

Maxine Rogers extends her **thanks** to everyone for the cards, calls, visits and prayers following her recent hip replacement.

And a special word of thanks to Jerry Rogers and Ricky Gearhart. Last weekend while the TV crew was here we had a minor flood (not their fault) and these two men spent an hour or more mopping up! That's hard work and we are grateful they were here to tackle the task.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
<u>Today</u>	
Greeter	Odie Whittington
Lector	Darla Wolf
Eucharistic Assts.	Mary Anderson, Darla Wolf
Acolyte/Crucifer	Michael Perry, Sarah Downs
<u>Next Week</u>	
Greeter	Sid Dailey
Lector	Sid Dailey
Eucharistic Assts.	Darla Wolf, Anne Vermillion
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March 25, 2018
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<u>Our Attendance</u>
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For your convenience hand sanitizer dispensers have been placed around the building at strategic locations including in the sanctuary.



The Rev. Mr. Cameron P. Keyser
 Ricky Gearhart
 Brenda Boldin
 William Edmonson
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 Dan Painter
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GREETINGS!

We hope you find your time at *Trinity this morning* fulfilling and meaningful, and that you will leave both refreshed and challenged for the week to come. If visiting, kindly complete a card in the pew rack and place in the Offering Plate so we can remain in-touch. And—above all: *please* worship with us again!



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Easter Hymn* Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Stand

Confession *(from Rear)*

[P] Loving 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... Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us: for self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness,

[C] **Holy God, have mercy on us. For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves,**

[P] Holy God, have mercy on us. For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see your image in others.

[C] **Holy God, have mercy on us. For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare,**

[P] Holy God, have mercy on us.

[C] **For reluctance in sharing your individual gifts, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation,**

[P] Holy God, have mercy on us.

[C] **For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm, Holy God, have mercy on us, and forgive us.**

The Absolution

[P] In the mercy of our gracious God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

Choral Introit *Celtic Alleluia!* Trinity Choir

The Declaration

[P] Christ is risen!
 [C] **He is risen indeed!**
 [P] *(louder)* Christ is risen!
 [C] *(louder)* **He is risen indeed!**
 [P] *(shouting)* CHRIST IS RISEN!
 [C] *(shouting)* **HE IS RISEN, INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

Processional



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

The Greeting

[P] The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the guidance of the of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
 [C] **And also with you.**

Kyrie



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



Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)



Help, save and de - fend us, O



God. A - men.

TRENDING @ TRINITY

Our warm thanks to The Reverend Jim Utt for leading us in worship today. Pastor Utt is Pastor Emeritus of Grace Lutheran Church, Winchester VA, and the author of *Journey Together, A History of the Virginia Synod of the ELCA 1988-2012*. He and his wife Susan are enjoying retirement in the Lake Anna region.

Church Office will be **closed** tomorrow.

Vestry members please pick up your packets today for Tuesday evening's meeting.

We are ready to place another order for **memorial bricks for the Columbarium Prayer Garden**. Forms are in the Narthex or speak to Chris Landes THIS MORNING!

Volunteers needed for Trinity's **NEWTOWN FESTIVAL CAR SHOW!** We need *lots* of volunteers for this special event, which will be **May 26**. The sign up list has time slots, so you don't have to volunteer for the entire event. (but, it'd be great if a few folks could stay through the entire 10AM-3PM event for consistency.) Once you sign up to volunteer, please **INK the event on your calendar**, because we'll be counting on you! *Thank you!*

Our thanks to **Kim Begnaud** and her army of volunteers (The Wolf family, Nicole Legare, Jerry Rogers, to name a few) who made yesterday's Bazaar and Egg Hunt and this morning's breakfast run so smoothly!

Children's choir forming. Ricky Gearhart is forming a children's choir to perform a song in worship on May 6th. If you have an elementary age child who would like to participate, please speak to Ricky. Rehearsals will last only 15 minutes and be right after worship on Sundays April 8, 15, 22 and 29.

Looking ahead: Parents, please contact the church office in the next two weeks with the names of your graduates—high school and college.

The code lock will be changed the week of April 9. Those needing access to the church should contact Brenda or a Vestry member *that week* or after to get the new code.

God's Work Our Hands T-shirts. We are getting together another order for the bright yellow t-shirts. Trinity members are encouraged to wear these shirts at any church event where you will be seen by the community. Community meals, Newtown Festival, Easter Bazaar..... We need to order 10 shirts in order to have Trinity's name on the back (*we currently only have 4*). Martha Cooley has order forms. Deadline is April 29.

