

Welcome to Trinity!

We rejoice in this opportunity to gather for worship in our sanctuary after having been prevented from doing so by COVID for so long! We know that some of you will feel more comfortable waiting for a bit longer to return in person. That's fine too! We will continue to rejoice in your presence with us virtually as you connect online!

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!

Join us on facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/TrinityEvanston/>

Recorded services will be archived on our website. www.trinityevanston.org



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023

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

Word of Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism: *(Stand as you are able)*

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, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

C **Amen.**

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.

Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection.
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

Where despair prevails, grant hope.


Where chaos reigns, bring peace.

We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.


C **Amen**

Gathering Song: ACS 956..... "Born, Reborn"


Refrain



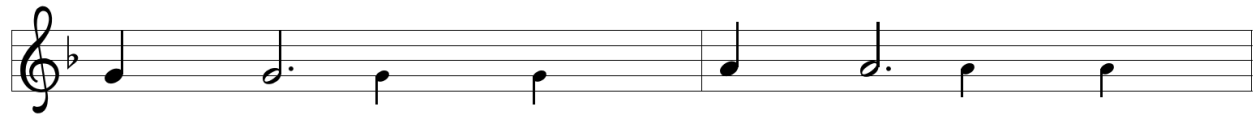
Born, re - born! Born, re - born! Formed, re - formed!




Souls with glad - ness now a - dorned! Born, re - born! Born, re - born!



Formed, re - formed! Praise our God for - ev - er - more!



1 Drown us. Drown us. Raise us. Raise us.
2 Name us. Name us. Heal us. Heal us.



Refrain

Mark us. Mark us. Claim us! Claim us!
Wash us. Wash us. Seal us! Seal us!

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 Music: BORN, REBORN, Justin Rimbo
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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,



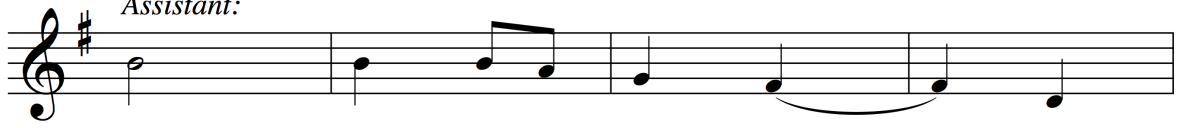
to Verses

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.

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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



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



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



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



God; to make all things new.

Prayer of the Day:

P Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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 17:22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ ²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Brief silence for reflection on the Word.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you;

¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Acclamation: (Stand)

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!

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P The holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: John 14:15-21

”If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸”I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God!**

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Jean Duran

1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine
 2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,
 4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
 shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
 no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

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 Christian church, the communion of saints, The forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession:

P United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

After each petition:

P Hear us, O God.
C **Your mercy is great.**

The prayers conclude:

P Rejoicing in the victory of Christ’s resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.
C **Amen.**

Peace

Please be seated.



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’re worshipping in person today, you may leave your offering in the wood box in the Narthex.

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: “*Love One Another*”by Bobby Fisher

Spirit Ensemble

Setting the Table: (Stand)

Refrain

Congregation:



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;



so may all your peo - ple from all the ends of earth be



gath-ered in - to one in you.

Verses



1. As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst, _____
2. Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

To refrain



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Offering Prayer:

- A Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.
- C Amen.

Great Thanksgiving:

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in 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:



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:

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.
We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.
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 in 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 in remembrance of me."
With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P We await your promised life for this dying world.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup. Carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P Through him all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

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

We rejoice to share this holy meal with all baptized believers.
Children not yet receiving communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

Please be seated.



We invite worshippers to come forward for communion.

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

Pastor will distribute the bread and a deacon will be distributing 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.)

Come forward via the center aisle at the direction of the usher, and return to your seats using the aisle on the east side of the sanctuary.

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

Lamb of God:

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music during Communion:

"Now in this Banquet"

Refrain

Now in this ban - quet, Christ is our bread:
Here shall all hun - gers be fed.
Bread that is bro - ken, wine that is poured,
Love is the sign of our Lord.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in 3/4 time, G minor. The lyrics are written below each staff. The first staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats, and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The second staff continues the melody with a dotted quarter note. The third staff continues with quarter notes. The fourth staff concludes with a dotted quarter note and a final double bar line.

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Anthem: *"Thy Holy Wings"* arr. William Miller
Tune: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR

Sanctuary Choir

Prayer after Communion

- A We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth, where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.
- C **Amen.**

Sending

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

Stand as you are able.

