

**Trinity Evangelical
Lutheran Church**



**Contemporary Worship
Service
APRIL 7, 2024
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Good Morning and Welcome! We invite you to worship with us often, and ask if you need any assistance! If you are visiting us today, please sign the Guest Register in the Narthex, please include your address and phone number. Please place your offering envelope in the plate in the Narthex. Thank You!

Remember in your prayers:

Lynn Wolfgang, Lorna Shaner, Ricky Farrington, Angie Smith, Erika Zaiser, Brandon Stauffer, Betty Moore, Barbara Stewart, Kathy Gamler, Bill Brensinger, Richard Eck, Becky Yescavage, Caleb Walsh, BillyRay Pearce, Sr., Linda Bewley, Kathy Sell, Dennis Brooke, Alice Weller, Betty Hallman, Donna Day, Shirl Stone, Linda Allmendinger, Karen Essig, Donna Repko, Elaine Dotterer, Bob Eshbach, Jeff Reitnauer, Pete Schmoyer, Barbara Kreiser, Helen Heydt, Glenn Haas, Jerry Bryce and Suzanne Kerchner.

Friends & Family:

Michelle Hiriak, Donald Hays, Linda Stark, Martha Van Parys, Michael Groff, Gary Yoder, Ward Smith, Kaiden Lanz, Noah Carpenter, Ed McCarthy and John Groves.

Families Of:

Linda Leister, Roy Romig, Gary Moss, Bob Eichert, Chris Miller, Elmer Gilbert and Jim Tribbett.

Also members, relatives and friends in the community who are serving in the military including:

Christopher Heffner, BillyRay Pearce, Jr., Michael McHugh, Ben Rhode, Steven Herbst, David Crews, Jeff Lydic, Jory Huie, Seth Kurtz, Clinton Bowen, Eli Abner, Benjamin Dirsra and Johnne Knepp.

Our sister congregation, the Marienkirche in Borna, Germany.
(Website: Kirche-bornaer-land.de)

Please note: Names of friends and family will be kept on the bulletin prayer list for one month. If still in need of prayers, these names will then appear in the newsletter prayer list. Names on the friends and family list will only be kept on the newsletter prayer list for one year. If you wish for names to remain longer, please speak to Pastor Gene, Linda Ritter or contact the Church Office. Thank you for helping us keep the prayer list current!

The worship and music committee has decided to print the Gospel reading in the bulletin again so that people can follow along with the pastor's presentation if they want to, reference it during the sermon, and bring it home with them for further reflection. If anyone has any feedback regarding this, they are welcome to speak to the pastor or a member of the worship and music committee. Pastor Gene will continue to offer the Gospel lesson by heart each Sunday.

Members of the Worship Team

Angie Renninger Guitar
Kurt Yescavage Trumpet
Pastor Zaiser Guitar

Vocals By:

Mardell Blanford
Sharon Renninger
Janice Sheetz
Pastor Zaiser

April 7, 2024
2nd Sunday of Easter

The Altar Flowers are presented to the glory of God by Mrs. Cathy Yoder, in Memory of her Husband Dennis Yoder and also by Mrs. Louise Wolfgang, in Memory of her Husband, Robert Wolfgang.

The Extra Bouquet of Flowers are presented to the glory of God by Oscar & Angie Smith, in Memory of Angie's Mother.

The Bulletins are presented to the glory of God by Gerard Bryce, in Memory of Wife Carolyn Bryce.

- **Opening Song** "Shout to the North" Pg. 45

Announcements, Concerns, Praises: a time for congregation to lift up prayer requests and thanks.

- **Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Loving God, we come before you this day to worship and praise you, yet we know that we have not always been the people you've wanted us to be. In our actions, our words, and our thoughts, we have often disappointed you by not loving and forgiving others as you would have us do. We come asking your forgiveness, knowing that you are merciful and loving, even when we are not.

C: **Dear Lord, have mercy on us. Do not count our wrongs against us, but rather forgive us for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ. Refresh our spirits, so that we can serve you and others as we ought to. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross so that we might be forgiven. For his sake, God does not count our wrongs against us, but rather gives forgiveness and everlasting life to all who believe. Amen.

- **The 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.**

Worship Songs

“Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble” Pg. 14

“That Where I Am” Pg. 48

“Here I Am to Worship” Pg. 22

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.³³ With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold.³⁵ They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**Presentation of the Gospel by Heart**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

- **Mission Statement and Sending**

P People of Trinity, what is our mission?

