



John 14:27

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 1, 2016

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Pam Illick, Vicar



Welcome to this sacred time of praising and praying together; of singing, speaking and listening together; of being strengthened together in faith, for service. If you are a visitor, please sign the guest register at the rear of the sanctuary and please join us for worship again. We have a transport chair available to members and guests when needed. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. The risen Lord Jesus provides visions of peace that passes human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

As Lutherans, we believe that the bread and wine of Holy Communion are signs given by God that Christ is fully present among us. We invite you to participate in receiving this miraculous presence. If you are unable to receive either the bread or the wine, be assured that even in the words, Christ is present to you. You are welcome to come to the Table to be fed and nurtured with us.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION

GATHERING

The assembly stands and faces the font (if you are able).

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☩ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

☩ Amen.

☩ Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

(Time for personal reflection and confession.)

- P** God of grace and glory,
C you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

- P** Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and \dagger frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* (ELW 533)

GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain

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

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

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

Refrain

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

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

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

Refrain

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

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

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

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

Refrain

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

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

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

Final refrain

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

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☞ Let us pray.

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever..

☞ Amen.

The assembly is seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

☞ A reading from Acts.

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered

there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

☞ Word of God, word of life.

☞ Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 67

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God’s face shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the
nations on earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Assembly stands.*)

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

☐ The holy gospel according to St. John.

☩ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

☐ The gospel of the Lord.

☩ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

The assembly remains seated for the Hymn of the Day.

HYMN OF THE DAY *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (ELW 815)

The assembly stands.

CREED

☐ With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

☩ **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 catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

☩ **A** Rooted in the abundant life and love of Christ Jesus, we pray for the life of the church, the lives of people in need, and the life of all creation.

☩ **A** Holy God, ruler of the nations, renew your call to all people. Raise up leaders who are eager to follow you into justice, love, and truth as the apostles Philip and James did. Hear us, O God.

☩ **Your mercy is great.**

☩ **A** Nourish all lands through springs, rivers, lakes, pools, and irrigation systems. Produce abundant food by the flowing of your Spirit throughout creation. Hear us, O God.

☩ **Your mercy is great.**

☩ **A** Send compassionate servants to those who live with health concerns in body, mind, or spirit. Deliver your healing and peace to all in need (especially). Hear us, O God.

☩ **Your mercy is great.**

A Bear the burdens of people who long to work, yet remain unemployed or underemployed. Give them dignity when they seek help, and place them where their gifts may be used. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You have given blessed salvation to all your saints. Thank you for writing our names also in the book of life. Make us Christ's presence for others while we await his coming. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We deliver all this into your care, O God, trusting in the work of your Holy Spirit to bring all things into the risen life of Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

THANK AND TELL

OFFERTORY (*The assembly stands.*)



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 the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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OFFERING PRAYER

A Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.
Day by day you shower us with blessings.
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,
give us glad and generous hearts,
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

DIALOGUE

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.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Pe - ter and all the witnesses of the
res - ur - rec - tion, with earth and sea and all their crea - tures,
and with angels and archangels, cheru - bim and ser - a - phim,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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PREFACE

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al - mighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection
of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself
to take a - way our sin, who in dying has destroyed death,
and in ris - ing has brought us to e - ter - nal life.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

☞ We give you thanks for Jesus
who, living among us,
healed the sick,
fed the hungry,
and with a love stronger than death,
gave his life for others.

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.

Remembering, therefore,
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

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.

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

☞ Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

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

☞ 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

☞ The table of life is spread before you.
Feast on the goodness and mercy of God.

The assembly is seated.

COMMUNION

Communicants will proceed up the center aisle at the direction of the ushers. If you wish to receive the wine from the pouring chalice, please pick up an individual cup from the table at the head of the aisle. After receiving the bread from the pastor, proceed to the pouring chalice or the common cup to receive the wine. Return to your seat by the side aisle.

If you prefer to receive a blessing, come forward with your arms crossed over your chest. If you would like to have communion brought to your seat, please indicate your wish to one of the ushers, and the pastor come to you.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond
Amen.

