

**Trinity Evangelical
Lutheran Church**



**Contemporary Worship
Service
April 19, 2026
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, Oscar & Angie Smith, Erika Zaiser, Brandon Stauffer, Betty Moore, Kathy Gamler, Bill Brensinger, Richard Eck, Becky Yescavage, BillyRay Pearce, Sr., Kathy Sell, Dennis Brooke, Donna Day, Linda Allmendinger, Elaine Dotterer, Jeff Reitnauer, Ralph Rothenberger, Anna Spencer, RuthAnn Goode, Pete Schmoyer, John Logan, Carole Mest, Tammy Strunk, Mary Snyder, Linda Bewley, Mike Wyda, Marcia Auge, Millie Merkel, Greg Mest, LaRue Sheetz, Sandy Schaffer, Ashley Essig, Suzanne Kerchner, Vicki Mest and Mark Yarnall.

Friends & Family:

Michelle Hiriak, Linda Stark, Joyce Kemp, Linda Gilbert, Tanner Antalosky, Gail Marasco, Walt Keirse, Betty Moyer, LeeAnn Price, Mark Kushnir, Clayton Smith and Dennis Weller.

Families Of:

Barbara Stewart, Sandy Melcher and Naomi Bryson.

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

Christopher Heffner, BillyRay Pearce, Jr., Noah Heydt, Ben Rhode, Steven Herbst, David Crews, Jeff Lydic, Seth Kurtz, Clinton Bowen, Eli Abner and Johnne Knepp.

Our sister congregation, the Marienkirche in Borna, Germany.
(Website: Kirche-bornae-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!

Members of the Worship Team

Angie Renninger	Guitar
Kurt Yescavage	Trumpet
Pastor Zaiser	Guitar

Vocals By:

Mardell Blanford
Sharon Renninger
Janice Sheetz

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We will be receiving a Free Will Offering today for the Lutheran Disaster Relief.

We welcome Jennifer McCarron as our Liturgist this morning.

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 his Wife Susan.

The Bulletins are presented to the glory of God by Louise Wolfgang, in Memory of My Husband Robert Wolfgang.

The Eternal Flame Candle is presented to the glory of God by Linda Bewley, in Memory of My Parents Carrol & Dorothy Bewley and Son J. Keith Freese.

- **Opening Song** “Your Love , Oh Lord” Pg. 56

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

- **Confession and Forgiveness**

L 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.**

L 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**

L 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 “Love the Lord”
 “I Believe in Jesus” Pg. 26
 “Once Again” Pg. 39

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ³⁶ “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸ Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

Presentation of the Gospel by Heart

¹³ Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Message by Jennifer McCarron

- **Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy
Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.**

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the
Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

Prayer of the People

Closing Songs “Shout to the Lord” Pg. 44
 “Trading My Sorrows” Pg. 47

- **Mission Statement and Sending**

L 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**

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

C **Amen**

A Special thank you to Jennifer McCarron as our Liturgist this morning.

Pastor Gene is away on the Oley Cluster Mission Trip in North Carolina until Saturday, April 25th. In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Greg Frey at 484-432-4809.

Today is the deadline for the May Newsletter, please submit your information to Karen in the church office.

Prayer Listing: Any changes to the Prayer Listing for the May Newsletter, please see Linda Ritter, Pastor Gene or contact the church office.

There will be a Mother/Daughter Banquet Committee Meeting following worship on Sunday, April 26th, if you would like to be on this committee, please make plans to attend. The banquet is Saturday, May 9th. Tickets are now available. Adults \$15.00—Children 6-12 \$7.00, to purchase tickets, please see Diane McElwee or the stop in at the Church Office.

Pastor Zaiser will be hosting an evening Bible study on Wednesday evenings from April 29th – June 3rd, 7-8:30PM, in the parlor. The subject will be the Gospel of John.

There will be a Blood Drive on Saturday, May 2nd—8AM-2PM at St. Joseph's Hill Church, Boyertown, there is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board. Thank you for giving the Gift of Life.

Trinity Hoagies: "Hoagie Fundraiser" for the General Fund. 8" hoagies from Maurizio's Pizza (formerly Pappa Bernards) cost \$8.00. The hoagies will be ham, Italian and turkey (onion, no onion). There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board. Orders are due by Sunday, May 10th and pick up on Friday, May 15th — 11:00AM-11:30AM. Please make checks payable to Dennis Schaeffer. Any questions, please see Dennis Schaeffer. Thank You for your support. Thank you also to Dennis Schaeffer for organizing this fundraiser.

Free Will Offerings will be received the 3rd Sunday of every month. The next Free Will Offering will be Sunday, May 17th for geraniums for Pentecost. Thank you for your support.

There will be a **new member group** meeting on Sunday mornings, May 17th-31st, 9:15AM in the pastor's office. If you are interested in joining Trinity, please speak to Pastor Gene.

The Summer Music Schedule Sign Up Sheet is now posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex, if you would like to sing or play an instrument.

You may sponsor Altar Flowers, Please Note: the cost of the flowers has increased for (1) vase \$34.00 and (2) vases \$68.00, 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 to offset the cost of printing them.