C **We shall, as individuals and as a congregation, strive through word, worship, and witness to further the kingdom of God by knowing and sharing Christ's Love in our hearts, in our homes, in His church, in the community, and in the world.**

- **Sending**

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen**

A Special Thank You to Becky Yescavage for her many years of service with the Card Ministry. Thanks to you, you have brought so many smiles to the shut-ins and those in need with special cards. We welcome Karen Irey to the Card Ministry as she will continue to share this special ministry.

The Oley Lutheran Cluster is planning a Mission Trip May 20th - May 25th to Eastern Kentucky. Anyone interested in attending, please see Pastor Gene.

There will be a Mother/Daughter Banquet Committee Meeting, Today, Sunday, April 7th, following the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service. If you wish to help with this banquet, please make plans to attend. The Mother/Daughter Banquet is Saturday, May 11th.

The deadline for the May Newsletter is Sunday, April 21st, please submit your information to Karen in the Church Office.

Prayer Listing—If you wish to make any changes to the Prayer List, please contact Linda Ritter, Pastor Gene or the church office, in order for the change to be made in the May Newsletter. There will be a Prayer Circle Meeting on Sunday, April 21st. All members, please make plans to attend.

Free Will Offerings will be received the 3rd Sunday of every month for various organizations. The next Free Will Offering will be Sunday, April 21st for Lutheran Disaster Relief. Thank you for your support.

The 2023 Financial Statements are available. If you wish to receive a statement, there is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex, or you can contact Ruth Weiser or the church office.

Social Ministry provides meals for shut-ins/members who are in need of meals. If a meal is needed, please contact Kathy Kuser at 610-754-6293.

Need a ride? We have volunteers in the congregation who are willing to provide transportation to medical appointments, etc., for those who can't find a ride. Please contact Pastor Gene 610-322-0901 if you need a ride or would like to volunteer as a driver.

Trinity Gift Card Program—Orders will be taken before and after the church service the first Sunday of the month and will be distributed at church the second Sunday of the month. Order forms for Redners, Giant, and Scrip will be available at church and the Scrip order form is also found on Trinity’s website. **Please note:** Weis Markets cards (\$25, \$100) can be ordered through Scrip for those who physically shop at the store. **Weis cards cannot be used for online orders. KOHL'S GIFT CARDS CANNOT BE USED TO PAY YOUR KOHL'S CHARGE. We apologize for any inconvenience.** Payment must be submitted with your order; checks should be made out to Trinity Lutheran Church. **Be sure to include your phone number on your order form.**

You may sponsor Altar Flowers, the cost is \$32.00 for one vase and \$64.00 for 2 vases, please contact Mary Snyder. If you wish to sponsor flowers and that date is not available, you can always sponsor an extra bouquet of flowers for \$40.00. When sponsoring flowers, please use a flower envelope found in the rack in the narthex or clearly mark the envelope “Flowers”. If you sponsored flowers in the past but no longer wish to, please let Mary Snyder 610-473-8885 or the church office know. You may also sponsor the bulletins for \$15.00 per week, this helps offset the cost of printing them.

WAWA Hoagie Coupons Available 1st Sunday of the month at the Scrip Table or see Dan Ritter or Kathy Kuser. Coupons are also available in the church office Monday—Thursday, 9:00AM-2:00PM. Tickets are \$5.00. This project benefits the Social Ministry.

Scout Troop 511 Hoagie Sales: Orders are due by the 2nd Tuesday of the month (April 9th) pick up will be on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (April 17th) at Trinity 10:30-11:30AM. 8” Hoagies are made from Dan’s Deli, Cost \$6.50. There are ham w/onion, ham no onion, turkey w/onion, turkey no onion, Italian w/onion, Italian no onion, cheese hoagie w/onion, cheese hoagie no onion, mayo, Italian dressing, no tomatoes, no lettuce, no cheese. There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. For more information, please contact Dennis Schaeffer at 610-369-1628.

Scout Troop 511 Country Meats Fundraiser—Beef Stick \$1.50. There are Sweet BBQ, Sweet Annie Brown, Beef Teriyaki, Ghost Fire, Hot Cajun, Mango Habanero, Sweet Maple Bacon, Original Smoked Hickory, Country Delight, Pepperoni, Old #9, Sweet Fire, Pickle Stick, Buffalo Style. There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board. For more information, please contact Dennis Schaeffer at 610-369-1628.

