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April 14th, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 10 A.M. WORSHIP



Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Lifting Up, Reaching Out

WELCOME TO HOLY TRINITY!

We are so glad you are joining in our worship. Whether this is your first time or you are a regular participant, we are happy to welcome you today.

DANDELIONS

When we were children
We'd make wishes on dandelions.
Lips puckered and deep breaths on the count of three—
We'd blow those wildflower seeds into the sun with all the breath we had.
And I'd pray they would scatter.
And I'd pray they'd grow tall.

My mother said they were weeds. But I said they were beautiful.

And I wonder—
Is that what it felt like when God breathed life into our bones?

Poem and Liturgy by Sarah Are

PRELUDE Jesus Calls Us	(1981)	.William Bolcom
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Please stand as you are able

- **P** They went to the cross,
- C And watched you breathe your last.
- P So they ran to the upper room,
- C And locked the door in fear.
- P Then, on this day so many years ago, some women went to the tomb,
- C But you were not there.
- P You were not there.
- C You were already set loose in the world—spreading a holy type of love.
- P So find us here.
- C Spread love here.
- P Family of God, Christ is risen!
- C Alleluia! Amen!

CALL TO CONFESSION

- P Easter is a story of transformation—
 Death to life; despair to hope; betrayal to forgiveness.
 We need that type of transformation—every day and all the time.
 So join me in the prayer of confession, for in our truth-telling with the divine, we are transformed.
- P Let us pray—

God of new life,

We need Easter like the desert needs rain.

For you give us unending love, and we turn it into a commodity.

You give us mystery, and we force it into certainty.

You give us community, and we set rules about who is in and who is out.

You give us grace, but we hold grudges against our neighbors.

You give us light and we ration it out to those we believe deserve it.

God of grace,

Forgive us for our shortcomings.

Dwell among us like rain in the desert—holy and unexpected—until new life grows here. Gratefully we pray,

C Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

P Family of Faith—

In the act of the cross, Jesus Christ experienced almost every type of hardship humans can inflict on one another—isolation, abandonment, physical and emotional abuse, shame, betrayal. You name it, he faced it.

And still—

and still-

He came back for us.

Friends-

No matter what you have done or left undone, you are known and loved by a God of unimaginable grace. Like rain in the desert, your sin is washed clean.

So on this Easter day, hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

C Thanks be to God.

GATHERING HYMN

The Day of Resurrection! ELW 361 tion! Earth, tell day of res - ur - rec iţ a - broad, out. Let hearts be purged of vil that e we may see a - right 3 Now let the heav'ns be ful, let earth its song joy be - gin, God Fa praise to Christ the 4 All praise to the ther, all glad - ness, the the pass - o ver of pass - o - ver God. Lord in res - ur - rec - tion light, rays e ter nal of the round world keep high tri - umph and that is there - in. all praise to God Spir - it, ter - nal Three in the e nal, from From death to life e - ter sin's do - min - ion free, hear, so calm and plain, and lis - t'ning to his ac cents, may seen, their notes of glad-ness blend; Let all things, seen and un ran-somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne, Let the

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Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754: tr. John Mason Neale. 1818–1866, alt. Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, Melodien zum Mainzer Gesungbuche, 1833

GREETING

- P God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth. Come, let us offer praise and thanks to God for fulfilling the resurrection promise.
- C Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray.
 - Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out

- A Word of God, word of life.
- C Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

A note from Josh Brown, Director of Music: "Our musicians are working from an arrangement done in 2010, "We Are the World 25 for Haiti", but we also tried to stay true to the original 1985 version that benefited Africa. In our 75th year of being a congregation we wanted to take a moment and celebrate/highlight all the ways the church's generosity has benefited other countries around the globe!"

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

- A Word of God, word of life.
- C Thanks be to God

Walk with me, I will walk with you and build the land that

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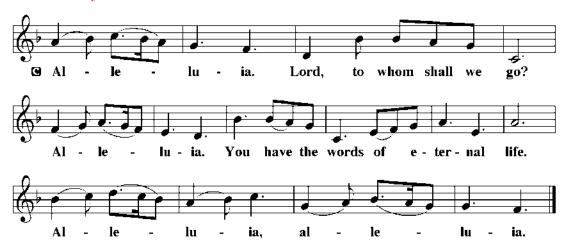


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God wants us to do. To share our love and share our gifts, to be di-sci-ples true.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia......WOV Setting 5 Please stand as you are able.



GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:36b-48

- Р The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.
- \mathbf{C} Glory to you, O Lord.

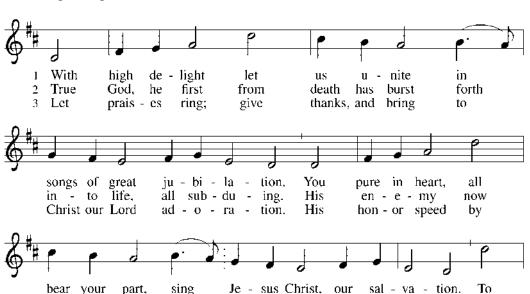
In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." 40 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" 42They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things."

- Р The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE HYMN



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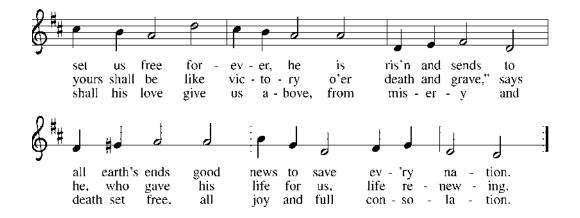
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APOSTLE'S CREED

- A Lord, help us comprehend and affirm our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.
- C 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,

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 Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

- A O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty (especially). God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Watch over our military and members of agencies serving to keep us safe and free. Bless, strengthen and defend them with your heavenly grace, give them courage in the face of peril, and grant them a sense of your abiding love and presence wherever they may be throughout the world. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- A Watch over all your children, Lord, including any who have not felt welcomed by the members of your church. Help us to truly be a Reconciling in Christ congregation: a welcoming and safe community for all. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.

Α O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry (ministry context may be named). Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- Α O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died (especially). As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace,
- C hear our prayer.
- Α Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
- C Amen.

PEACE

- P The peace of the risen Christ be with you.
- \mathbf{C} And also with you.

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord, and then be seated. Please also sign the red Friendship Register and pass it to the next person in your pew.

OFFERING HYMN

Accept O Lord, the Gifts We Bring.....ELW 691 (Verses 1 and 3)



- Ac cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up on your ta ble.
- 2 The vines were plant ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea-sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be fore you.



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Your offering can be received in many ways. You may use the offering plate in the Sanctuary, give a gift at <u>www.holytrinityfallschurch.org/giving</u>, or mail your offering to the church.

OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able

A Let us pray.

God of Hallelujahs-

You have given us purpose and hope, forgiveness and grace, a place to belong and a job to do.

You have given us all that we could need and more, so we wonder—how do you repay someone for that?

How do you repay someone who died for you?

The obvious answer is that we could try living for you.

So today we lift up this offering as a gesture of our love for you. We pray that you can use it to bring about your promised day where all are known, all are loved, and all are safe—where swords are beaten into plowshares and justice runs like a river.

In your name we live, and in your name we pray.

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- 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.
- 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:

SANCTUS......WOV Setting 5 pow-er and ho - ly, ly Lord, God of ly, ho **9** Ho might, heav - en and earth full of your glo - ry. are Ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san in the high - est. Ho - san in the high est. na

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P God,

You are like the sun—for just as the sun never stops rotating around the earth, you never stop running toward us. And God, you are like the wind—for we can't see you, but we can feel you. We feel you when we come together, when joy escapes our bones in the form of laughter, and when we hold a newborn.

And God, you are like the feeling of coming home—for no matter how long we are away, or how much time has passed, the doormat still says, "welcome," and there is still a place for us at the table.

So today we bow our heads and close our eyes, hoping to feel you as strongly as we feel nostalgia and fear, or love and loss, which permeate our bones. We hope to feel you as strongly as the wind and the sun, for faith and doubt have always been intertwined for us.

Wonder stands at the heels of praise and joy has the memory of suffering.

C So God of the grave, we pray—

Be among us in our darkest moments.

P Be among us in our miscarriages and divorce, in our stress and anxiety, in our fear and doubt.

