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**FIFTH 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.

WATERED

Every plant needs three things to grow:

Soil, light, and water.

I wish I could be so simple.

I need a space to belong, and space to plant roots.

I need stars to wonder at

And sunsets to make me feel small.

I need hands to hold,

And another heartbeat to fall in rhythm with.

I need music like I need air,

And air that smells like trees.

I need food that tastes like home,

And a home that feels like Sabbath.

I need a place at the table,

And a table to remind me of my

Place in this world.

So water me with the stories of Jesus.

Cover me in hope, which looks like light,

And bury me in the promise that love is stronger than death.

For with those three things, I am sure to bloom.

Maybe it is just that simple.

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PRELUDE *Seven Syllables for Harpsichord, movement #1*.....Greg Bloy

Program Note: This set of teaching pieces for harpsichord was composed for the 1989Aliénor competition.

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:

You are **+** forgiven.

C Thanks be to God.

GATHERING HYMN

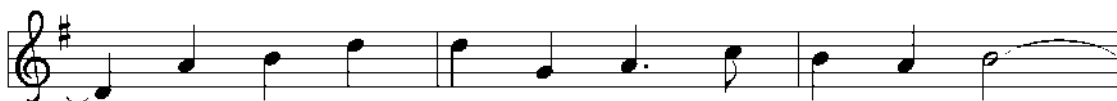
We Know That Christ Is Raised.....ELW 449



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God,
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924

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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.

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through 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 8:26-40

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the

scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

A Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM

He Is Exalted (1985).....Words and Music by Twila Paris;
Choral Setting by Lloyd Larson
Christus Choir

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21

We love God and others because God first loved us. We cannot say we love God, whom we have not seen, while hating fellow Christians, whom we regularly see. Love toward God is to be matched by love toward others because the essence of God is love.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

A Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE HYMN.....Walk With Me

Walk with me, I will walk with you and build the land that
God has planned where love shines through. We come to lis - ten and to learn what
God wants us to do. To share our love and share our gifts, to be di - sci - ples true.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE.....Pastor Mike Gutzler

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Alleluia*.....WOV Setting 5

Please stand as you are able.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING: John 15:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the fifteenth chapter.

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

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.

[Jesus said:] ¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON.....Emma Wagner

MESSAGE HYMN

Chief of Sinners Though I Be.....ELW 609



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his blood for me,
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love! High - er than the heav'n's a - bove,
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part balm to heal the wound - ed heart,
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford by your Spir - it and your word!



died that I might live on high, lives that I might nev - er die.
deep - er than the depths of sea, last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty.
peace that flows from sin for - giv'n, joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
all my wants to him are known, all my sor - rows are his own.
When my way - ward heart would stray, keep me in the nar - row way;



As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.
Love that found me—won - drous thought—found me when I sought him not.
faith and hope to walk with God in the way that E - noch trod.
He sus - tains the hid - den life safe with him from earth - ly strife.
grace in time of need sup - ply while I live and when I die.



Text: William McComb, 1793–1870
Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

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,
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 We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Keep all the newly baptized and confirmed in your care. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams and estuaries, melting glaciers and polluted waters (*local bodies of water may be named*). Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

A For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A For all those in need: for any experiencing homelessness or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum, and for all who are ill or suffering (*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.**

A For this congregation: for the caring ministries of this faith community, for all who visit and minister to one another, for all who take communion to homes or care centers, and for all who seek to share your love with the world. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors. Help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A 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.
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)

1 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.

We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, b. 1957
Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune; arr. Alice Parker, b. 1925
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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



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

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.**

P 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.**

LAMB OF GOD.....WOV Setting 5



☩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

- 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

Now in this Banquet (1986).....GATHER 833

Refrain



Now in this banquet, Christ is our bread;
Advent: God of our jour-neys, day-break to night;
Lent: Lord, you can o - pen hearts that are stone;



Here shall all hun - gers be fed.
Lead us to jus - tice and light.
Live in our flesh and our bone;



Bread that is bro - ken, wine that is poured,
Grant us com - pas - sion, strength for the day,
Lead us to won - der, mys - t'ry and grace,



Love is the sign of our Lord.
Wis - dom to walk in your way.
One in your lov - ing em - brace.

Verses 1, 2



1. You who have touched us and graced us with love,
2. Let our hearts burn with the fire of your love;



make us your peo-ple of good-ness and light.
o - pen our eyes to the glo - ry of God.

Verse 3



3. God who makes the blind to see, God who makes the

**May be sung in canon.*

lame to walk, bring us danc - ing in - to day,

lead your peo - ple in your way. **D.C.**

Verse 4

4. Hope for the hope-less, light for the blind,

“Strong” is your name, Lord, “Gen-tle” and “Kind.” **D.C.**

Verse 5

5. Call us to be your light, call us to be your love,

make us your peo - ple a - gain. **D.C.**

Verse 6

6. Come, O Spir - it! re - new our hearts!

We shall a - rise to be chil-dren of light. **D.C.**

COMMUNION HYMN

Around You, O Lord Jesus.....ELW 468

1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still
2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath

to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.
your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.
we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—

You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my
It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your
de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple

bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"
 bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.
 dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. composite
 Music: O JESU, ÅN DE DINA. H. Thomässön, *Den danske Psalmebog*, 1569
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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

On Our Way Rejoicing.....ELW 537

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems of music. The first system has two vocal lines and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: '1 On our way re-joic-ing glad-ly let us go. 2 Un-to God the Fa-ther joy-ful songs we sing;'. The second system also has two vocal lines and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'Christ our Lord has con- quered; van- quished is the foe. un- to God the Sav- ior thank- ful hearts we bring;'. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in the right and left hands.

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain

On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,

hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.
Music: HERMAS. Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

SENDING

P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE *Allegro assai vivace, Sonata I*.....Felix Mendelssohn

Program note: Performed by Dr. Shirley Echard on May 2, 1982 in celebration of the complete 24-rank installation of Holy Trinity's Lewis & Hitchcock organ, first installed in 1966 as 8 ranks.

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Presiding Minister	Pastor Mike Gutzler
Preaching Minister	Emma Wagner
Assisting Minister	Vicar Allison Vincent-Beckman
Tech Team	Ben French and Jeff Taylor
Musicians	Josh Brown, Director of Music, Cantor and Christus Choir Director Greg Bloy, Organ Christus Choir

Please extend a warm welcome to our guest preacher this morning, Emma Wagner. Emma is the Senior Advisor of Congregational Engagement for Lutheran World Relief. She is an experienced Lutheran fundraiser with a demonstrated history of working in government and religious institutions, community and social services professional. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Master's Degree focused in Public Leadership from The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.

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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.

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).



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

April: The 1980s




Holy Trinity celebrated its 40th Anniversary in 1988. Pr. William Nies, Holy Trinity's second Senior Pastor, was the guest preacher at the Celebration Worship Service. Pr. Nies served Holy Trinity from 1963 to 1974.



The CHOSEN

Bible Study



Pastor Mike is leading a discussion of *The Chosen* (on Netflix and Amazon Prime) for a special spring Bible Study series. The viewing will begin on Sunday, April 28, and continue for 8 weeks.

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.

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