



**Trinity Lutheran Church, Perkasio**  
**Holy Communion | April 21, 2024 | 9:30 a.m.**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd’s willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

**Key to Bulletin**  
 A: Assisting Minister    **C: Congregation**    L: Lector    P: Pastor

**Music to Begin Worship**

“Variations on This Joyful Eastertide”

Wilbur Held  
*Organist, Mark Gottesfeld*

**Welcome and Announcements**

*-Please kneel or remain seated.*

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

*-All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**C: Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden’s verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom’s land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus’ death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**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.**

**Kyrie**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

**Canticle of Praise**

*Refrain*

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

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

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

*Refrain*

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

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

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

*Refrain*

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

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



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



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



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



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



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

**Prayer of the Day**

P: O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

*-Please be seated*

**WORD**

**Children's Message**

*-We welcome parents/guardians to come forward to assist with the young children. Thank you!*

## **Scripture Reading**

Acts 4:5-12

L: *A reading from Acts*

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' <sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

*The word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 23**

L: <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not <sup>1</sup>be in want.

**C: <sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

L: <sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**C: <sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

L: <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**C: <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## **Scripture Reading**

1 John 3:16-24

L: *A reading from First John*

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

*The word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

- Please stand if you are able.

ELW Setting 3

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

## **Gospel**

John 10:11-18

P: *The Holy Gospel, according to John*

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

## **Sermon**

Vicar Tori Callahan Giger

- Silence for reflection follows, then we stand to proclaim the Word of God in song.

-Please stand as you are able.

## **Hymn of the Day**

"Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing"

ELW #385

## **Installation of Council Members**

P: The following people have been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these sisters and brothers will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

## **Scripture Reading**

1 Corinthians 12: 4-7

P: *A reading from first Corinthians*

There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

P: You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the world.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

P: On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you:

Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

**Council: We will, and we ask God to help us.**

P: People of God, I ask you:

Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

**Congregation: We will, and we ask God to help us.**

P: I now declare you installed as council members of this congregation. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

**Congregation: Amen.**

### **Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*Each portion of the prayers end with:*

A: God of grace,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

### **Sharing of Peace**

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

We ask that you share the peace with your fellow Brothers and Sisters in Christ in a manner in which you feel most comfortable at this time. A simple acknowledgement is welcomed and appropriate.

*- Please be seated.*

### **Musical Offering**

"All I Know"

Crane & Purifoy

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*Trinity Chancel Choir*

*- We ask you to place your monetary offering in the plates in the narthex.*

*- You may also choose to use the QR code here for your donation, if you prefer.*