Be among us in our loneliness and grief, in our isolation and our regret. Be among us in our addictions and depression, in bullying and self-doubt. Be among us when Easter feels far away and the grave feels too close.

C God of life after death— Enable us to be Easter people.

People who live into joy, wonder, and gratitude as a spiritual practice. People who acknowledge death in the world, but do not fear it. People who trust that nothing can separate us from your love. God you are like the sun, and the wind, and the feeling of coming home. You are all too great for us and simultaneously present in our midst.

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.

So rise again in our suffering, and rise again in our joy. Hear our songs of praise today and know that we love the way you love and long to live the way you lived. And while you linger here, please pour out your Spirit on this Table so that this ordinary bread and cup can remind us of your love. Pour out your Spirit on this Table so that in this meal we get a glimpse of your promised day—where all are welcomed, all belong, and all are fed. And pour out your Spirit on us, for we long to be your Easter people.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

- P And now, in gratitude for your consistent presence among us, we join our voices together in the prayer you taught us to pray, saying—
- C Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

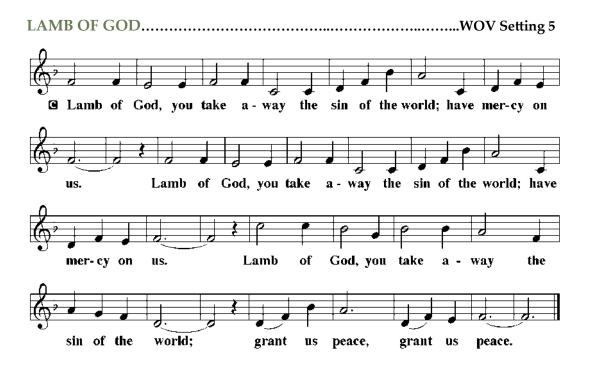
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P No matter where you are in your journey of love and faith, you are welcome here.

For Jesus Christ who died on the cross, died for you, and you matter. You belong here. There is a seat saved for you.

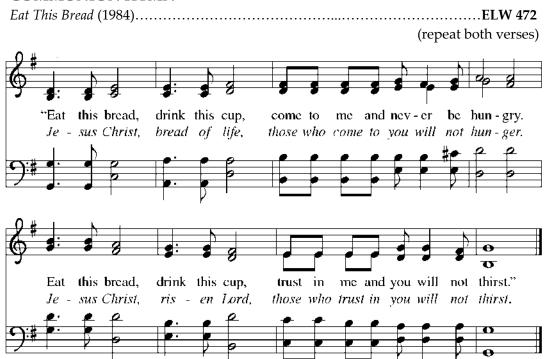
So come to this Table with your fears and your hopes and your heart on your sleeve; for this is God's Table. It is real, and it is strong, and it is for you. All are welcome here.

C Amen.



- P This is the body of Christ, given for you.
- C Amen.
- P This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.
- C Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN



Text: Taizé Community
Music: BERTHIER, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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COMMUNION HYM

(Verses 1, 2, 3, 5, and 8) know that my Re deem - er lives! What com - fort phant the lives e -He lives tri - um from grave; he He lives to lives to grant rich sup he me ply; He lives si lence all lives to to my fears; he 8 this sweet sen gives! He lives, he lives, who tence ter - nal ly. save; he lives ex - alt ed, to with he lives to guide me his eye; com fort wipe. way my tears; he lives to calm my ál dead; lives, my ev er - liv - ing head! once was he throned a bove; he lives to rule his church in love. when faint: lives to hear my soul's com - plaint. he trou - bled heart; he lives all bless im - part. ings to

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- 5 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above; he lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; he lives and loves me to the end; he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death; he lives my mansion to prepare; he lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same; what joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt. Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as you are able

P Let us pray.

God of Grace-

There are simply not enough ways to say thank you.

We want to thank you for the way you designed joy to be contagious, for sunsets and sunrises, and for the air in our lungs. We want to thank you for summer rains, starry nights, and home-cooked meals shared together. We want to thank you for this sacred space, this Table, and for this day—which all hold the promise that love is enough.

God, you give us new life, beautiful life, full life—and there are not enough ways to say thank you. So we start by acknowledging that our gratitude overflows.

