



Welcome to all – especially visitors!!! **It is no accident that you are here today!** You are an answer to our prayer. We have been praying for you, and believe that God has brought you here because God wants to touch your life.

If you need some help to make your worship with us more accessible, please see an usher for assistance. A transport chair and large print bulletins are available if you have need for them.

Jesus does not leave his followers orphaned. 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.

Lutherans 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.

(Communion record cards are available in the pew racks.)

GREETINGS - Take a moment to check in on Facebook!
Feel free to share your worship experience via social media, too.

PRELUDE & QUIET MEDITATION

GATHERING

**Please stand as you are able.*

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

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

☑ **Amen.**



Sixth Sunday of Easter May 21, 2017 Holy Communion

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Pam Illick, Pastor**

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his
family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into
freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the
Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

***PEACE**

We greet one other with the peace of the risen Christ.

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

*** GATHERING SONG *This is the Spirit's Entry Now* (ELW
448)**

***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.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P 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.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

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.*

L A reading from Acts.

²²Paul 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.”

℣ The word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 66:8-20

⁸Bless our God, you peoples;
let the sound of praise be heard.

⁹**Our God has kept us among the living
and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

¹¹**You brought us into the net;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

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

¹³**I will enter your house with burnt offerings
and will pay you my vows—**

¹⁴those that I promised with my lips
was in trouble.

¹⁵**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of
rams;**

I will give you oxen and goats.

¹⁶Come and listen, all you who believe,
and I will tell you what God has done for me.

¹⁷**I called out to God with my mouth,
and praised the Lord with my tongue.**

¹⁸If I had cherished evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;

¹⁹**but in truth God has heard me
and has attended to the sound of my prayer.**

²⁰Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing love from me.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Christians have a zeal for doing what is right in God's eyes no matter what the circumstances because in baptism we are saved and made alive. Thus our

Christian beliefs and behavior are to be a matter of public record just as our baptism is.

℣ A reading from 1 Peter.

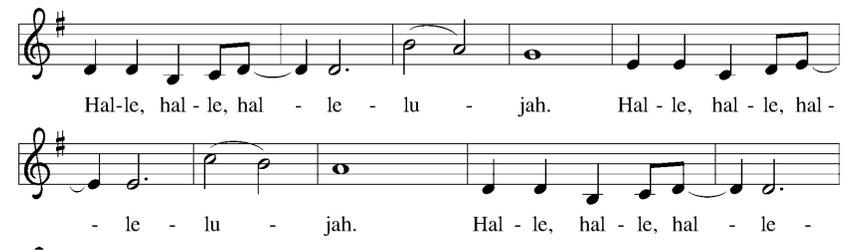
¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting 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.

℣ The word of the Lord.

☩ Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -



*** 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.

P The holy gospel according to St. John.

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

Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“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 **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling* (ELW 582)

***CREED**

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**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 THE PEOPLE

After each petition the congregation will respond:

C **hear our prayer.**

PRAYER FOR FISHERS OF PEOPLE

MEAL

OFFERING

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

THANK & TELL

Please stand as you are able.

***OFFERTORY**



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

***OFFERING PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

C Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world. Amen.

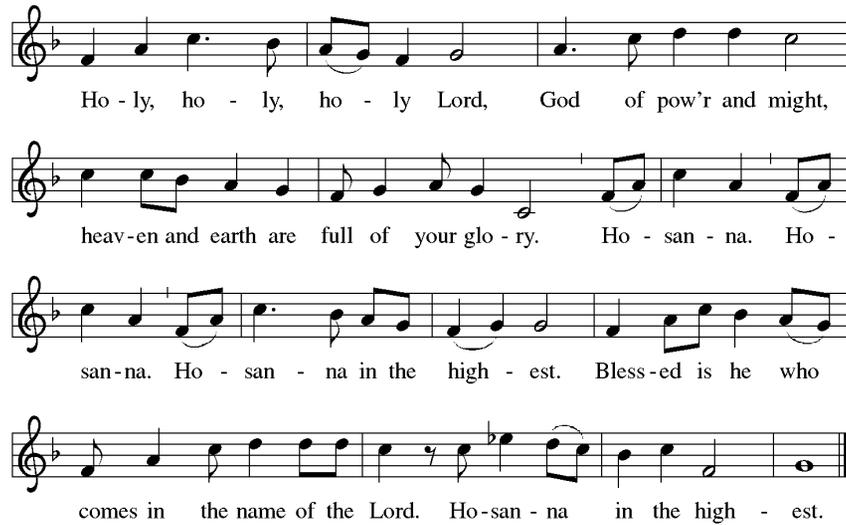
***DIALOGUE**

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.

***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.
 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:

*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

P Holy, living, and loving God,
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters
of the flood,
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

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 handed over,
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.

C Amen

*LORD'S PRAYER

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

C 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

P Now let us feast this Easter day
on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

- **To receive communion**, come up the center aisle at the direction of the ushers. We offer both common cup and individual cups which are filled from the pouring chalice. Cups are available on the table at the head of the aisle. After receiving the bread, 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 bulletin.
- **If you would like to have communion brought to your seat**, please indicate your wish to one of the ushers, and the pastor will 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.

Please stand as you are able.