The Vision (Trinity's youth) is hosting a Christmas in July Vendor Fair on July 14. Cost will be \$25 a table and the proceeds will go towards the Thanksgiving and Christmas bags we put together for the TDT students of Lutheran Family Services. If you, or someone you know is interested in having a table, please contact Lynn Downs (momtofourboys@hotmail.com) for details. **The Vision will meet following worship on Sunday, April 22.**

Emmanuel United Methodist, Stephenson, is hosting a trip April 21 to the **Sight and Sound theater** for the production of **Jesus**. Cost is \$157/adult which includes transportation, show ticket, 1 meal, taxes, gratuity. For info or to reserve a space contact Sadie Blanchfield at 540-662-2144 or walterblanchfield@comcast.net

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OUR INVITATION

Trinity Church is a member congregation of the Virginia Synod of the **Evangelical Lutheran Church In America [ELCA]**, one of the world's largest Christian denominations—a "little: church—with a *BIG Idea!* Our congregation was "gathered" in 1765 by 16 German immigrants who had migrated from Pennsylvania. The building in which we worship was constructed in 1906, and is the third worship space utilized by the congregation. While our history is vital to who we are as a faith community, we focus on the future and on what God is calling us to be and to do in the *present*. We are a dynamic, growing, joyful part of the family of God - and we invite you to be a part of our journey of faith. If you're interested in uniting your heart and hands with Trinity Church, please contact the Church Office.

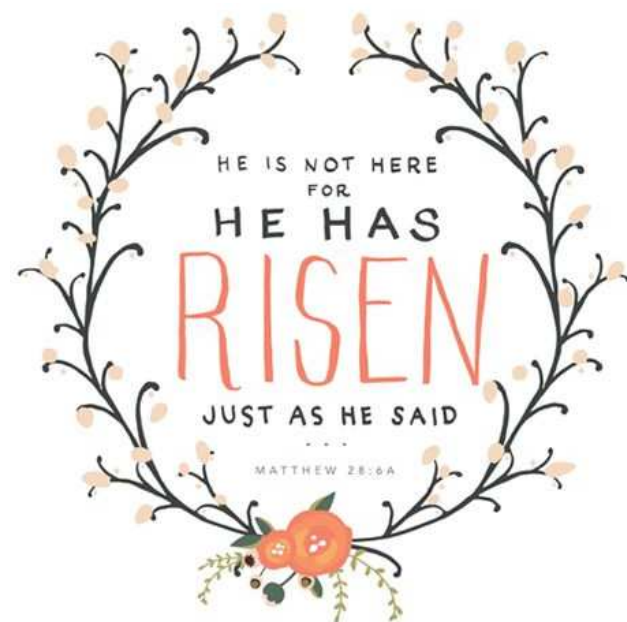
REMEMBER IN PRAYER

To add a name to the prayer list please contact the church office.

Katty, Robert, Carlton, Virginia, Louise, Pastor Cam, Ronda, Tina, Allen, Maxine, Marcie, Nancy, Cody, Will, Helen, Joe Hollis and family

Prayer requests may be placed in the white box (cards for writing requests are in the box) on the table with the Memorial Candles each Sunday. The Pastor will pick them up weekly at the *Peace* and include them in the Prayers of the People. If you have a longer-term request, please continue to notify the church office.

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Jerry and Maxine Rogers in loving memory of their parents, sister Janet and brother-in-law Fred.



The Collect

- [P] The Lord be with you!
[C] **And also with you!**
[P] O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection, you delivered us from the power of death. May we die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of our resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
[C] **Amen.**

Sit

Just for Kids

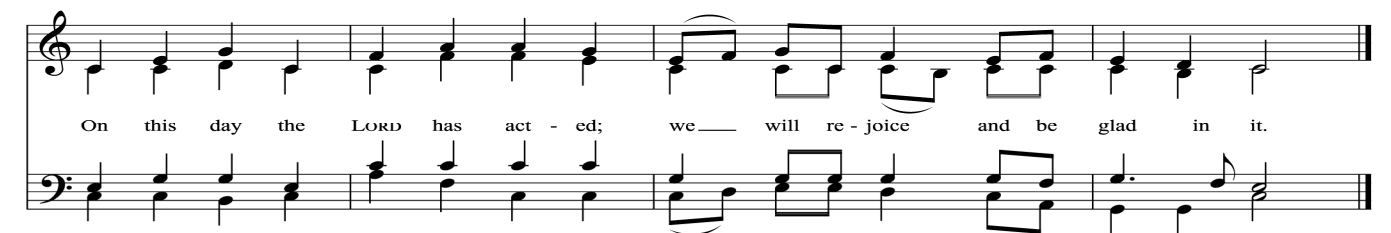
Pastor Utt

As children leave the Sanctuary for Children's Church (singing). They will return at the Eucharist
**Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus love me, yes, Jesus love me.
yes, Jesus love me, the Bible tells me so.**

The First Lesson

see insert

The Psalmody (*Choir sings verses, congregation sings refrain; you may follow verses on the insert*)



The Second Lesson

see insert

Stand

The Gospel Processional



- [P] The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark the sixteenth chapter.
[C] **Glory to you, O Lord.**
The Gospel is read
[P] The Word of God for the people of God!
[C] **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Gospel Recessional

Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.

Sit

A Lot of Good News!