COMMUNION SONG

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.

TABLE BLESSING (*The assembly stands.*)

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve us in eternal life.

C Amen.

SONG AFTER COMMUNION

Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A We give you thanks, O God,
that you make your home with us,
bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal.
Fill us with your Spirit as we go from here,
that we may wipe away tears,
tend to those in mourning and pain,
seek the healing of the nations,
and bring to earth the presence of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P The blessing of the Lord God Almighty,
the blessing of ☩ Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
and the blessing of the Holy Spirit of truth
be among you and remain with you always.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG *We Are Marching in the Light* (ELW 866)

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Share God's message of love through your words
and actions with others

C We will. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Worship is ended: our service begins.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- PRAYER AND SUPPORT -



Please keep these people in your prayers: Phyllis Baker, Cookie Beck, Jean Benedict, Sally Berklite, Katie Bondroff, Katie and Brian Cook, Earl Duffey, Sarah Foose, Jarrett Hall, Ulysses Jones, Nicole Leister, Laura Lentz, Jim Miller, Pearl Minnich, Adeline Plaine, LaVon and Marvin Rose, Brian Sease, Marie Seidel, Pastor Ray Shriver, **Barbara Stoops.**

Special prayers for: the people around the world for whom access to water is a challenge, and for whom the water is not safe to drink. And for children who suffer from abuse.

Please let the church office know when the special needs for those on the prayer list are resolved so that we can keep our list updated.

Anyone needing pastoral care may contact Vicar Pam at (443) 876-4736 or at pam.illick@gmail.com. Please note her new email address.

- UPCOMING EVENTS -

Join the **Lunch Bunch** Sundays after worship for lunch out (except on Sundays when we have Coffee & Conversation). **Today we meet at Rolling Mill Restaurant.** We invite all to be with us for this time of fellowship as we enjoy a meal together.



Have you viewed **Trinity's Website** lately? Sign in this week to www.trinityrouzerville.com and see what is new. Also find us on Facebook

Our next **Church Breakfast** will be on Tuesday, May 17, 9 a.m. at Parlor House Restaurant. We invite all to join us for the fellowship as we enjoy breakfast together. Please sign the reservation sheet on the Trinity News bulletin board in the hallway off the narthex.

Note: The **Evangelism Committee** will not meet in May.

The next **Dinner at The Ridge** will be held at noon at the Fleck Center on Wednesday, May 11. The cost is \$6.75. The menu for May is creamed lettuce, ham loaf, au gratin potatoes, mixed vegetables, dinner rolls/butter, assorted desserts and beverages. Please call 264-3212 to make your reservation. Deadline for reservations is noon on Thursday, May 5.

The **Wellness Talk** for May will be held Tuesday, May 17, 1 p.m. at the Fleck Center at SpiritTrust Lutheran™, The Village at Luther Ridge, 2998 Luther Drive, Chambersburg. SpiritTrust Lutheran Home Health Physical Therapy will present a talk on walker and wheelchair safety. Please R.S.V.P. to 267-1665 if you plan to attend this informative session.

There will be a **Congregational Meeting** following worship on Sunday, May 15 to vote on a synod administration agreement which will include a call for Vicar Pam to serve as our full time redevelopment pastor. We urge all to be present for this important meeting.

The members of the Brownies Troop at Trinity invite all members of Trinity to have **cookies and tea** with them after the congregational meeting on Sunday, May 15 in the Social Room.

- STEWARDSHIP -

Sharing the abundance of God's gifts to us of time, talents and wealth with others

Donation envelopes for the **Air Conditioning Fund** are available on the windowsill at the rear of the sanctuary.

Flower, Bulletin and Candle Sponsor Charts: Are you thinking of a way to honor a loved one's birthday, anniversary, accomplishment, baptismal anniversary, or to just say, "I love you?" Is there a special person whose life you would like to memorialize? Sponsoring flowers, bulletins and/or candles is a great way to do that! Check out the bulletin board in the hallway off the narthex for more information.



