Cynthia Dobrinski
Bell Choir

Please stand as you are able.

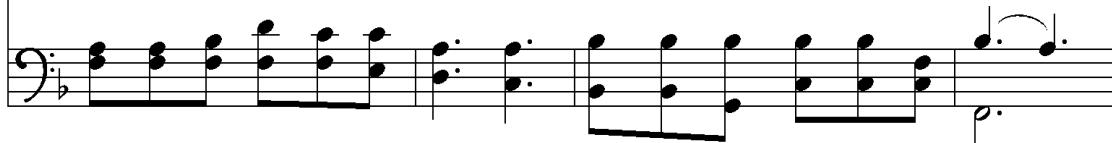
Setting the Table: ELW, No. 481 "Come to the Table"



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:

Presider:



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

Presider:



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

Presider:



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

Congregation:



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

Congregation:

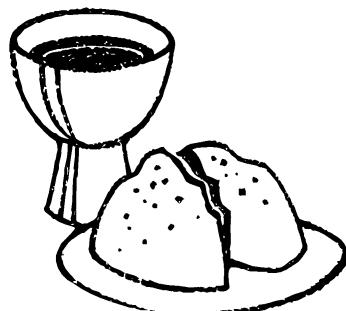


We lift them to the Lord.

Congregation:



It is right to give God 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 are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the
One who comes in your name. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, 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.

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:

The musical score consists of five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the". The second staff continues with the same key and time signature, with lyrics: "world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,". The third staff begins with a treble clef and a 2/4 time signature, with lyrics: "mer - cy on us.". The fourth staff begins with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature, with lyrics: "Lamb of God, you". The fifth staff begins with a treble clef and a 2/4 time signature, with lyrics: "take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,". The sixth staff begins with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature, with lyrics: "grant us peace, grant us peace, peace."

Music during Communion:

TFF, No. 234 "Lord I Want to Be a Christian"

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart,
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart,
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart,
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart,

in my heart, in my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: IN MY HEART, African American spiritual

Prayer after Communion

- A 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.**

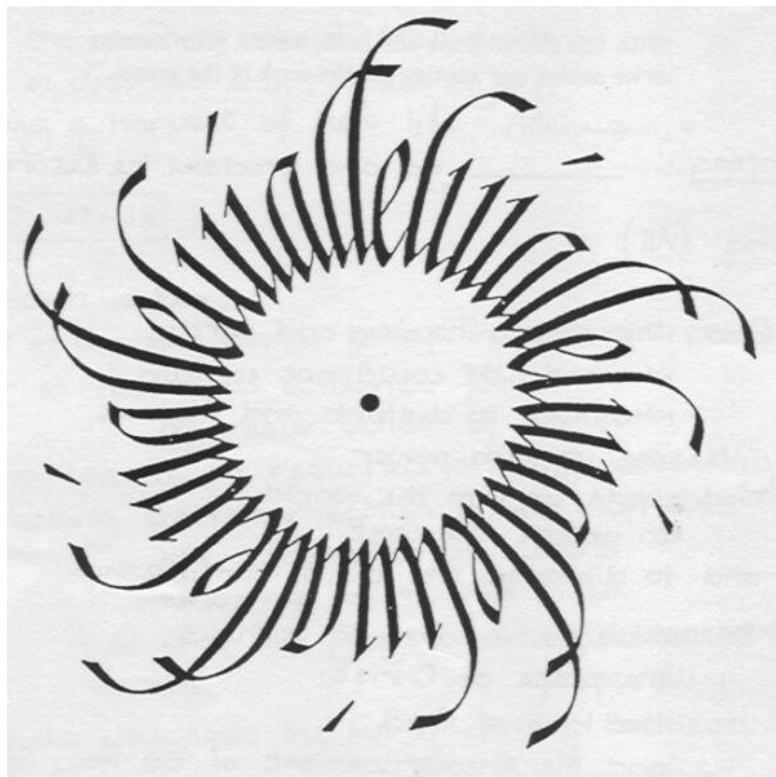
Sending

The triune God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

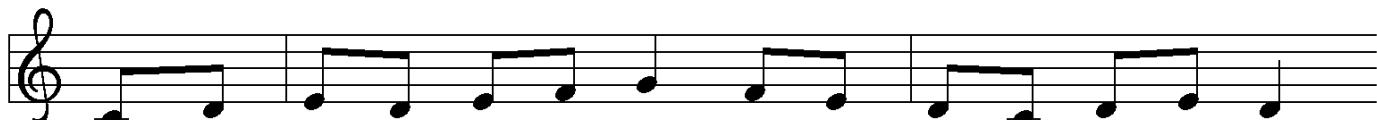
Please stand as you are able.

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. 826 "Thine the Amen"



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom-ise let there be
 3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
 4 Thine the king-dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - pris-e
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break-ing of the bread
 thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
 thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
 thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
 thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
 gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead-ing gone the cry
 then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
 thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
 then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
 thine the splen-dor thine the bright-ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

Dismissal:

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

Postlude: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" arr. Barbara Baltzer Kinyon

Bell Choir

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by the Gabriele Family in celebration of mothers everywhere.