*- Please stand if you are able.*

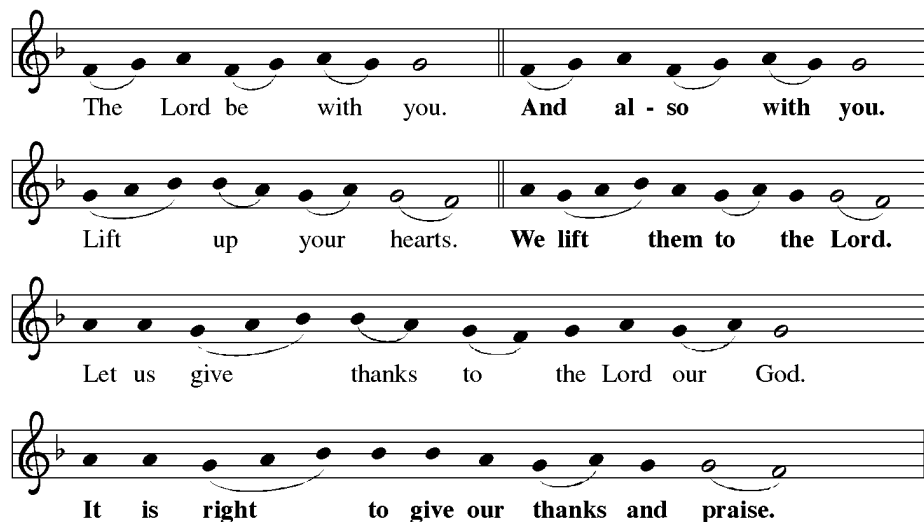
### **Offering Prayer**

P: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

**C: Amen.**

## **MEAL**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**



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.**

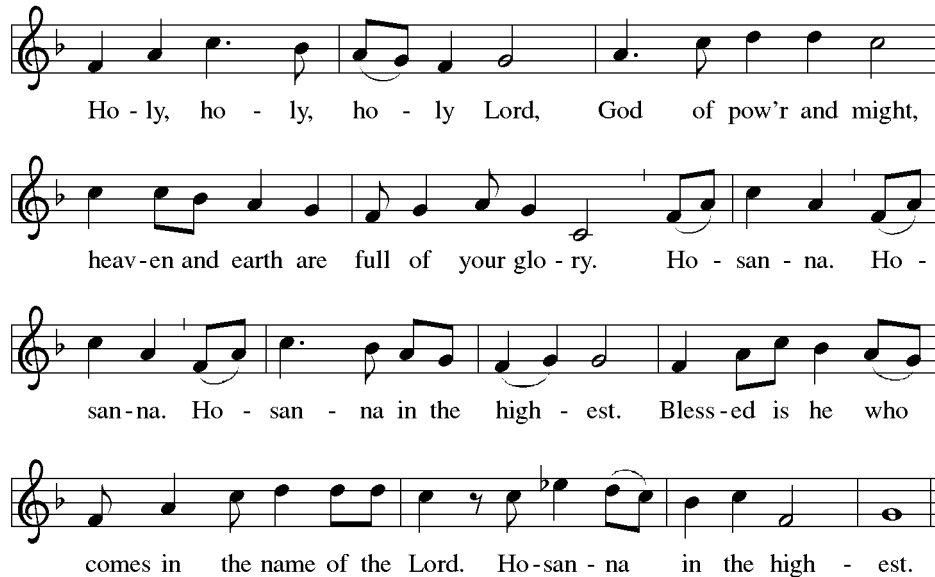


## The Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Sanctus

ELW Setting 3



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.

## Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer

**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: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

*- Please be seated.*

*Ushers will direct you forward by way of the center aisle. Receive bread (gluten-free available) at the center, then proceed to the communion tray to pick up a cup (wine poured into empty cups, pre-filled have grape juice). Proceed to the communion assistant to receive the wine/juice, then please dispose of your cup in the trash receptacle as you proceed down the side aisle.*

***Children who are 6 years and older, who are baptized and have received formal instruction, are welcome to participate in the Sacrament. All other children will receive a blessing.***

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.

**Hymns Sung During Communion**

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

ELW #484

"Shepherding Me, O God"

ELW #780

*- Please stand if you are able.*

**Table Blessing**

P: The Body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

**Prayer After Communion**

A: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING**

**Blessing**

P: 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.**



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
 Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.  
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984  
 Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol  
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**Dismissal**

A: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

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

**Postlude**

"Fugue in G Major"

Dieterich Buxtehude  
*Organist, Mark Gottesfeld*

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**Flower dates available:** April 28; May 5,12,19,26

**Phone dates available:** April 21, 28; May 5, 12, 19, 26   **Printing:** May 5, 12, 19, 26

**The Week at Trinity**

Sunday, April 21	9:30am Worship and Communion
Monday, April 22	1pm Women's Gather Bible Study (ZOOM)
Tuesday, April 23	7pm Pub Theology
Wednesday, April 24	7pm Chancel Choir

**Looking Ahead**

May 4-5	Synod Assembly
Saturday, May 18	First Communion Instruction
Sunday, May 19	Confirmation
Friday, June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Vacation Bible School

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**Thank you to our Worship Leaders today 4/21/24:**

Acolyte: Mitch Macfarlan  
Greeter: Charlotte Strawser  
Ushers: Barry Musselman, Bob Wolfinger  
Lector: Cathy Carman  
Communion Assist: Cathy & Ted Carman  
Altar/worship setup: Becky Eells  
A/V Tech setup: Silas Guelzow, Jenn Macfarlan  
Flower Delivery: Steve Steinly  
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Assisting Minister: Steve Steinly

**Serving Next Week 4/28/24:**

Acolyte: Austin Smith  
Greeter: Kathy & Jim Jenks  
Ushers: Kim Bruzas  
Lector: Kim Bruzas  
Communion Assist: Nikki Anderson, Alan Bruzas  
Altar/worship setup: Kathy Ottinger  
A/V Tech Setup: Becky Eells, Kyle Smith  
Flower Delivery: Nancy Gerfin  
Counter:  
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## PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED

*We lift ongoing prayers for those on our prayer list and those we name in our hearts. To add someone to our prayer concerns list, please contact the church office at [office@trinityperkasie.org](mailto:office@trinityperkasie.org)*

**Names will remain on the list for six weeks.**

Craig Benner	The Family of Dottie Filippini	Ron Kinsey	Nicole Seeger
Jim Brace	Betty & Len Galgoci	Ted Lazowicki, Jr.	The Servin Family
Cindy Branch	Janet Gross	Zachary Marshall	Betty Lynn Snyder
Sophia Czajkowski	Judy Hangey	Jeff Miller	Dawn Troegler
David Detweiler	The Family of Karen Hawkins	Stacey Myers	Robert Weidemoyer
Gary Derr	Jo Kantner	Amy Papili	Erica Wellner
The Family of Mary Ann Esser	Joey Keller	Andrew Schaefer	Pat White
Bunny Faix	The Family of George Kern	Cindy Schimpf	Suzie Wolfinger
Steven Faix		Adam Schwegel	Brynley Yerkes

For those serving in the military and the families that support them. For first responders and others involved in healthcare.

### Homebound Members

Kit Apple	Bev Kline	Grace Mann
Paula Fritch	Beth Landis	Bonita Shank
Julia Holzerman	Mary Jane Myers	Tom Stinger

### Trinity Council Members

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