



Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 7, 2017
Holy Communion

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Pam Illick, Pastor



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.

Today is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us in the midst of the world’s violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation.

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.*

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

☩ Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

☩ Amen.

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of **✠** Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

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** *Dearest Jesus, at Your Word (ELW 520)*

***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.

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, 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 2:42-47

Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was outpoured on God's people. This new community is founded on the teachings of the apostles and sustained in the breaking of the bread.

L A reading from Acts.

⁴²[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Hymn *The Lord's My Shepherd (ELW 778)*

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly in the midst of adversity.

L A reading from 1 Peter.

¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²²"He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

L The word of the Lord.

C 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 -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

*GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Good shepherds bring people to life through Jesus, but those who avoid Jesus are dangerous to the flock.

P The holy gospel according to St. John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* (ELW 789)

*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.

MEAL

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

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 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.

*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

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

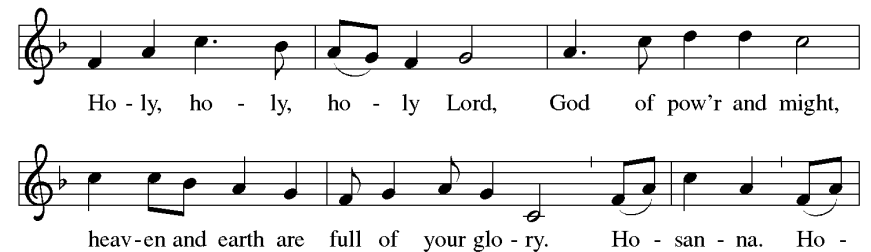
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our 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:

*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 -



*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

☐ 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 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

☐ 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

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

☑ Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- ☐ 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.

☑ Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please be seated.)*

*BLESSING

- ☐ 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.

☑ Amen.

*SENDING SONG *God Be with You Till We Meet Again* (ELW 536)

*DISMISSAL

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

☑ We will. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Worship is ended: our service begins.

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We are pleased to welcome back Pastor Ray Shriver as he leads our worship this morning in Pastor Pam's absence.

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). On May 21 we will meet at Waynesboro Diner. We invite all to be with us for this time of fellowship as we enjoy a meal together.



Today after worship, the scouts that meet at Trinity invite you to a **tea** in the social room. Please join them for this time of fellowship with light refreshments.

On Friday, May 12, we will meet at 6 p.m. for **dinner at Monterey Pass Pub & Eatery**. There is no need to preregister. Just join us and enjoy the fellowship over dinner

Parlor Talk at Parlor House will meet on Thursday, May 11, with breakfast at 10 a.m. and discussion at 10:30. We invite all to join us.

– 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 Swauger.

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 7-13 -

- Today.....12:00 p.m. - Tea Hosted by Scout Troops
- Wednesday.....7:00 p.m. - Creative Christian Ladies
- Thursday.....10:00 a.m. - Parlor Talk at Parlor House
- Thursday.....1:30-3:00 p.m. - Thursday in the Subway
- Thursday.....6:30 p.m. - Congregation Council
- Friday6:00 p.m. - Dinner at Monterey Pass Pub & Eatery

- May 14-20 -

- Sunday.....9:30 a.m. - Children's Class & Adult Forum
- Sunday.....10:45 a.m. - Holy Communion
- Tuesday.....9:00 a.m. - Breakfast at Parlor House
- Tuesday.....6:00 p.m. - Daisy Scouts
- Wednesday.....7:00 p.m. - Creative Christian Ladies
- Thursday.....1:30-3:00 p.m. - Thursday in the Subway
- Friday6:00 p.m. - Brownie Scouts



- Our Stewardship -

	Current Fund
Last Week	\$399
Year to Date	\$13,517
Attendance Last Sunday - 30	
Does Not Include E-Giving Offerings	

**- Current Income/Expenses -
To February 28**

Income	\$9,298
Expenses	\$20,816
Deficit	(\$11,518)

- SERVING THIS MORNING -

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

Pastor Ray Shriver Presiding Minister
 Charles Strausbaugh Assisting Minister
 Charles Strausbaugh Lector
 Alexis Kramer-Foose Crucifer
 Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice Musicians
 Sherri Kayhoe Usher
 Carol Snyder Usher
 Donna Swauger Usher
 Marie Seidel Altar Care
 Richard Berklite Church Lock-up
 Richard Berklite & Donna Swauger Offering Tellers


- SERVING MAY 14 -

Pastor Pam Illick Presiding Minister
 Ruth Strausbaugh Assisting Minister
 Teresa Papoutsis Lector
 Katherine Dennis Crucifer
 Brenda Rice, Jenny Rice, Rhonda Rice Musicians
 Sherri Kayhoe Usher
 Carol Snyder Usher
 Donna Swauger Usher
 Marie Seidel Altar Care
 Richard Berklite Church Lock-up
 Amy Dennis & Linda Fleagle Offering Tellers

<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.