

*Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church  
of South Newstead  
May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*



Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

**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: Come, Thou Almighty King  
Green Book: 522**

## Come, Thou Almighty King



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;  
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword;  
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear  
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -  
our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy  
in this glad hour! Thou, who al - might - y art, now rule in  
hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.  
ev - 'ry heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt.  
Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

### 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.



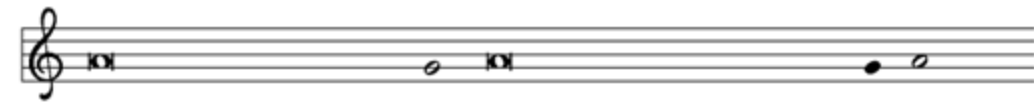
Lord, have mer - cy.



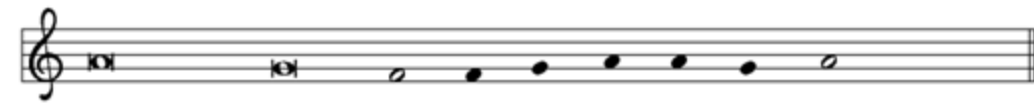
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



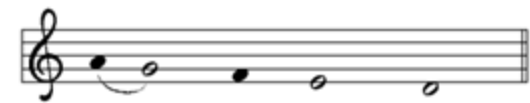
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



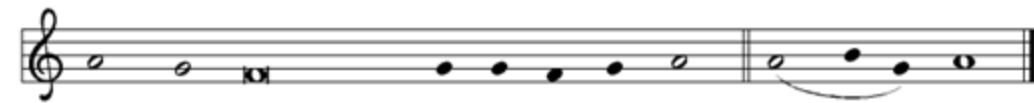
Lord, have mer - cy.



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

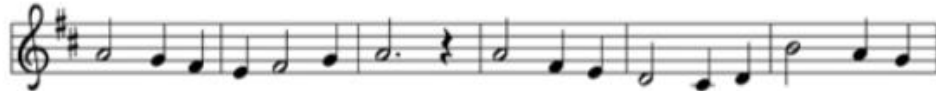


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

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.

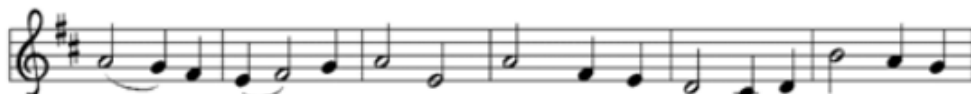
*Refrain*



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 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. **ALL: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

L: <sup>22</sup> Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For 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. <sup>24</sup> The 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, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For ‘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.’

<sup>29</sup> “Since 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. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because 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: The word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God**

### PSALM 66:8-20

L:<sup>8</sup> Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

**ALL:<sup>9</sup> Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

L:<sup>10</sup> For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

**ALL: <sup>11</sup> You brought us into the net; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

L:<sup>12</sup> You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

**ALL<sup>13</sup> I will enter your house with burnt offerings  
and will pay you my vows—**

L:<sup>14</sup> those that I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

**ALL<sup>15</sup> I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams; I will give you  
oxen and goats.**

L:<sup>16</sup> Come and listen, all you who believe,  
and I will tell you what God has done for me.

**ALL:<sup>17</sup> I called out to God with my mouth,**

**and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

L:<sup>18</sup> If I had cherished evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

**ALL:<sup>19</sup> but in truth God has heard me**

**and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

L:<sup>20</sup> Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld unfailing love from me.

### SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

L:<sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but 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, <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For 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, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who 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 lives, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And 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, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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 14:15-21

L: The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

L: [Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup> “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This 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.

<sup>18</sup> “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They 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.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

## **CHILDREN’S TIME**

**SERMON: Pastor Rick Mollenkopf-Grill**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove – Green Book 475**

*Please stand as you are able*

# Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove

1 Come, gra - cious Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, with light and  
 2 The light of truth to us dis - play and make us  
 3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing way, nor let us  
 4 Lead us to heav'n, that we may share full - ness of

com - fort from a - bove. Come, be our guard - ian  
 know and choose your way; plant ho - ly fear in  
 from his pas - tures stray; Lead us in ho - li -  
 joy for - ev - er there; lead us to our e -

and our guide; o'er ev - 'ry thought and step pre - side.  
 ev - 'ry heart, that we from God may ne'er de - part.  
 ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God  
 ter - nal rest, to be with God for - ev - er blest.

Text: Simon Browne, 1680–1732, alt.  
 Music: HERR JESU CHRIST, MEINS, German folk tune, 15th cent.

