

5th Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024
9:30 AM

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[Holy Trinity Lutheran Church \(holytrinityelgin.com\)](http://holytrinityelgin.com)

Becoming a SHARING community:

The Church in Corinth

Our Purpose Statement:

A Christ-centered church sharing faith, hope, and love with each other, our neighbors, and the world.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.

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At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,

freeing us to live as Easter people.
We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

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Gathering Hymn: *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!*

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Greeting

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

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Holy Lord, within your church, your followers have often allowed their disagreements to get in the way of being faithful to your word. Remove any barriers our communities face that prevent us from sharing your word and building up your church.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Children's Sermon

Bible Verse of the Month: Acts 1:8

Let us remember the witness of Scripture as we say our verse of the month together:

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

First Reading: Acts 18:1-4

¹After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, ³and, because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them, and they worked together — by trade they were tentmakers. ⁴Every sabbath he would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Jews and Greeks.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: *I Will Praise You, Lord – Psalm 22*

Robert Balsamo, soloist

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

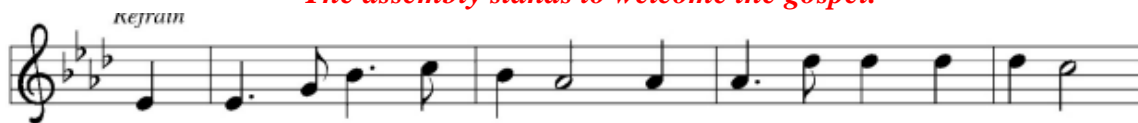
¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: refrain from *I Love to Tell the Story*

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo-ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911

Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

Gospel: Mark 9:33-37

The holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Apostles Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

Prayers of the People

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen, and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence as the peace candle is lit.

God of love, your word teaches that peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of justice. Peace is what happens when those who have much do not have too much and those who have little do not have too little. The very old and the very young feel safe and supported. Parents can feed themselves and their children and all have the opportunity for meaningful work in their community. Let us pray and work for this kind of peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Keep all the newly baptized and confirmed in your care. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for the Fox River and all rivers; For Lake Michigan and all lakes. Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For all those in need: for any experiencing homelessness or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum, and for all who are ill or suffering (*especially*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For this congregation: for the caring ministries of this faith community, for all who visit and minister to one another, for all who take communion to homes or care centers, and for all who seek to share your love with the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors. Help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The ministers and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

I invite you to share a sign of peace with your neighbor.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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Offering Prayer

Risen One,

you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here

be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world,

through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

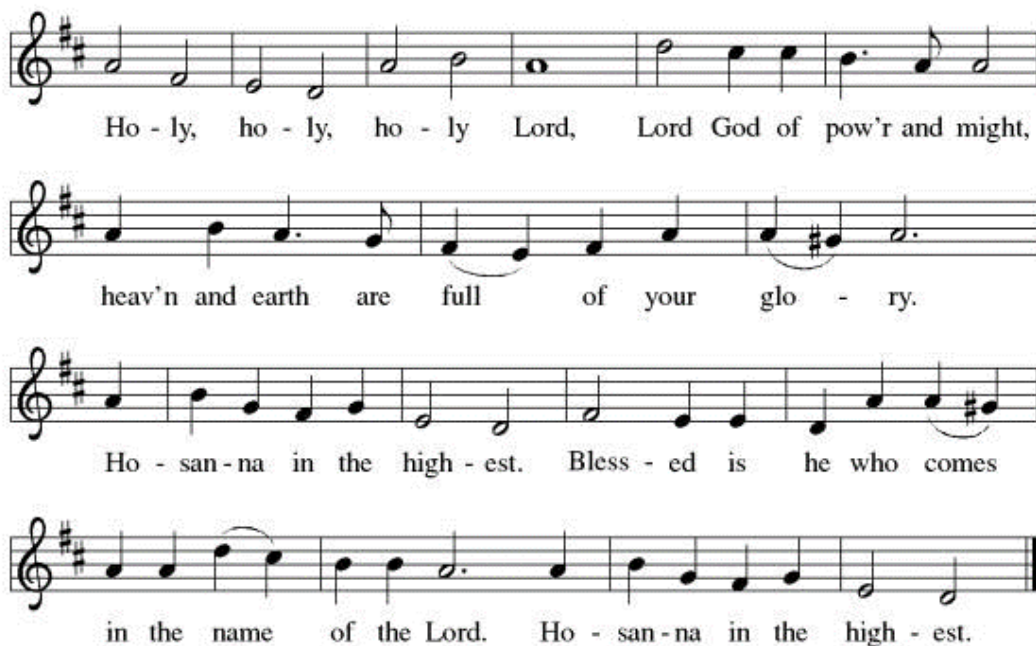
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the
resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table: Easter

Holy, living, and loving God,

we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,

and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus

who, living among us,

healed the sick,

fed the hungry,

and with a love stronger than death,

gave his life for others.