Trinity's events for the upcoming week:

Sunday, April 7th-	8:00	Cont. Worship Service w/Communion
	9:15	Sunday School
	10:30	Worship Service w/Communion
		Mother/Daughter Banquet Committee Meeting
Monday, April 8th-	6:30	Scouts
Tuesday, April 9th-	6:30	Scouts
	7:00	Church Council Mtg.
Wednesday, April 10th-	6:30	TLC Stitchers
Thursday, April 11th-	6:30	Sr. Choir Practice
Sunday, April 14th-	9:15	Sunday School
	10:30	Worship Service Prayer Circle Mtg.

**Next Week's Worship Assistants:
Sunday, April 14th**

Ushers:	Sharon Renninger* & Oscar Smith
Lector:	Diane McElwee
Acolyte:	Mark Sheetz

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:
Easter 03/31/2024
7:00 AM

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	
<u>Worship</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Hunger</u>
59	\$2,835.00	\$55.00
	<u>Benevolence</u>	<u>Bldg. Maint.</u>
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<u>Worship</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Hunger</u>
70	\$1,615.00	0
	<u>Benevolence</u>	<u>Bldg. Maint.</u>
	\$5.00	\$10.00

<u>Total Attendance</u>	<u>Total Offering</u>
129	\$4.450.00

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CREATIVE

PATH
TO

\$\$\$\$\$ RAISERIGHT (SCRIP)

FOR

YOUR

CHURCH
FAMILY



PLAN! WHEN? END OF PREVIOUS MONTH. **WHAT?** EVERYDAY ESSENTIALS (CVS, Staples, Walmart, WAWA, cards) GROCERIES (Giant, Redners, Walmart, Target, Visa cards) BIRTHDAYS (Amazon, Starbucks, Gap, Old Navy, Macy's cards) HOME IMPROVEMENTS (Home Depot, Lowes, Ace Hardware cards) VACATIONS (Hotels, Airlines, Cruises, Fuel cards) ANNIVERSARY'S (Long Horn Steakhouse, Macy's, AMC theater cards)

IMPLEMENT! FILL OUT THE FORM! WRITE A CHECK OR BRING CASH! TURN IN AT THE SCRIP TABLE ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH! COLLECT YOUR CARDS THE SECOND SUNDAY!

GET CREATIVE! THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX! ADD'L. GIFT CARDS ON THE WEBSITE raiserright.com

Monthly Free-will Offerings 2024

A free-will offering is scheduled for the third Sunday of each month. They are as follows:

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| April 21 – | Lutheran Disaster Relief |
| May 19 – | geraniums for Pentecost |
| June 16 – | In Ian’s Boots |
| July 21 – | Samaritan’s Purse Shoe Boxes |
| August 18 – | Save the Children |
| September 15 – | Boyertown Area Multi-Service |
| October 20 – | Eastern Berks Fire Dept. |
| November 17 – | Elf Bags (Multi-Service) |
| December – | No free-will offering. Thank you
for supporting the various Christmas giving opportunities. |

**The Community Clothing Rack
Schedule**

1st Wednesday
Donations Accepted

2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays
Shoppers Welcome

2nd Thursday
Shoppers Welcome
6:00PM-8:00PM

5th Wednesday
CLOSED

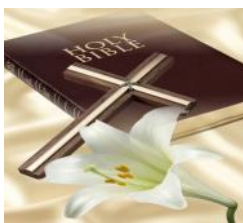
Hours
1:00PM-4:00PM

Summer Hours Only
June-August
9:00AM-12:00PM

Closed on all major holidays.
In the case of inclement weather,
Refer to Boyertown Area School district closure.
CCR is a ministry of St. Luke Lutheran Church
Our mission is to serve Jesus Christ by providing
necessary clothing to the underserved.