*TABLE BLESSING

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

C Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please be seated.)*

*BLESSING

P May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

* **SENDING SONG** *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* (ELW 551)

*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 –

Remember to write the name(s) of persons for whom prayer is needed on the pad in the rear of the church! The names will be included in the Intercessory Prayers this morning. If you forget to put someone's name on the list, there is an opportunity to say the name during the prayers.

Special prayers for: Congregations who are in redevelopment and renewal.

College Students: Remember Madi Kreitz in your prayers!

– UPCOMING EVENTS –

Our annual **church picnic** will be held at Pine Hill Recreation Area, Pavilion B (same site as last year), on August 6. We will have a planning meeting on Tuesday, June 6 at 2 p.m. We need volunteers to help us. If you would like to help, but can't make an afternoon meeting, we can change it to evening. Contact June Ecker at 794-2013.

Lunch Bunch goes out on Sundays after worship for lunch (except on Sundays when we have Coffee & Conversation). Today we will meet at Waynesboro Diner. We invite all to be with us for this time of fellowship as we enjoy a meal together.



All items for the **June newsletter** are due Monday, May 22 at 9 p.m. Place all items in the newsletter tray in the office or send an email to admin@trinityrouzerville.org.

– FAITH FORMATION –

Children's Sunday School - every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Social Room!! Open to all children. Join us and give it a *Whirl*.

Adult Forum meets at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday in the first floor meeting room. We are examining Luther's Small Catechism.

Save the Date! Vacation Bible School is going to be June 9-11! Check for more details in May newsletter. We need "all hands on deck" to plan, teach, feed, pray, set up, clean up and invite everyone you know!!! Sign-up sheets are posted on the sanctuary door. Get ready to discover how we are **Created by God and Built for a Purpose!!!**

– TELC MISSION WORK FOR NEAR AND FAR –

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 Swaeger.

Thursday in the Subway at Walmart is every Thursday afternoon from 1:30 to 3:00. Pastor Pam is available to anyone who is seeking prayer or someone to talk to. The invitation extends to our people here at TELC to stop by too. Please pray that this ministry will help TELC to take Jesus into the world.

“New Neighbor Baskets” are now available for pickup at the church any Sunday morning. All you need to do is pick up the basket, deliver it, and have good conversation with your new neighbor. God is sending us out to do a new thing—help us reach out to our community!

- STEWARDSHIP -

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

We need **plastic icing tubs** for the distribution of altar flowers after the service. Please place on the counter in the altar room.

Flower, Bulletin and Candle Sponsor Charts Available: 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. There are a number of available dates on the 2017 charts.

Don't forget to drop off your **Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education**, as well as your **all-occasion cards** for St. Jude's' recycled card program, in the appropriate container at the back of our worship area.

During May we are conducting a membership drive for **SpiriTrust Lutheran™ Chambersburg Auxiliary**. A donation of as little as \$1 makes you a member. For a complete list of membership levels and other details, check your May newsletter. Envelopes are available on the windowsill by the entrance to the sanctuary.

Because these envelopes are not found in this year's offering envelope packet, **Building Fund envelopes** are available on the windowsill near the sanctuary entrance.



- May 21-27 -

Today.....12:15 p.m. - Lunch Bunch at Waynesboro Diner
 Monday.....6:30 p.m. - Redevelopment Team
 Monday.....9:00 p.m. - June Newsletter Items Due
 Thursday.....1:30-3:00 p.m. - Thursday in the Subway

- May 28-June 3 -

Sunday.....9:30 a.m. - Children's Class & Adult Forum
 Sunday.....10:45 a.m. - Holy Communion
 Sunday.....12:15 p.m. - Lunch Bunch at Café del Sol
 Thursday.....1:30-3:00 p.m. - Thursday in the Subway



- Our Stewardship -

	Current Fund
Last Week	\$452
Year to Date	\$14,576
Attendance Last Sunday - 32	
Does Not Include E-Giving Offerings	

**- Current Income/Expenses -
To April 30**

Income	\$123,570
Expenses	\$41,505
Above reflects \$100,000 bequest	

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and are placed by Sherri Kayhoe in honor of her daughter, Lindsay Johnson, on her birthday.

- SERVING THIS MORNING -

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

Pastor Pam Illick Presiding Minister
 Teresa PapoutsisAssisting Minister
 Terry Eberly.....Lector
 Alexis Kramer-Foose..... Crucifer
 Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice Musicians
 Richard Berklite..... Usher
 Al Bingman Usher
 Adrian Kuhs..... Usher
 Melissa Leaper Usher
 Marie Seidel..... Altar Care
 Richard Berklite..... Church Lock-up
 Sherri Kayhoe & Carol Snyder Offering Tellers

- SERVING MAY 28 -

Pastor Pam Illick Presiding Minister
 Earl DuffeyAssisting Minister
 Teresa PapoutsisLector
 Katherine Dennis..... Crucifer
 Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice Musicians
 Richard Berklite..... Usher
 Al Bingman Usher
 Adrian Kuhs..... Usher
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<p><u>Seven Faith Practices</u></p> <p>Pray</p> <p>Study</p> <p>Worship</p> <p>Invite</p> <p>Encourage</p> <p>Serve</p> <p>Give</p>

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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.