## **CHILDREN'S BIBLE PRESENTATION**

To Aviaunna and Zachary

*Children and parents participating in Trinity's First Bible ministry are invited to come forward to the altar rail. You will need your bulletins to read your lines below.*

L: We give thanks that in Christian love you presented these children for Holy Baptism. In this sacrament, you were entrusted with responsibilities for them:

to live with them among God's faithful people,  
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in their hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture them in faith and prayer,  
so that your children may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

L: Parents, do you promise to continue to live into your calling to fulfill these baptismal responsibilities?

**Parents: I/we do, and I/we ask God to continue to help and guide me/us.**

L: People of God, do you promise your continued support and encouragement of these caregivers in the fulfillment of these responsibilities?

**All: We do, and we ask God to continue to help and guide us.**

Sunday School staff (to families): One of the ways we support you is by 'placing in your hands the holy scriptures.' We are gifting you and your children with a Bible to be used in reading, study, devotions and family prayer.

**Parents (to children): This word is written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in Christ's name. (John 20:31)**

*Children are invited to kneel at the altar rail, as parents gather behind and lay hands on their children's head or shoulders.*

**Parents (to children): We thank God for the wonderful blessing that you are in our lives. We will continue to carry out the promises we made at your baptism. Take these Bibles and learn from them as we share our love of God with you. We love you. Amen.**

*Parents are invited to reverse places with their children kneeling at the altar rail, with children standing behind them.*

**Children (to parents): Thank you for loving us. Please teach us. Study the Bible with us. Help us stay connected to places where we can keep growing as a family and in our faith. We love you. Amen.**

*Parents and children stand and face the congregation. Sunday School staff may present the Bibles to the children.*

**Parents and children (to the congregation): We give thanks for your love and support on our faith journey. Thank you for the gift of the Bible. We promise to use it to learn more about God and God's love for us. Keep us always in your prayers. Amen.**

L: Let us pray. Wonderful and ever gracious God, thank you for the gift of children who you place in our lives. Thank you for parents who work hard to keep their baptismal promises. And thank you for this community of faith who takes seriously its own promise to pray for, love, and support families and children. Be with us and give us strength, wisdom, and courage as we continue to grow in love for you and all your creation. **All: 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.*

L: God of new life, you call us through the waters of baptism to be in relationship with you and one another. Guide the church and its leaders, along with Zion Lutheran Church in Gasport as they continue through their pastoral transition, to proclaim Christ's righteousness throughout the world. Merciful God,  
**ALL: receive our prayer.**

L: You create the world and all that is in it. Shelter budding plants and young animals, provide unpolluted habitats and clean water, and raise up stewards for the environment. Merciful God,  
**ALL: receive our prayer.**

L: You set civil servants in the places where we live. Instill truth and equity among judges and lawyers, gentleness and courage among first responders, and peace among leaders of towns and nations. Merciful God,  
**ALL: receive our prayer.**

L: You provide comfort in times of trouble. Heal those who are sick, shelter any who are unhoused, feed those undernourished, and accompany and console all who are lonely, bereaved, anxious, or ill (*especially...*). Merciful God,  
**ALL: receive our prayer.**

L: You are love and you desire that we love one another. As a mother hen cares for her chicks, bless all who provide motherly care in our lives, and inspire us to care for one another. Merciful God,

**ALL: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

L: God of new life, your steadfast love endures forever. Inspire us by the example of the faithful departed, who clung to your promises of life, forgiveness of sins, and salvation. Merciful God,

**ALL: receive our prayer.**

L: You know our deepest needs even when we cannot find the words to express them. We lift those needs to you and 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**