We start by acknowledging just how much we need you.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P God of love,

There are so many words in a day –

To-do lists and stress, self-talk and notifications.

There are so many words, and yet the only words we really need are yours. So today we pray—drown out every voice but your own.

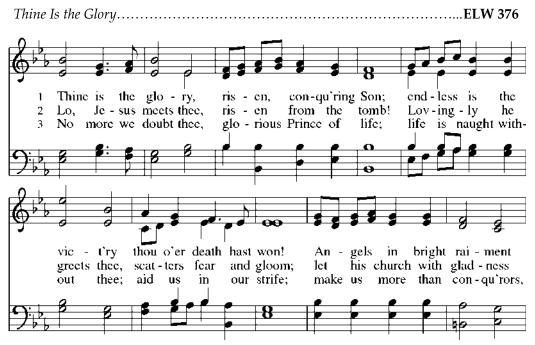
Drown out every voice but your own, and speak to us through this text, for we are craving good news. We are desperate for your risen love.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

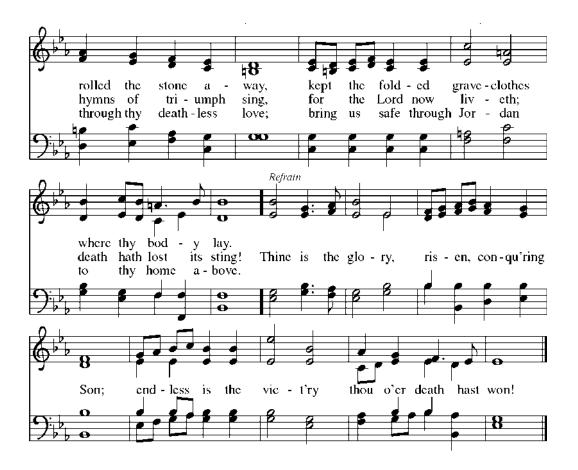
C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

- P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.
- C Amen.

SENDING HYMN



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

SENDING

- P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
- C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Sweet Hour of Prayer (1984)......William Bolcom

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister Pastor Mike Gutzler
Preaching Minister Pastor Craig Endicott

Assisting Minister Vicar Allison Vincent-Beckman
Tech Team Ben French and Jeff Taylor

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Christus Choir Director

Greg Bloy, Organ Christus Choir The Praise Project:

Greg Bloy, Keyboards and Winds

Bill Merkel, Guitar; Caleb Merkel, Guitar; Brent Stone, Bass;

Bill Richards, Percussion; Jonathan Hill, Saxophone;

Mark Shoun, Trombone and Piano

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Piscataway, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Prayers are requested for Judy Baker's brother Steve who is under hospice care in Florida. Prayers for comfort, reassurance and consolation for Steve and the family. Prayers for safe travel for Judy and her sister Kathy as they travel to be with Steve

Prayers for John Kress's sister, Liz Shashoua, undergoing treatment following cancer surgery.

Prayers of healing for Lynn Tedesco, recovering from surgery.

Prayers for safe travels for Joan Buscher's son, Mike.

Prayers of healing and strength for Kathy Chelsen. (Kathy would appreciate phone calls from HT members. Please contact the HT office for details.).

Prayers also for Joel and Donna Cook (health concerns); Anne Simmons' husband, Rich (liver transplant); and Rita Juhasz (ongoing health concerns).

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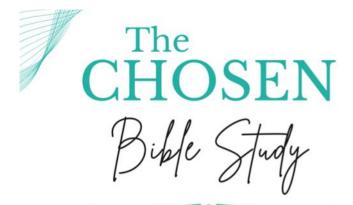
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In 2024, Holy Trinity is celebrating our 75th Anniversary! Each month we will be celebrating a different decade of our history.

April: The 1980s

Join us on Saturday, April 27th from 6-9pm in Fellowship Hall to raise funds for hunger relief. In honor of the 80s decade of Holy Trinity, we will hold our own Live Aid singing event - karaoke! Come showcase your talents and sing your best tunes!



Pastor Mike is gauging interest in watching and discussing Netflix's *The Chosen* for a special spring Bible Study series. If interested, email PastorMike@holytrinityfallschurch.org.







Holy Trinity Talent Show February 1985