The Reverend Dr. James Utt

Stand

Hymn of the Day

1 Christ is ris-en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
2 Christ is ris-en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;
3 Christ is ris-en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay
4 Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.

Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!
through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re-returns to life once more;
now has found a glo-rious mor-row in the ris - ing of to - day.
We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri-umphed o - ver all.

Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;
death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,
See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground;
All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;

bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.
an - gels on his steps at - tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow.
Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.
hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

Refrain
Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

Recessional Hymn

M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,
1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia,
2 For three long days the grave did its worst
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.

m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.
Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here."

A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,
For our re - deem - er burst from the - tomb,
He who gives life er did death un - der - go,
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.

m - si - fu - ni sa - sa yu ha - i.
e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
and in its con - quest his might did show.
On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

Refrain
Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.
Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.

Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.
Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;
Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.
Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done.
Even the battle with sin is won."
Refrain

5 Christ has arisen to set us free.
Alleluia, to him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
he reigns triumphant, heavenly king.
Refrain

Dismissal

- [P] ...go in peace - to love and serve the Lord!
- [C] **We will! Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Christ Is Alive

G. W. Cassler (1906-1990)

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Lord's Prayer

- [P] Lord, remember us in your kingdom—and teach us to boldly pray:
[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* sins as *we* forgive those who sin 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.**

Sit

Communion Prayer

“Make Me a Channel Of Your Peace”

Laminated Sheet in Pew Rack

Please begin communing on the 3rd verse

The Communion

All Christians are invited to The Eucharist! Come by the Center Aisle, and return by the side

If you desire a simple blessing, please fold your arms across your chest.

The Sacrament will be by Common Cup, intinction, or individual glass

Communion Hymns *ELW 481/ 379 / 370/ 363*

After all have communed...Stand

Post-Communion Prayer

- [P] Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
[C] **Amen.**

Benediction

- [P] The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you. The Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the Son **[+]**, and of the Holy Spirit.
[C] **Amen.**

The Nicene Creed

- [P] As God's people of faith with the hope and promise of the Resurrection, we say what we believe:
[C] **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.**

Prayers of The People

- [P] On this day of rejoicing, we pray for the life of the church, the world, and all people in any need.
Sit
[P] You give life to your church by joining the baptized to the body of Christ. Bless the newly baptized as we proclaim the one whose death and resurrection makes us one in you. Lord, in your mercy,
[C] **hear our prayer.**
[P] You give life to the creation by renewing the earth in every season. Curb our exploitation of natural resources, and cause us to preserve the health of plant and animal habitats. Lord, in your mercy,
[C] **hear our prayer.**
[P] You give life to the world by laying a cornerstone among the nations. Rebuild the powers and principalities around us in ways that protect the vulnerable and raise up the lowly. Lord, in your mercy,
[C] **hear our prayer.**
[P] You give life to those in need by the anointing of your Holy Spirit. Comfort those who suffer, encourage those who care for the sick, bind up the brokenhearted, and wipe away the tears of all who mourn. We pray especially for (*pastoral petitions are offered*) . . . Lord, in your mercy,
[C] **hear our prayer.**
[P] You give life to this community of faith by infusing us with love for one another. Inspire us to reach out to our neighbors in meaningful ways and bring the joys of community to a wider family of people. Lord, in your mercy,
[C] **hear our prayer.**
[P] You give life to your saints by setting a banquet table of rich food. Feed us with the bread of life and bring us with all your saints to the feast that has no end. Lord, in your mercy,
[C] **hear our prayer.**

[P] Into your hands, O God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Jesus Christ, the spring of new and everlasting life.

[C] Amen.

Stand

The Peace

[P] The peace of the Lord be with you all!

[C] And, also with you.

Sit

The Offertory

Anthem

Easter Joy Gregg Sewell

The Congregational Offering is joyfully given

Trinity Choir

Stand

The Presentation of The Offering

Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,
al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;
in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Offertory Prayer

[P] Loving God of all creation:

[C] **blessed are you. As you have raised us up this day to new life in Christ, so, too, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

† The Holy Eucharist †

The Great Thanksgiving

Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with
shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Proper Preface

[P] It is indeed right—and our joy—that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, merciful God for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, who gave his life that we might live. And, with all the earth and sea, their creatures, and the host in heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

No more we doubt thee glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with -
out thee - save us in our strife. Make us more than con - qu'ros
thru your death - less Loye bring us safe thru Jor - dan
to our home a - bove! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - 'n, conqu - r'ing
Son. End - less is the Vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won

Words of Institution

[P] Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life. Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. And blessed are you for your son, Jesus, the Word made flesh. Who, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread, 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 sins. Do this for the remembrance of me. Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Sung first by Cantor, repeated by Congregation

Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain

[P] With this bread and cup, we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in Christ's death and resurrection, and we **look** for his coming again:

[C] **Come, Lord Jesus!**

[P] Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

[C] **Come, Holy Spirit!**

[P] All praise and glory are yours, Holy One, Word of God made flesh, power of the Most High, our Savior and our friend—one God, now and forever.

[C] Amen.