

***Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church  
of South Newstead  
April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter***



In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

**PRELUDE – WELCOME –  
ANNOUNCEMENTS – PRAYER REQUESTS**

*Please stand as you are able*

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**ALL: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb!

**ALL: Amen.**

L: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still  
waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We  
thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

**ALL: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

L: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you  
thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and  
sorrow. Blessed are you.

**ALL: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

L: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that  
divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

**ALL: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

L: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation.  
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **ALL: Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds – Green Book 143**

## Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in praise of love that  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there - fore our heart with  
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; set heart and will on  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring and with the heav'n - ly



still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 things a - bove that we con - quer through your tri - umph;  
 bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!"



Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song  
 Now still he comes to give us life and by his pres -  
 grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day that by our lives  
 Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest,



of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"  
 ence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!  
 we tru - ly say: Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!  
 most ho - ly God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

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### GREETING:

L: The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**ALL: And also with you.**

# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



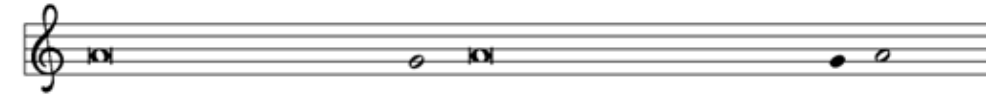
Lord, have mer - cy.



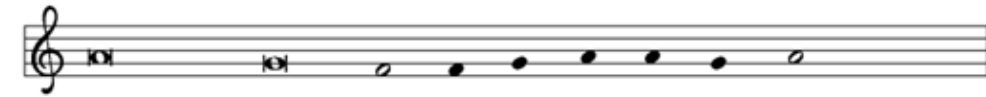
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



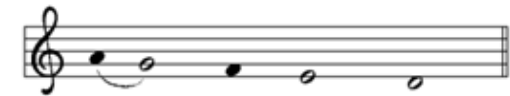
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For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

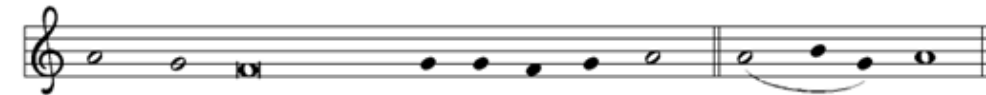


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

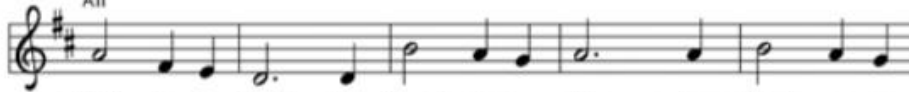
## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister

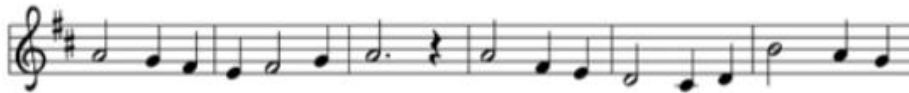


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

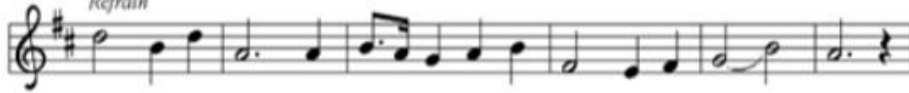


free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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

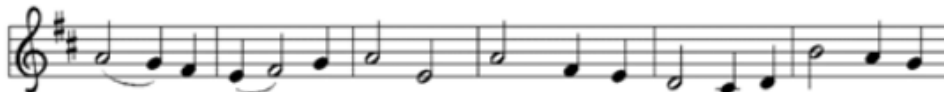
*Refrain*



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



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

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.

**ALL:** And also with you.

L: Let us pray,  
Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt,  
may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who  
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **ALL: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

**FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-32**

L: <sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: <sup>22</sup> "Fellow  
Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with  
deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves  
know <sup>23</sup> this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God,  
you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him up, having  
released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its  
power. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

<sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

<sup>29</sup> "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died  
and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Since he was a prophet, he knew that God  
had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his  
throne. <sup>31</sup> Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

<sup>32</sup> "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

L: The word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God**

**PSALM 16**

L: <sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my  
good above all other."

