Trinity Evangelical Church

Lutheran



April 14, 2024 3rd 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, Elaine Dotterer, Bob Eshbach, Jeff Reitnauer, Pete Schmoyer, Barbara Kreiser, Helen Heydt, Glenn Haas, Jerry Bryce, Suzanne Kerchner and Eileeen Heffner.

Friends & Family:

Michelle Hiriak, Donald Hays, Linda Stark, Martha Van Parys, Gary Yoder, Ward Smith, Kaiden Lanz, Ed McCarthy, John Groves, Gene Zaiser and Ilse Kirchheimer.

Families Of:

Linda Leister, Gary Moss, Bob Eichert, 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 Dirsa 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 normally 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!

This morning we welcome Jennifer MacDonald, as our organist, while LaRue Sheetz is on vacation.

Today's Worship Assistants:

Ushers: Sharon Renninger* & Oscar Smith

Lector: Diane McElwee Acolyte: Mark Sheetz

The Altar Flowers are presented to the glory of God by Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson, in Memory of her Brother William C. Anderson, Jr.

The Bulletins are presented to the glory of God by Bill & Sheila Eddinger, in Honor of Trinity's Volunteers.

April 14, 2024 3rd Sunday of Easter

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.

• (those who are able may stand)

Prelude

"Because He Lives"
J. Wilson

Announcements and Concerns

• Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P Most merciful God,
- C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen
- P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

• Processional Hymn WOV# 674 "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"

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



peace, let us pray to the Lord. ■ Lord, cy.



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



A 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.



have mer - cy.



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





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

• Hymn of Praise



• Prayer of the Day



P Let us Pray ...

C O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

Peter testifies to the Easter faith, proclaiming that Christ's resurrection fulfills the promises of God and brings blessing even to those who killed him.

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 this man 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."

PSALM: Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause; you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.

2 "You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;

how long will you worship dumb idols and run af- | ter false gods?" ³Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful; when I call upon the LORD, | he will hear me.

⁴Tremble, then, and | do not sin;

speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed.

⁵Offer the appointed | sacrifices and put your trust | in the LORD.

Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see | better times!" Lift up the light of your countenance upon | us, O LORD.

⁷You have put gladness | in my heart,

more than when grain and wine and | oil increase.

⁸I lie down in peace; at once I | fall asleep; for only you, LORD, make me | dwell in safety.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

The First Letter of John encourages Christians to abide in Christ so that God's love will be found in them. The baptized are children of God in Christ. To be a child of God is to have a mission: to offer God's love in a world of conflict.

See 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.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

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



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



Presentation of the Gospel by Heart

Jesus himself stood among them 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." ⁴⁰And 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, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Senior Choir Anthem

Sermon

Dedication of the Eternal Flame

- **Hymn of the Day**"Around You, O Lord Jesus"
- 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, by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
- 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.

- With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

The Prayer Of The Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God, in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

After each portion of prayers:

P Lord, in your mercy.

C hear our prayer

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

• The Lord's Prayer

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

Our Mission Statement

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.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen, Amen, Amen.

Recessional Hymn

LBW# 147

"Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"

Postlude

"Fanfare Postlude"
D. Wagner

Reprinted from Words for Worship, copyright 2003 Augsburg Fortress.

Pastor Gene will be attending a Pastor's Retreat on Tuesday, April 16th and Wednesday, April 17th, in case of a pastoral emergency, you may contact him on his cell 610-322-0901.

There will be a Prayer Circle Meeting today following worship. All members, please make plans to attend.

Dear Members of Trinity, Michele and I would like to sincerely thank the members of Trinity for their thoughts and prayers for our newborn grandson, Noah Carpenter. He recently underwent a series of blood / genetic tests after receiving abnormal results from a newborn screening, indicating a serious metabolic condition. Thankfully, he has now been cleared by the specialist. We are so grateful for our family at Trinity and the power of prayer. Blessings, Will & Michele Carpenter

Thank You to Trinity members for your generous donation of nonperishable food items for the Boyertown Area Multi-Service during Lent.

Bechtelsville Community Park Earth Day – April 20. Help our community by volunteering at our Earth Day. There will be various jobs to help with (including counting Easter eggs!). If you are available and willing, please contact Sharon Renninger (484-374-5928). Time to be determined.

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.

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.

Coffee Hour—There will only be 2 more Coffee Hours for this season, April 28th and May 26th until the fall season. The Fellowship Committee is looking for volunteers, there is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

The Mother/Daughter Banquet will be Saturday, May 11th, with Special Entertainment by Marian Gehman, a ventriloquist. More details to come....

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

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: 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.

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 14th- 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service

Prayer Circle Mtg.