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Readings for Personal Devotion



M Jonah 1:1-17
T Jonah 2:1-10 Jonah's
W Matthew 12:38-42
Th Judges 6:36-40
F 1 Corinthians 15:12-28
Sa Psalm 114

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The Rev. Dr. Eugene C. Zaiser, DMin.,
Pastor

Ms. LaRue Sheetz, Director of Music
Mrs. Karen J. Smith, Parish Secretary
Mrs. Catherine M. Yoder, Sexton
The Members of this Congregation are
its Ministers

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
(Or by Appointment)

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Shout to the North

by Martin Smith

Men of faith rise up and sing
Of the great and glorious King,
You are strong when you feel weak,
In your broken-ness, complete.

Chorus:

Shout to the north and the south,
Sing to the east and the west,
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.

Rise up women of the truth
Stand and sing to broken hearts.
Who can know the healing power
Of our glorious King of love?

Chorus

Bridge:

We've been through fire; we've been through rain
We've been refined by the pow'r of His name
We've fallen deeper in love with You.
You've burned the truth on our lips.

Rise up church with broken wings;
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high.
By His grace again we'll fly.

Chorus

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Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?

By Martin Smith

Did you feel the mountains tremble?
Did you hear the oceans roar?
When the people rose to sing of
Jesus Christ the risen one.

Did you feel the people tremble?
Did you hear the singers roar?
When the lost began to sing of
Jesus Christ the saving One.

And we can see that, God, You're moving.
A mighty river through the nations.
And young and old will turn to Jesus.
Fling wide you heavenly gates,
Prepare the way of the risen Lord.

Chorus:

Open up the doors and let the music play,
Let the streets resound with singing.
Songs that bring Your hope
And songs that bring Your joy,
Dancers who dance upon injustice.

Do you feel the darkness tremble,
When all the saints join in one song?
And all the streams flow as one river,
To wash away our brokenness.

And here we see that, God, you're moving.
A time of jubilee is coming.
When young and old return to Jesus.
Fling wide you heavenly gates,
Prepare the way of the risen Lord. (cont.)

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Chorus:

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Did you feel the mountains tremble?
Did you hear the oceans roar?
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Jesus Christ the risen One.

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Every Move I Make

By David Ruis

Every move I make, I make in You
You make me move, Jesus
Every breath I take, I take in You
Every step I take, I take in You
You are my way, Jesus
Every breath I take, I take breathe in You

Waves of mercy, waves of grace
Everywhere I look I see Your face
Your love has captured me
Oh my God, this love, how can it be?

La, la, la, la, la, la, la.....

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That Where I Am

By Rich Mullins

In my Father's house there are many, many rooms
In my Father's house there are many, many rooms
And I'm going up there now to prepare a place for you
That where I am there you may also be.

If I go prepare a place for you I will come back again
If I go prepare a place for you I will come back again
And you know I am the Way, the Truth, the Life,
keep my command
That where I am there you may also be.

Chorus:

That where I am, there you may also be
Up where the truth, the truth will set you free
In the world you will have trouble, but I leave you my
peace
That where I am, there you may also be.

Remember you did not choose Me, no I have chosen you
Remember you did not choose Me, no I have chosen you
The world will show you hatred, the Spirit show you truth
That where I am there you may also be.

Chorus

And I've come down from the Father it's time for Me
to go back up
I've come down from the Father it's time for Me to go
back up
One command I leave you: Love as I have loved
That where I am there you may also be.

Chorus

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Here I am to Worship

By Tim Hughes

Light of the world You stepped down into
darkness

Open my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You

Chorus:

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, oh so highly exalted
Glorious in Heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor

Chorus

Bridge:

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross (repeat)

Chorus

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All Who Are Thirsty

By Brenton Brown & Glenn Robertson

All who are thirsty, all who are weak
Come to the fountain,
Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away,
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep.

We sing...

Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come, Lord Jesus, come
Come, Lord Jesus, come

All who are thirsty, all who are weak
Come to the fountain,
Dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away,
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep.

We sing...

Holy Spirit, come
Holy Spirit, come
Holy Spirit, come

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King Forever

By Alan Rose

Chorus:

Oh, Our Lord and King,
our praise to You we bring
There is no other rock but You.
Seated high above, You are the one we love
This is our song of praise to You.

King Forever, You're the first and You're the last
You are Sovereign
All Your commands will always come to pass to
give You glory!

Chorus

Who is like You?
Who else is worthy of our praise?
We exalt You;
You reign in majesty and awesome splendor,
King forever!

Chorus

Abba Father,
Your steadfast love will never fail
You are faithful,
You are God and I will worship in Your courts
forever!

Chorus