**ALL: <sup>2</sup> All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among  
the people.**

L: <sup>3</sup> But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

**ALL: <sup>4</sup> I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my  
lips.**

L: <sup>5</sup> O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

**ALL: <sup>6</sup> My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

L: <sup>7</sup> I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

**ALL: <sup>8</sup> I have set the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not  
be shaken.**

L: <sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

**ALL:**<sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.

L: <sup>11</sup> You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

L: <sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup> so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L: The word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand if you are able*

**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: John 20:19-31**

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

**ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

L: <sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## **CHILDREN’S TIME**

**SERMON: Flo Goeseke**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: Thine Is the Glory  
Green Book 145**

*Please stand as you are able*

## Thine Is the Glory

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  
 greets 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!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939  
 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

## APOSTLE'S CREED

L: L: We are God's people. Joining together, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed:

**ALL: 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 power of 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 catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

L: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day. We pray for our congregation and congregations in transition such as Zion Lutheran Church in Gasport. Merciful God,  
**ALL: receive our prayer.**

L: Maker of heaven and earth, your mercies are new every morning. Open us to the wonders of creation, from the beauty of flowers to the complexity of subatomic particles. Merciful God,  
**ALL: receive our prayer.**

L: God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations. Merciful God,  
**ALL: receive our prayer.**

L: Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way (*especially those sick, injured or otherwise suffering...*). Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them. Merciful God,  
**ALL: receive our prayer.**

L: Giver of joy, let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love. Merciful God,  
**ALL: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

L: Eternal One, we give thanks for saints who were faithful unto death and have joined the church triumphant. Inspire us by their witness and bring us with them into your glorious presence. Merciful God,  
**ALL: receive our prayer.**

L: And God of grace, hear us now as we lift up to you anything else on our hearts and minds in this time of silent prayer.

*A moment for silent prayer.*

L: Merciful God,

**ALL: receive our prayer.**

L: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**ALL: Amen.**

### THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

**ALL: And also with you.**

*You are invited to greet your neighbors  
with a sign of Christ's peace.*

*Please be seated*

### OFFERING



*Any financial gifts you wish to give towards the ministry of Trinity may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed around or at the rear of the sanctuary. You may also give your offering online using the QR code provided or go to [trinitysouthnewstead.org/give](http://trinitysouthnewstead.org/give). We give thanks for your sharing of your offerings this and every day.*

*Please stand as you are able*

SCAN ME

### CHOIR ANTHEM: Touch That Soothes and Heals

*See My Hands and Feet*

*With musical accompaniment by Julie Conschafter*

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## OFFERTORY



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 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

L: Let us pray together, Merciful God,

**ALL: accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**ALL: 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.**

## BLESSING

L: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,

Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,

and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,

✠ bless you now and forever. **ALL: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!**

**Blue Book 674**

## Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:  
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



*Refrain*  
 Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

ALL: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

## About Today's Readings:

### First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

*After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.*

### Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

*This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.*

### Gospel: John 20:19-31

*The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.*

Thank You to Flo Goeseke for  
leading us in worship today!

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Please Hold in Prayer:

*To add someone to the prayer list in the bulletin/beacon, add them to the list in the back of the Sanctuary or contact the church office. If you would like your prayer concern to be shared through our One Call system, please call Sue Kidder at 716-542-2095.*

***We pray for healing, strength and patience for those we love going through difficult times:***

Laura Pingitore  
Jane Firestone  
Trevor Beats

***We pray for patience, strength and support for the families and friends of:***

Bill Lawrie  
Dottie Routledge

### **Weekly:**

Choir rehearsal at 8:30am  
Sunday Worship at 9:30  
Sunday School at 10:45  
Bible Study: See list below

### **Food Pantry:**

First Monday of the Month: setup @ 8am  
First Tuesday of the month: distribution @ 8:30am

**Council:** April 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

**Office Info: Pastor Rick:** Tuesdays 10:00-1:00 p.m. and by appointment

*\*\*Pastor Rick is away for Continuing Ed 4/6-4/12*

**Tracy:** Tuesdays: 9:30-2:30, Thursdays: remote. Call, text or email any time.

## **Bible Study**

Trinity is part of the NOEL (Niagara Orleans Ev. Lutherans) cluster of churches' Bible Study. Consider this your invitation to join, make new friends, and gain new insights into the Word and faith.

Pastor Rick, Pastor Craig, and Pastor Sohail lead this Bible Study, which is at 10 am Thursdays. The location rotates among the NOEL churches:

4/16 – St. John's – 10213 Roosevelt Hwy, Lyndonville

4/23 – Here at Trinity

4/30 – St. Peter Lutheran Church, 1355 West Ave., Medina

5/7 – Trinity Wolcottsville – 6369 Wolcottsville Rd. Akron

5/14- Zion - 4447 Central Ave, Gasport 14067

### **Spaghetti Supper and Basket Raffle**

Our Spaghetti Supper is coming up on **April 25<sup>th</sup>**. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex – please take a look. Flyers for handing out in the community are also on the table. We'll be looking for baskets for the basket raffle and desserts as well!