Monday, April 15th- 6:30 Scouts Tuesday, April 16th- 6:30 Scouts

Wednesday, April 17th-6:30 TLC Stitchers

Thursday, April 18th- 6:30 Sr. Choir Practice Sunday, April 21st- 8:00 Cont. Worship Service

9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship Service
w/Communion

Next Week's Worship Assistants: Sunday, April 21st

Assisting Minister: Diane McElwee

Server: Sheila Eddinger

Ushers: Dan Kuser* & Bill Eddinger

Lector: Sharon Kemp Acolyte: Erika Zaiser

LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS: 04/07/2024

 Attendance
 Offerings

 Worship/S.S.
 General
 Hunger
 Scrip

 53/12
 \$2,060.00
 \$10.00
 \$7,320.00

 $\frac{\text{Benevolence}}{\$60.00} \frac{\text{Bldg. Maint.}}{\$90.00}$

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE STATISTICS:

Attendance Worship 30

Offerings

General Hunger \$1,287.00 \$57.00

 $\frac{\text{Benevolence}}{\$2.00} \quad \frac{\text{Bldg. Maint.}}{\$155.00}$

Total Attendance

Total Offering
\$3,347.00

THE 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 raiseright.com

Monthly Free-will Offerings 2024

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

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 WednesdayDonations 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.

www. StLuke Gilberts ville.org

Readings for Personal Devotion



M Jeremiah 30:1-11a

T Daniel 10:2-19

W Mark 16:9-18

Th Hosea 5:15--6:6

F 1 John 3:7-15

Sa Psalm 150

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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)

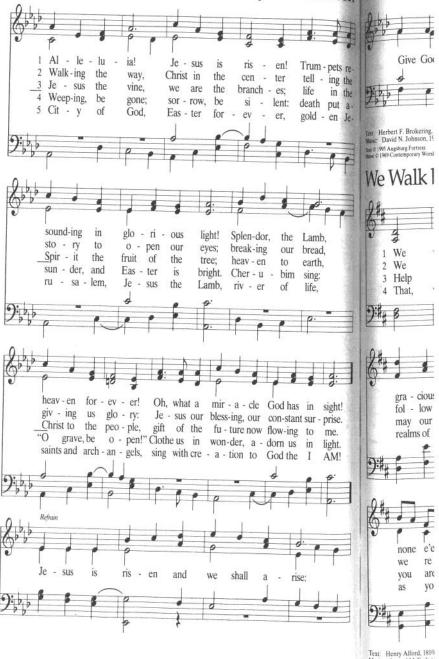
1749 South Main Street, Bechtelsville, PA
19505
610-369-1281

Church Office E-Mail: trinitybech@outlook.com

Pastor Zaiser's E-Mail: pastorzaiser@outlook.com

Website: www.trinitybech.com

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen



Music: Samuel McFarlane Arr. © 1995 Augsburg Fortress





i - pets re ing the
in the
put a en Je-

ng:

fe.

sight!

light. AM!

sur - prise.

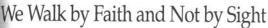
to me.



Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926 Music: David N. Johnson, 1922–1987

3

Text © 1995 Augsburg Fortress Music © 1969 Contemporary Worship 1, admin. Augsburg Fortress EARTH AND ALL STARS 45 10 45 10 and refrain



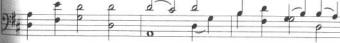
mb, ead, 1 We walk by faith and not by rth, 2 We may not touch your hands and

sight: with may not touch your hands and side, nor Help then, 0 Lord, our be un lief: and That. when life our of faith is done, in





fol - low where you trod; may our faith a - bound realms of clear - er light but in your prom - ise to call on you when we may be - hold you

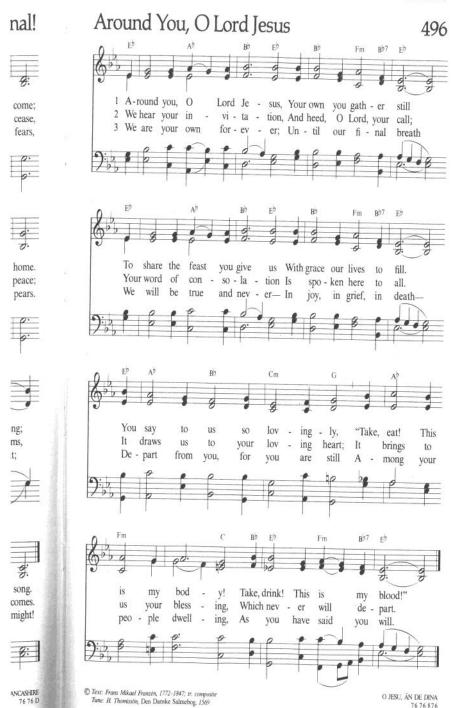




Heary Alford, 1810–1871, alt. Samuel McFarland, fl. 1816; arr, With One Voice, 1995

DUNLAP'S CREEK C M

76 76 876



76 76 D



Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!



1 Hal-le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;

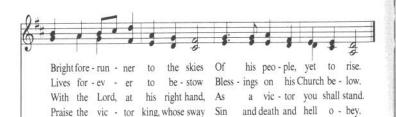
- 2 Je sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn ful sigh!
- 3 Je sus lives! And thus, my soul, Life e ter nal waits for you; 4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran - somed of the earth.





From the gloom - y halls of death Christ, the con-quer - or, has gone, He who died our broth - er here Lives our broth - er still on high, Joined to him, your liv - ing head, Where he is, you shall be too; Praise him in a no - bler song, Cher - u - bim of heav'n-ly birth.







5 Hallelujah! Angels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise. Let your chorus swell the strain Which our feebler voices raise: Glory to our God above And on earth his peace and love! No











