



**Trinity Lutheran Church, Perkasio**  
**Holy Communion | April 28, 2024 | 9:30 a.m.**  
**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

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

**Music to Begin Worship**

"Festive Alleluia"

D. Miller  
*Organist, Deacon Bruce Tonkin*

**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**

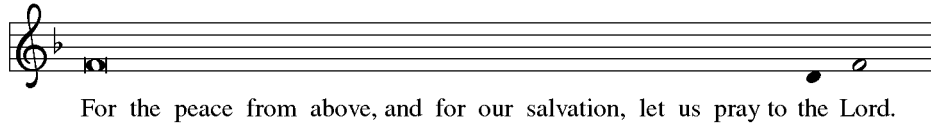
P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

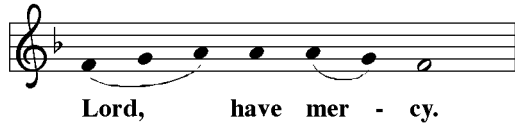
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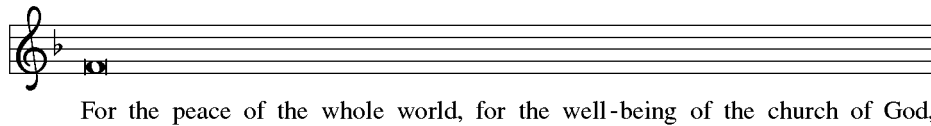
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



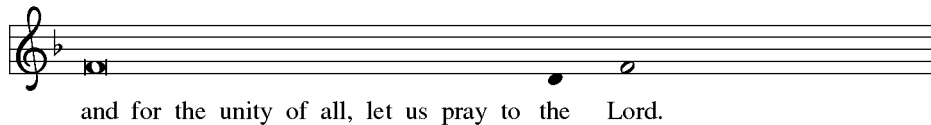
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



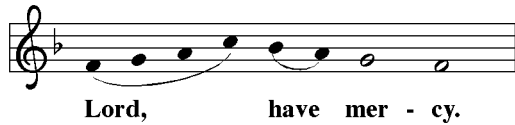
Lord, have mer - cy.



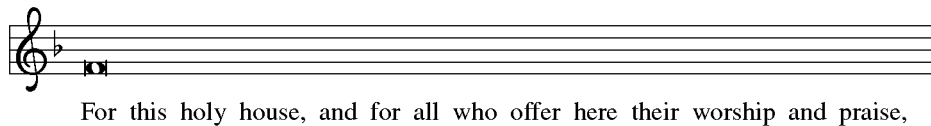
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



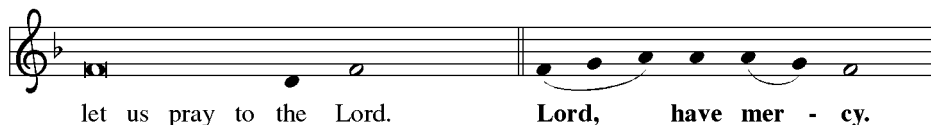
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



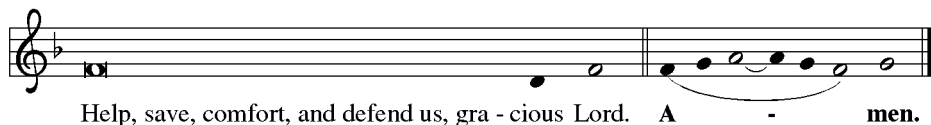
Lord, have mer - cy.



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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al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



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 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**

*-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 8:26-40

L: *A reading from Acts*

<sup>26</sup>An 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.) <sup>27</sup>So 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 <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>Now 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.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>As 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?" <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>When 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. <sup>40</sup>But 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.

*The word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 22:25-31**

L: <sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

C: <sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

L: <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

C: <sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations.**

L: <sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

C: <sup>30</sup>**Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

L: <sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

## **Scripture Reading**

1 John 4:7-21

L: *A reading from First John*

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

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So 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. <sup>17</sup>Love 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. <sup>18</sup>There 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. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those 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. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

*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 15:1-8

P: *The Holy Gospel, according to John*

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide 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. <sup>5</sup>I 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. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

## **Sermon**

Pastor Sarah Aasheim

- 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**

"We Know that Christ is Raised"

