# **Trinity Evangelical**



APRIL 21, 2024 4th 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, Linda Allmendinger, Karen Essig, Elaine Dotterer, Jeff Reitnauer, Pete Schmoyer, Helen Heydt, Glenn Haas, Jerry Bryce, Suzanne Kerchner and Eileen Heffner.

### Friends & Family:

Michelle Hiriak, Donald Hays, Linda Stark, Martha Van Parys, Ed McCarthy, John Groves, Gene Zaiser, Ilse Kirchheimer, Gene Mutter, Mary Alice Romig, Earl Guinther, Paul Burkhart, Steven Hudock and Jim Elko.

### **Families Of:**

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 share in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We invite everyone to the Lord's table who recognizes Christ's presence in His holy sacrament. We will be communing using the continuous method this morning. When the time comes, the usher will direct you forward-simply receive the bread from the Pastor and move to the side to the communion server to receive the wine (or grape juice). When you have received both elements, please return to your seat by the side aisle.

### April 21, 2024 - 4th Sunday of Easter

# Today we will be receiving a Free Will Offering for Lutheran Disaster Relief.

### Today's Worship Assistants:

Assisting Minister: Diane McElwee

Server: Sheila Eddinger

Ushers: Dan Kuser\* & Bill Eddinger

Lector: Sharon Kemp Acolyte: Erika Zaiser

The Altar Flowers are presented to the glory of God by Mrs. Dorothy Romig, in Memory of her Husband Marcus Romig and also by Mr. Randy Kehl, in Memory of Wife Susan.

The Bulletins are presented to the glory of God by Louise Wolfgang, in Memory of Ruth & Roger Yoder.

• (those who are able may stand)

Prelude "Have You Any Room for Jesus?"

R. 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** LBW# 210 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

### Greeting

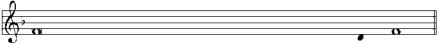
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

### C And also with you.



### Kyrie





A 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,

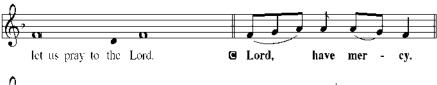


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.





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





### • Hymn of Praise





### Prayer of the Day



### P Let us Pray . . .

C God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding; 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 4:5-12

Peter and John are arrested when the healing of a lame man becomes an occasion for preaching in public about Jesus. When questioned by religious leaders, Peter attributes the healing to the power of the risen Christ.

The next day their 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 Peter and John 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."

### PSALM: Psalm 23

The LORD | is my shepherd; I shall not | be in want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down | in green pastures and leads me be- | side still waters.

<sup>3</sup>He re- | vives my soul

and guides me along right pathways | for his name's sake.

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. <sup>5</sup>You spread a table before me in the presence of those who | trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

<sup>6</sup>Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.

### SECOND READING: 1 John 3:16-24

The First Letter of John speaks of the great gift of God's love bestowed on all people in Christ. Here John notes that love is a social gift, something to be shared.

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.

### GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.



P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter



### Presentation of the Gospel by Heart

[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."

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Senior Choir Anthem

"I Will Remember Thee"

### Sermon

• Hymn of the Day LBW# 476 "Have No Fear, Little Flock"

### • 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.

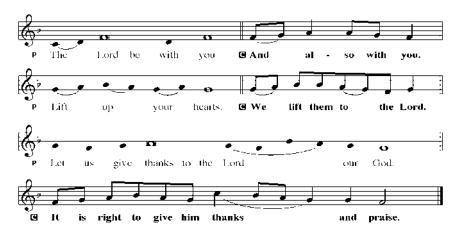
### C Amen

### • Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

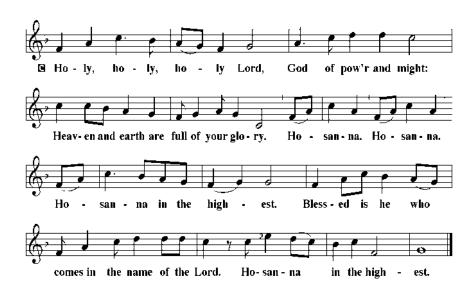
C: And also with you.

### • The Great Thanksgiving



### • The Proper Preface

P It is indeed right and salutary... (Here the minister continues with the preface appropriate to the day or season, concluding) ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



### • Eucharistic Prayer

P 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.