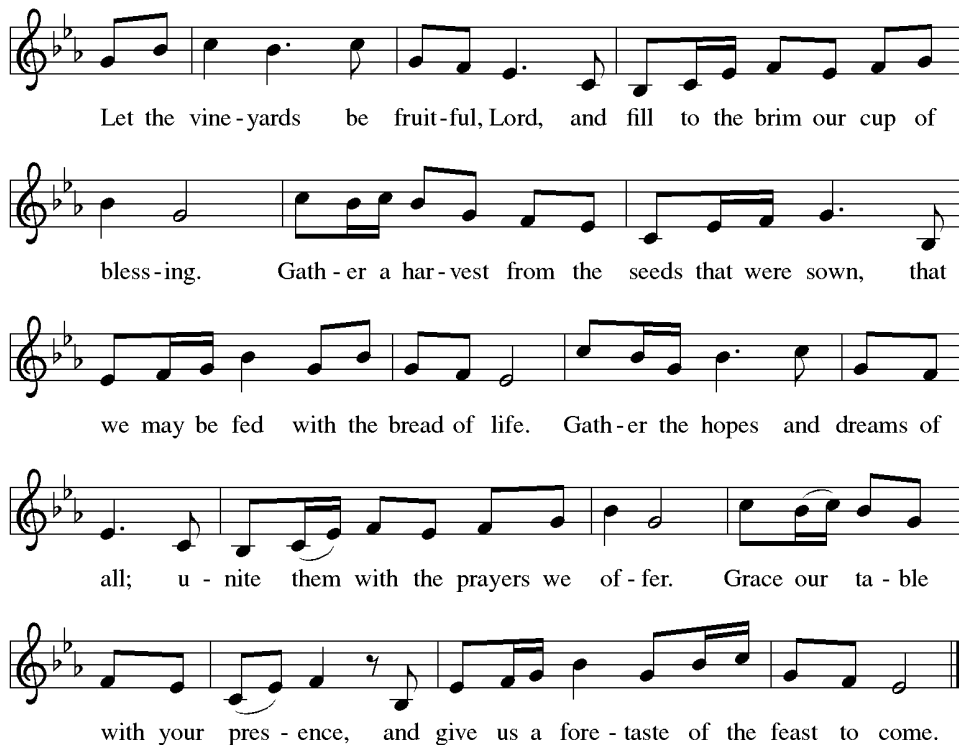


*Any financial gifts you wish to give towards the ministry of Trinity may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed around or at the rear of the sanctuary. You may also give your offering online using the QR code provided or go to [trinitysouthnewstead.org/give](http://trinitysouthnewstead.org/give).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

**SCAN ME**

*Please stand as you are able*

## 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.**

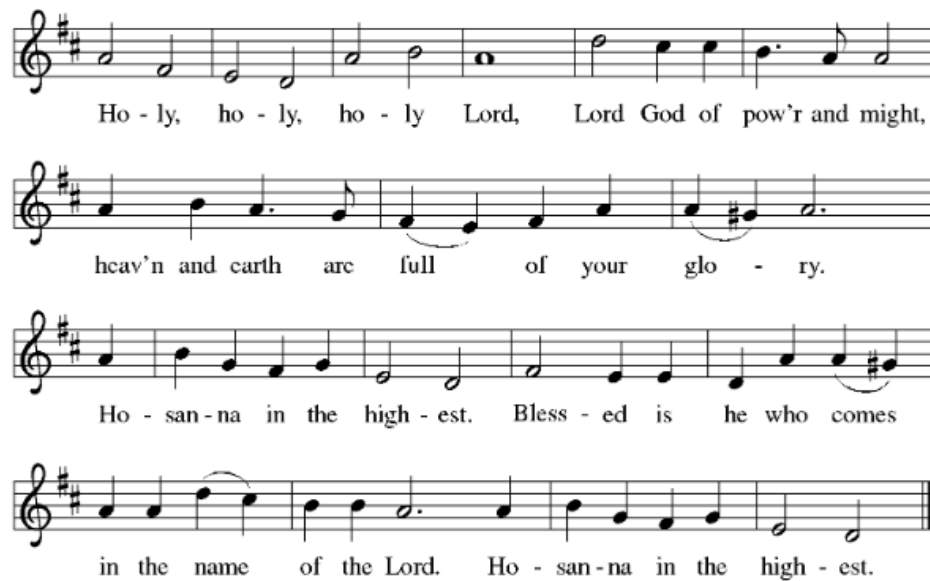
## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.

L: 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 Savior

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 Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 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.

L: 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 for the 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 for the remembrance of me.

### 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.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

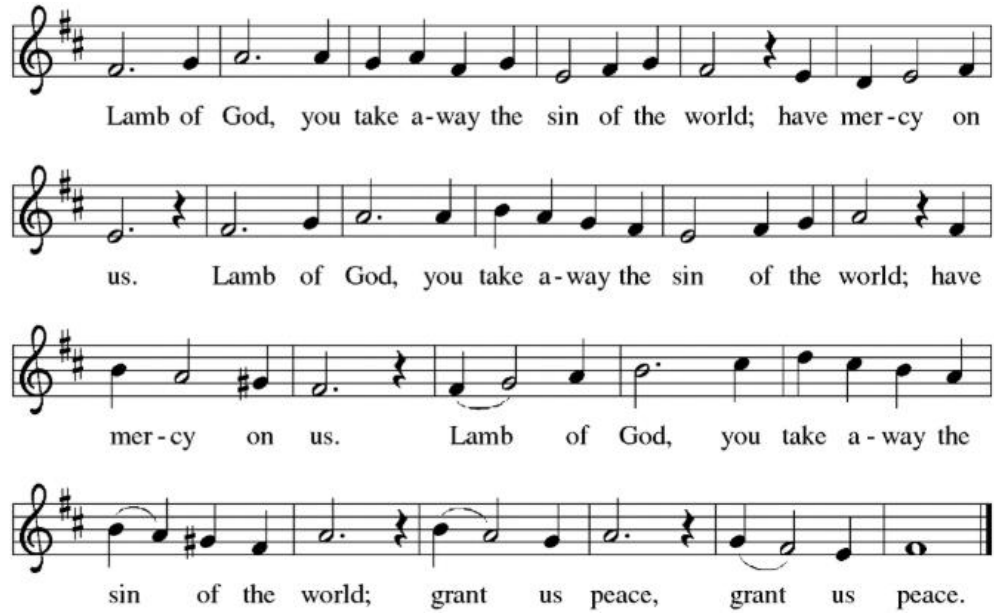
L: Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