ELW #449

## **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.*

### **Offering**

*- 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.*

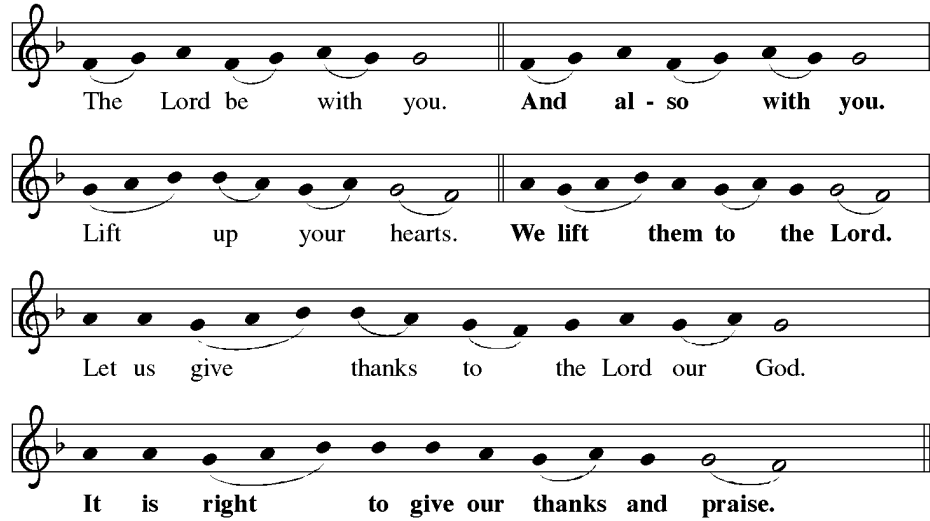
### **Offering Prayer**

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



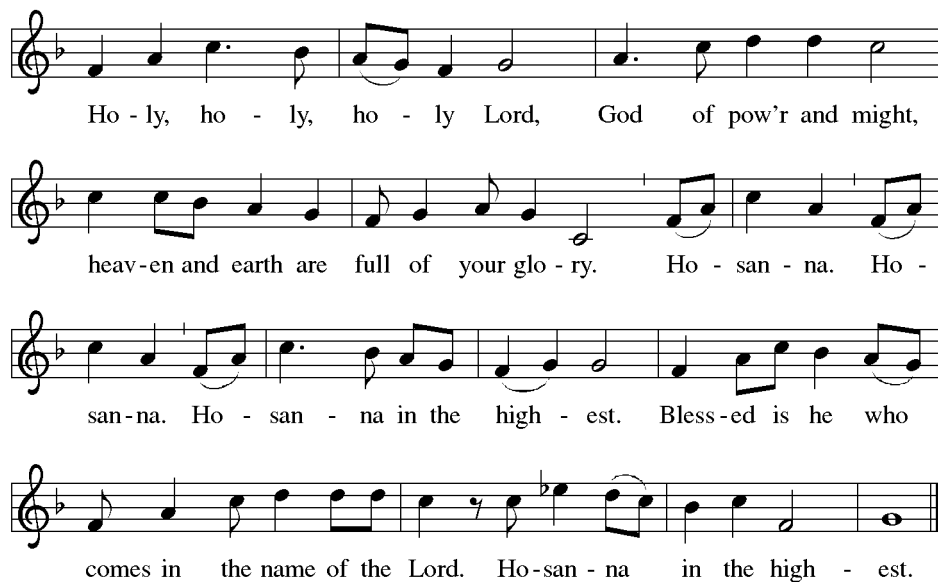
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## 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

ELW Setting 3

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

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

ELW #471

"Eat This Bread"

ELW #472

- 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.**

### **Sending Hymn**

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

ELW #367

### **Dismissal**

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

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

### **Postlude**

"Fughetta on "We Know That Christ Is Raised"

R. Proulx

*Organist, Deacon Bruce Tonkin*

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**Flower dates available:** May 5,12,19,26

**Phone dates available:** May 5, 12, 19, 26 **Printing:** May 5, 12, 19, 26

**The Week at Trinity**

Sunday, April 28 9:30am Worship and Communion  
Wednesday, May 1 7pm Chancel Choir  
May 3-4 Synod Assembly

**Looking Ahead**

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

**Thank you to our Worship Leaders today 4/28/24:**

**Serving Next Week 5/5/24:**

Acolyte: Austin Smith	Acolyte:
Greeter: Kathy & Jim Jenks	Greeter: Dorothea & Michael Cooper
Ushers: Kim Bruzas, B. Marcantuono	Ushers: Terry Benner, Jim Weikel
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Assisting Minister: Alan Bruzas	Assisting Minister: Becky Eells

**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@trinityperkasio.org](mailto:office@trinityperkasio.org)*

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

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

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