- P The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.
- C **Amen.**

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,

who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Dismissal:

- A Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

TRINITY'S MAY MISSION POSSIBLE: CONNECTIONS FOR THE HOMELESS — Our Mission Possible for May is Connections for the Homeless, the Evanston non-profit organization that helps those experiencing homelessness with dignity and compassion. It works to find homes for individuals and families, including those without homes and those on the verge of losing their homes.

This Housing First approach is nationally recognized as the best way to address homelessness. Connections currently operates the Margarita Inn as its year-round facility, housing individuals and families while it seeks to house them, something it has been able to do in 70% of its cases. It operates Hilda's Place as a drop-in center that helps with needs such as showers, laundry, food, clothing and storage but also with case management and health and wellness. A major expansion of Hilda's Place to a 30-to 50-bed shelter is now planned with the aid of a federal grant.

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!

Go to our website to donate online: <http://www.trinityevanston.org/> using the Vanco online giving platform, scan the QR Code, or use this link: bit.ly/TLGives22



ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by The Hunt Family in celebration of all mothers, grandmothers, aunts and mother figures.

TRINITY PRAYER LIST:

Contact the office if you desire to add someone to our prayer list.

Please contact the office and let us know if changes should be made. office@trinityevanston.org

MEMBERS:

Joan Borgeson
 Valerie Braun (ACL injury/reconstruction surgery and recovery))
 Robert Gertenrich
 Signe Kilen
 Judi McKiernan
 Gina Musielski
 Bill Olson (rehab at home)
 Rob Payne (recovery from surgery 3/24)
 Annie Peterson
 Hortense Plummer
 Candy Reesh
 Bill Sachse (Citadel Wilmette; recovery and healing from surgery)
 Donna Schroeder
 Arlene Sigle
 Gail Slamar (recovering at home.)
 LaVerne Stamer
 Lorna Van Houten (healing from surgery and support))
 Chris Viau
 Dave Yandell (continued healing)

CONFIRMED on May 7:

Henry Benigni, Taylor Felten, Luca Gabriele, Kate Reno, Will Reno, Halle Schneider, Lei Schueneman, Emmeline Sherborne, Tommy Stewart, Jonathan Weissinger

FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Joan Aldrich (friend of Lois Wurl)
 Kara Baylor (pastor at Carthage College, friend of Becca Payne, bone cancer)
 Robert Bond (friend of Ken Schaeffle, kidney related surgery)

Whitman Brisky (Valerie Braun's dad, multiple myeloma; will need a bone marrow transplant this summer)
 Peter Burke (brother of Peg Lee)
 Rick Corona (brother of Joe Corona, recovery from fall)
 Sarah Graebner (cousin of Susan Hilkevitch)
 Katie Grassmann (colleague of Charlie Slamar) injuries from riding accident.
 Cathy Hardison (friend of Sandie Schlauch, recovery from broken wrist)
 Virginia Lee (mother of Dick Lee, rehab)
 Mary Connolly (friend of Sam Lewis)
 Rosita Meggs (mother of Lorna Rubio, recovery from knee surgery)
 Mindy (request of Peg Lee, brain tumor)
 Vickie Nowakowski (Carole Rivera's sister-in-law, recovering)
 Jim Provenza (friend and former member, recovery from surgery April 12)
 Ryan (Lorna Van Houten's son, healing)
 Ruth Straseske (friend of Carol Wilson, continued recovery from ovarian cancer)
 Steve and Dawn Taskay
 Tito Urian (friend of Phos Rivera, recovering ALS)
 Carol Verre (friend of Sandie Schlauch, recovering from surgery)
 Sharon Yandell (mother of Dave Yandell)

SYMPATHY:

Mike & Nancy Sims on the death of Mike's sister, Peggy Sims Heaton, who died April 26 in Muscatine, Iowa.

Trinity members and friends on death of Rick Merrell, who died on April 29, 2023 after a brave battle with cancer these last four months. Rick was an employee of Trinity for almost 28 years (until his retirement on Feb.1) and a member for nearly 4 decades. Arrangements for the memorial service have not been made.

Dyna Martin, sister of Rick Merrell, facing the loss of Rick as well as their brother Randy.

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DURING THIS INTERIM TIME, IF YOU HAVE NEED OF A PASTOR, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE.

For a quick response, email is best: office@trinityevanston.org

Email is monitored even when the office is closed. We will respond as soon as we are able.

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