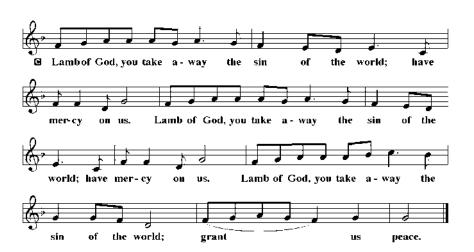
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### • The Lord's Prayer

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



### Communion

### Communion Hymn

LBW# 474

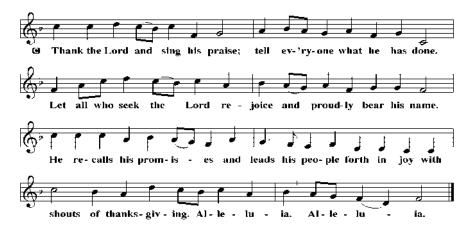
"Children of the Heavenly Father"

### • Post-communion Blessing

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

### C Amen

### Post Communion Canticle



### • Post-communion Prayer

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### C 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# 456
  "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
- Dismissal
- P Go in peace, serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Postlude in D"

J. Rinck

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TODAY is the deadline for the May Newsletter, 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, May 19th for geraniums for Pentecost. 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. Tickets: Adults \$15.00, Children \$7.00 (ages 10 and under). Dinner will be served at 6:00PM. Doors open at 5:30PM. To purchase tickets please see LaRue Sheetz, Mardell Blanford or the church office Monday-Thursday 9AM-2PM.

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: Orders are due by the 2nd Tuesday of the month (May 14th) pick up will be on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (May 22nd) 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 21st- 8:00 Cont. Worship Service

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Worship Service

w/Communion

Monday, April 22nd- 6:30 Scouts Tuesday, April 23rd- 6:30 Scouts

Wednesday, April 24th-6:30 TLC Stitchers

Thursday, April 25th- 6:30 Sr. Choir Practice

Sunday, April 28th- 9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Worship Service

### Next Week's Worship Assistants: Sunday, April 28th

Ushers: Cathy Yoder\* & Janice Sheetz

Lector: Sheila Eddinger Acolyte: Jennifer MacDonald

# LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS: 04/14/2024

Attendance	Offerin		
Worship/S.S.	General	Hunger	Scrip
71/12	\$2,240.00	\$60.00	\$550.00

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:

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.

www.StLukeGilbertsville.org

### Readings for Personal Devotion



M Genesis 48:8-19

T 1 Chronicles 11:1-9

W Mark 14:26-31

Th Micah 7:8-20

F 1 Peter 5:1-5

Sa Psalm 95

# 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

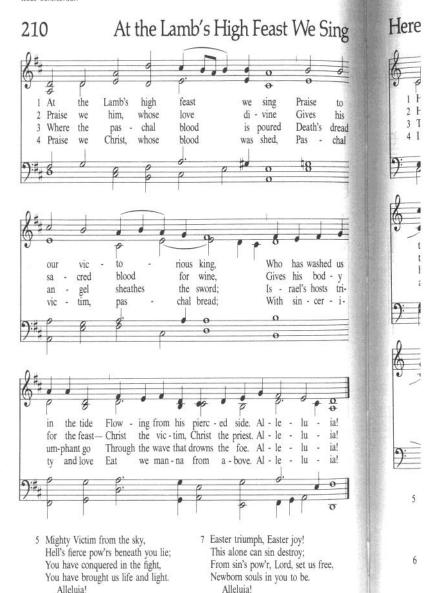
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- 6 Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall; You have opened paradise, And your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!
- 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!

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# Children of the Heavenly Father I Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa-ther Safe-ly in his bo-som gath - er; God his own doth tend and nour-ish, In his ho - ly courts they flour-ish. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the Lord his chil-dren sev - er; Though he giv - eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for-sak - eth;

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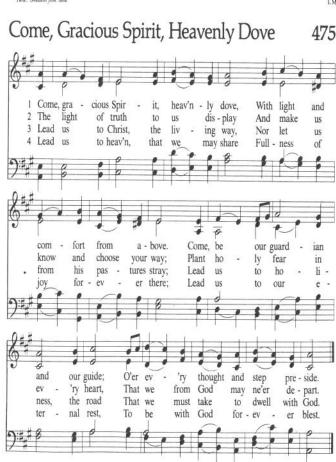
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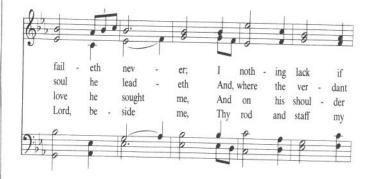


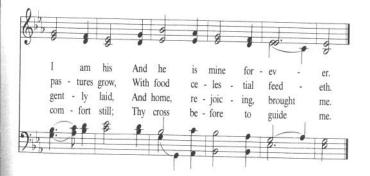
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- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; Thine unction grace bestoweth; And, oh, what transport of delight From thy pure chalice floweth! -
- 6 And so, through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise Within thy house forever.