Trinity's Gift Card Program - Gift card orders are accepted before and after the church service the first Sunday of each month and distributed the second Sunday. Order forms for Redners, Giant and Raise Right (for other retail gift cards) are available in the narthex. The Raise Right order form is also available for download on Trinity's website. Payment must be submitted with your order. **Please make checks payable to Trinity Lutheran Church and include your phone number on your order form.** If you have any questions regarding this fund raising program please see Sharon Kemp, Kathy Kuser or Kurt Yescavage.

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

Coffee Hour - Volunteers are needed to host Coffee Hour for **May 17th**, please sign up for this time of Fellowship. The sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

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.

Devotionals are available in the rack in the Narthex. If you enjoy the devotionals, please give a donation to help offset the cost. Thank You.

Bibles are available in the rack in the Narthex for you to reference during worship. You may also take home to reference, please return when you are finished.

HOSPITAL INPATIENT STAY: Please contact Pastor Gene if you are admitted to the hospital and would like a visit, due to privacy laws, the

Trinity's events for the upcoming week:

Sunday, April 19th- 8:00 Cont. Worship Service
 9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship Service
 Wednesday, April 22nd-6:30 TLC Stitchers
 Thursday, April 23rd- 6:30 Sr. Choir Practice
 Sunday, April 26th- 9:15 Sunday School
 10:30 Worship Service
 w/Communion
 Mother/Daughter Banquet
 Committee Mtg.

**Next Week's Worship Assistants
 Sunday, April 26th:**

Assisting Minister: Diane McElwee
 Server: Erika Zaiser
 Ushers: Randy Kehl* & Heidi Yescavage
 Lector: Pat Beekley
 Acolyte: Uta Hahn

**LAST WEEK'S STATISTICS:
 Sunday, April 12, 2026**

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	
<u>Worship/S.S.</u>	<u>General</u>	<u>Hunger</u>
76/15	\$2,297.00	\$60.00
	<u>Benevolence</u>	<u>Bldg. Maint.</u>
	0	\$40.00

Updates on Church Financial Status From The Finance Committee:

The March-end monthly report from the Treasurers showed:

- The General Fund has a Negative Balance.
- During March 2026, the General Fund increased \$1590 from \$-4661 to -\$3071
- Note: Compared to April 2025, we are in a significantly better financial position this year - let's keep it going.

Please see the report and additional details including suggested action items from the Finance Committee in the Newsletter which is available by mail or on the church website.

Questions or input? Kindly reach out to a Finance Committee member as listed in the monthly newsletter, or chairperson Kurt Yescavage.

Monthly Free-will Offerings 2026

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

May 17 – geraniums for Pentecost

June 21 – Save the Children

July 19 – Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes

August 16 – American Foundation for Suicide
Prevention

September 20 – Boyertown Area Multi Service

October 18 – Eastern Berks Fire Dept.

November 15 – Elf Bags (Multi-Service)

December – No free-will offering. Thank you for supporting the various Christmas giving opportunities.

Thank you for your contributions to these special causes!

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

**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

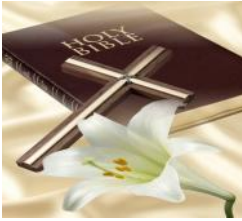
Hours
1:00PM-4:00PM

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 18:1-14
T Exodus 24:1-11
W John 21:1-14
Th Proverbs 8:32--9:6
F 1 Peter 1:8-16
Sa Psalm 134

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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Your Love, Oh Lord

By Brad Avery, David Carr, Mac Powell, Mark Lee
Psalm 36

Your love, oh Lord
Reaches to the heavens.
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.
Your righteousness like the mighty mountains
Your justice flows like the ocean's tide.

Chorus:

I will lift my voice
To worship You my King.
I will find my strength
In the shadow of Your wings.

I Believe in Jesus

By Marc Nelson

I believe in Jesus,
I believe He is the Son of God;
I believe He died and rose again.
I believe He paid for us all.
And I believe He's here now,
Standing in our midst.
Here with the power to heal now
And the grace to forgive.

I believe in You, Lord,
I believe You are the Son of God;
I believe You died and rose again,
I believe You paid for us all.
And I believe You're here now,
(I believe that You're here,)
Standing in our midst.
Here with the power to heal now,
(Here with the power to heal)
And the grace to forgive.

Once Again

by Matt Redman

Jesus Christ, I think upon Your sacrifice;
You became nothing, poured out to death.
Many times I've wondered at Your gift of life,
And I'm in that place once again.
I'm in that place once again.

Chorus:

Once again I look upon the cross where You died
I'm humbled by Your mercy and I'm broken
inside
Once again I thank You, once again I pour out
my life.

Now You are exalted to the highest place,
King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow.
But for now, I marvel at this saving grace,
And I'm full of praise once again.
I'm full of praise once again.

Chorus

Bridge:

Thank You for the cross
Thank You for the cross
Thank You for the cross, my Friend (repeat)

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Shout to the Lord

By Darlene Zschech

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like
You.

All of my days, I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and
strength

Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