*Please be seated*

### THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*The minister will give instruction on the distribution of communion.*

## COMMUNION HYMN: 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, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION HYMN: I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry - Blue book 770

*To be sung during the distribution of communion*

Musical accompaniment by Annaleigh Kittel

## Borning Cry



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937  
Music: WATERLIFE, John C. Ylvisaker  
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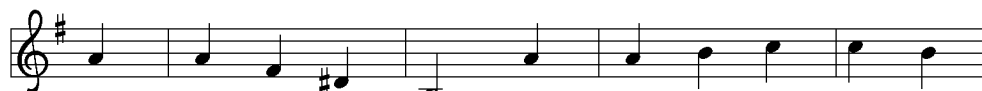
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**COMMUNION HYMN: *if needed***  
**Oh, Sing to the Lord - Blue Book - 795**

## Oh, Sing to the Lord *Cantad al Señor*



1 *Can - tad al Se - ñor un cán - ti - co nue - vo.*  
 1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.  
 2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.  
 3 So dance for our God and blow all the trum - pets.  
 4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.  
 5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!



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*¡Can - tad al Se - ñor, can - tad al Se - ñor!*  
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.  
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.  
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.  
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.  
 Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

2 *Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios.  
 Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios.  
 Pues nuestro Señor ha hecho prodigios.  
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

4 *Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.  
 Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.  
 Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.  
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

3 *Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.  
 Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.  
 Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.  
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

5 *¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!  
 ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!  
 ¡Jesús es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!  
 ¡Cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

Text: Brazilian folk song; tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923, Spanish and English  
 Music: CANTAD AL SEÑOR, Brazilian folk tune  
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### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in his grace. ALL:  
**Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Let us pray together, Holy One,

**ALL: through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, 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: O Zion, Haste  
Green Book - 397**

## O Zion, Haste

1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,  
 2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion  
 3 Give of your own to bear the mes - sage glo - rious,  
 4 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,

to tell to all the world that God is light;  
 that God, in whom they live and move, is love;  
 give of your wealth to speed them on their way,  
 make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing  
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion  
 pour out your soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious,  
 let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,

one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.  
 and died on earth that we might live a - bove.  
 and haste the com - ing of the glo - rious day.  
 through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

*Refrain*

Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,

tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion, and re - lease.

Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834-1923  
 Music: ANGELIC SONGS, James Walch, 1837-1901

## DISMISSAL

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### About Today's Readings:

#### **First Reading: Acts 17:22-31**

*In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.*

#### **Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22**

*The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.*

#### **Gospel: John 14:15-21**

*In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.*

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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  
Rosemary Doyle  
Sam Siebida  
Sharon Ferraro  
Betty Bergman  
D. Stambros & family & friends  
Norman Blosser (MaryLou's father)  
Arlene Richardson  
Betty Bergman  
Becky Fix  
Floyd Kidder

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

Dottie Routledge  
Shirley Roberts (Mary Lou's aunt)  
Donna Roehling  
Elaine Golden  
Rose Zmuda (Annette Adamczak's mother)

**Thanksgiving for: Good test results for Mike K!**

**Congratulations on 19 years with the Medina Fire Co, Captain Mike Young!**

### **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:** May 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

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

**\*\*Pastor will be away from 5/18-6/3. In case of a Pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Craig Rhodenizer. His number is 716-799-5548.**

**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:

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

5/21- St. John's – 10213 Roosevelt Hwy, Lyndonville 14098

5/28/26- Here at Trinity

6/4/26- St. Peter – 1355 West Ave, Medina, 14103

### **Women's Social Group**

Please join us for fun and girl talk at our next meeting, following worship, at **10:45am on May 24<sup>th</sup>!**

A very happy Mother's Day to all of the mothers, grandmothers and caregivers in our congregation!

### **Spaghetti Supper Totals**

We had a really successful year! Here are the totals:

<b>Spaghetti dinner total</b>	<b>\$1,851.00</b>
<b>Baskets</b>	<b>1,125.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,976.88</b>