TRINITY people 55+! On the back of today's bulletin you'll find the **Imagine with Us!*** survey. Please fill it out and return to Susan Gullickson, or place in the box on the See, Sign, Serve Table TODAY or by Sunday, May 19th. Thank you!

NEWS YOU CAN USE

THANK YOU for your faithful financial support of the ministry we share. You can share your offerings by mailing them to the church office, or by using your bank's bill-pay system. Go to our website to donate online: <http://www.trinityevanston.org/> using the Vanco online giving platform, scan the QR Code, or paste this link into your browser: bit.ly/TLCgives22 This QR code will take you to our Vanco online giving platform, where you can direct your giving to General Fund, Mission Possible, or Other.



TRINITY'S MAY MISSION POSSIBLE: Connections for the Homeless / Bridges to Home — Connections for the Homeless is the Evanston non-profit organization committed to providing support, with dignity and compassion, to individuals and families who were experiencing homelessness. Through staff and volunteers, it serves those who are currently not housed and those on the verge of losing their homes, taking a housing first approach that is nationally recognized as the best means of eliminating homelessness. Bridges to Home is a program overseen by Connections that was started by Evanston's Lutheran churches, including Trinity, to provide housing to young adults, helping them establish productive lives. To support this organization, you can share your offerings by check to the church office, or by using your bank's bill-pay system, noting "Mission Possible" in the memo. Or use the online instructions above to donate through our online giving platform. Thank you for your support!

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE—

The Call Committee has been meeting to develop out list of questions for candidates. We will also be selecting a date for some anti-bias training, recommended to all call committees by the Synod. We will try to do this before what we anticipate will be a quieter summer season. Our next meeting is scheduled for June 9th.

St. Paul Soup Kitchen —Trinity provided a hot lunch and sack lunches for the St. Paul's Soup Kitchen in late April and **we have agreed to provide a hot meal again on May 19th**. This meal will be delivered by Hub's in Skokie, a local restaurant which delivers reasonably priced meals for soup kitchens and the Margarita Inn shelter. We have taken on two additional soup kitchen dates to help sustain the weekly meal at St. Paul's, after some of the organizations that provided meals in the past did not return to the schedule after the pandemic.

LOOKING AHEAD:

WOMEN'S BOOK CHAT Wednesday, May 15—You're invited to join us at 7 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church for our discussion of THE HEAVEN & EARTH GROCERY STORE by James McBride (fiction)

MEN'S STUDY GROUP Thursday Morning, 8:00 am in the Chapel. The Encounter between Science and Religion led by Pastor Brian Johnson. These three sessions will consider the relationship between science and religion, how the church engaged and evolved in that relationship, and how science is contributing to faith today.

PENTECOST HYMN FESTIVAL with BRASS Sunday, May 19, 9:30 am Worship

VACATION BIBLE CAMP evenings again this summer: activities, dinner, worship. SAVE THE DATES: 6/16, 7/14, 7/28, 8/18.

Activities for elementary and junior high youth. Watch for registration in May. Contact Lauren for more info.

**** Change of Date! MUSIC UNDER THE STARS —Thursday Eve, July 18** with Wilmette Community Band Outdoor Concert on Trinity's backlot. Details coming soon.

Imagine with Us!*

"And God said, 'Whoopee! Have I got a good idea for Trinity people 55+! Meet over food. Make small interest groups. Concentrate on ways to serve and enhance life and faith!"

What kind of ministry with those who are 55+ do we want? Our cohort includes people at various stages of life - some employed, some recently retired, some well into retirement, some physically fit and active, some dealing with chronic illnesses and disabilities. Below are possible activities, but we cannot promise all!

Possible Interests (Check ones you like or add some):

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|---|---|
| Social/Fellowship Events <input type="checkbox"/> Games <input type="checkbox"/> Meals/Dessert together <input type="checkbox"/> Movies/Concerts <input type="checkbox"/> Occasional/regular large group <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | Service/Mission Projects <input type="checkbox"/> _____ <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
| Growth Subjects <input type="checkbox"/> Bible focused <input type="checkbox"/> Exercise (Chair Yoga?) <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Issues <input type="checkbox"/> Let's talk about Aging <input type="checkbox"/> _____ | Visitation/ Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Recipient <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer |

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|--|
| Spirituality Topics <input type="checkbox"/> Meaning <input type="checkbox"/> How to grow in Meditation <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer <input type="checkbox"/> Let's talk about Grief <input type="checkbox"/> _____ |
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Your other suggestions:

Please return to the **See, Sign, Serve Table TODAY** or by Sunday, May 19.

Name _____

Address _____

Cell/Other phone (indicate) _____ Email _____

*A group of us have been meeting with Pastor Brian to consider some ideas. Those involved are: Susan and Jim Gullickson, Francine Markwell, Bob Bakke, Ingrid and Bill Stafford, Donna and Carl Johnson. Let us know if you're interested in being part of the planning team! We plan to have a kick-off event by early Fall, 2024.