This joint ministry with the Rouzerville Church of the Brethren, continues throughout the year on the first and third Saturdays of each month starting at 9 a.m. See the back of the sanctuary for a list of needed products for its clients. Please note that the program does not collect food items or previously used personal care items.

Bountiful Blessings needs two volunteers for May 21, 8:30-11 a.m. For more information or to volunteer, contact Sondra Musser.

Thrivent Financial for Christians Please let Vicar Pam or Ruth Strausbaugh know if you are a member of Thrivent! Your membership can provide money for TELC to do mission work in our community in 2 different ways! One way is through Thrivent Choice Dollars and the other is through Thrivent Action Teams.

- COMMUNITY MINISTRY NEAR AND FAR -

We continue to collect greeting cards for the **St. Jude's Ranch for Children Recycled Card Program**. Only the front of the card is used and must not contain writing. We cannot accept cards from Hallmark, Disney, and American Greetings. There is a collection box at the back of the sanctuary. We collect all year long. Save your cards.

Trinity's Encourager Ministry provides encouragement and outreach to our faith community. If you know of someone who could use a card, phone call, etc., let one of the members of the Evangelism Committee know. Contacts are made for special occasions/accomplishments in our lives such as an anniversary, new baby, baptism, first communion, confirmation, get well, graduation, retirement, sympathy, thinking of you, volunteer, wedding, etc. Members are Earl Duffey, Charlotte Kuhs, Sondra Musser, Judi Rice, and Donna Swauger.

.- FAITH FORMATION: -

Youth Sunday School: Available on Sunday morning at 9:30 for children of all ages. Everyone invite a child to come to Sunday School!!



Agnus Day by James Wetstein



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- May 1-7 -

- Today..... 12:15 p.m. - Lunch Bunch at Rolling Mill Restaurant
- Wednesday..... 6:30 p.m. - Call Committee & Congregation Council
- Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m. - Creative Christian Ladies
- Thursday..... 7:00 p.m. - Faith Study
- Friday 6:00 p.m. - Brownies

- May 8-14 -

- Sunday..... 9:30 a.m. - Youth Sunday School & Adult Forum
- Sunday..... 10:45 a.m. - Holy Communion
- Monday..... 6:30 p.m. - Congregation Council
- Wednesday..... 7:00 p.m. - Creative Christian Ladies
- Friday 10:00 a.m. - Coffee, Tea & Theology at Christine's Café
- Friday 6:00 p.m. - Daisy Scouts



- Our Stewardship -

	Current Fund
Last Week	\$1,010
Year to Date	\$18,876
Attendance Last Sunday -32	

**- Current Income/Expenses -
To March 31**

Income	\$15,000
Expenses	\$17,921
Deficit	\$2,921

- Air Conditioning Fund -

Estimated Cost	\$10,000
Received to Date	\$3,110
Balance Needed	\$6,890

- SERVING THIS MORNING -

Ministers The Disciples of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
(1 Peter 2:4-10)

Vicar Pam Illick Presiding Minister
Earl Duffey Assisting Minister
Charles Strausbaugh Lector/Communion Assistant
Katherine Dennis Crucifer
Ruth Strausbaugh Nursery
Melissa Leaper Altar Care
Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice Pianists/Organists
Richard Berklite Usher
Al Bingman Usher
Adrian Kuhs Usher
Melissa Leaper Usher
Earl Duffey & Rusty Kreitz Offering Tellers

- SERVING MAY 8 -

Vicar Pam Illick Presiding Minister
Teresa Papoutsis Assisting Minister
Madison Kreitz Lector/Communion Assistant
Katherine Dennis Crucifer
Marie Seidel Nursery
Melissa Leaper Altar Care
Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice Pianists/Organists
Richard Berklite Usher
Al Bingman Usher
Adrian Kuhs Usher
Melissa Leaper Usher
Richard Berklite & Joanne Crider Offering Tellers

Six Marks of Discipleship
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Weekly Worship
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Service
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- Our Mission -

The mission of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Rouzerville, Pennsylvania is to build, strengthen, and increase our faith community to better love and serve God – and the world community – with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



- Our Vision -

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is a flourishing, Spirit-filled, Christ-centered home for all.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.