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.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,

his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:

carry us in your arms from death to life,
that we may live as your chosen ones,
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.

Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ is made known to us
in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

All are welcome at Christ's Table. Please come up to the communion rails, either kneel or stand as you are able.

Sharing the meal

Anthem: *Christ Jesus Lay in Death Strong Bands* Robert Balsamo, soloist

Blessing after Communion

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

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Please stand as you are able.

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

Sending Hymn: *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* ELW 367 (pg. 17)

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Worship Leaders

Interim Pastor	Rev. Dave Daubert
Vicar	Andrea Delaney
Director of Music	Matt Wahl
Guest Soloist	Robert Balsamo
Radio Host	Steve Dieckhoff
Live-stream Tech	Dick Quathamers

Pastoral Care: If you need pastoral care, please reach out to Vicar Andrea at 847-504-7029 (cell) or vicar@holytrinityelgin.com

Special Offerings: This Sunday's Radio Hour is being sponsored by Claude & Jan Quisenberry in loving memory of Jan's mother, Joyce Burton on what would have been her 95th Birthday April 25.

Our Tithes & Offerings

When we practice gratitude, we begin to understand that everything is a gift from God and we can praise God for the gifts we have received which, in turn, leads us to be generous stewards of those gifts. As we seek to gather an offering for the mission of Holy Trinity in these times, we thank you for your sustained giving and support!

Ways to Give to Holy Trinity

1. Drop your donation in the offering plate before or after worship.
2. Mail a check to the church.
3. Give online through our website: holytrinityelgin.com.
4. Give+ through Vanco – sign up on your phone (it's an APP).
5. Simply Giving – call the church to get signed up for a regular offering.

The regular offering for last week was \$3,573.00

Gathering Hymn

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

- 1** Alleluia! Jesus is risen!
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

Refrain

Jesus is risen and we shall arise.
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

- 2** Walking the way, Christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain*
- 3** Jesus the vine, we are the branches;
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain*
- 4** Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent:
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open!
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain*
- 5** City of God, Easter forever,
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
river of life, saints and archangels,
sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain*

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926

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Hymn of the Day

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

- 1** Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,
and Christ shall give you light;
so learn his love, its length and breadth,
its fullness, depth, and height.
- 2** To us on earth he came to bring
from sin and fear release,
to give the Spirit's unity,
the very bond of peace.
- 3** There is one body and one hope,
one Spirit and one call,
one Lord, one faith, and one baptism,
one God who made us all.
- 4** Then walk in love as Christ has loved,
who died that he might save;
with kind and gentle hearts forgive
as God in Christ forgave.
- 5** For us Christ lived, for us he died,
and conquered in the strife.
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,
and Christ shall give you life.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895-1984

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Sending Hymn

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

- 1** Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2** Eternal is the gift he brings,
therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still he comes to give us life
and by his presence stills all strife.
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3** Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph;
grant grace sufficient for life's day
that by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4** Adoring praises now we bring
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Trinity Times Express

Quilting Group – New this year! We decided to meet on the 5th Tuesday of the month in addition to the 1st and 4th Tuesday. So our next work session will be Tuesday **April 30** at 9:00 am. No quilting or sewing experience required.

Youth Group – for grades 6 – 12 will meet the 1st Sunday each month after worship in the Youth Room downstairs. Our next meeting will be Sunday **May 5**.

Garden Party – time to spruce up the outside of Holy Trinity (before the Historic Holy Hill Church Walk)! Please join the Property Team on Saturday **May 11** from 9 – Noon. Bring your gardening tools and your love for the beauty of God’s earth. No experience necessary!!

Better Together Café - happens on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Come join us at 11:30 for friends, food, and fun! Our next Café will be **May 15**.

Historic Holy Hill Church Walk – Saturday **May 18** from 1–4:00pm. Holy Trinity will be one of the historic churches on display!

Vicar’s Book Study – Vicar’s 4th Thursday Book Study meets monthly, and our next meeting will be on **May 23** at 10:30 am. The book for April/May is “A Covenant of Water”.

Special Offerings: If you wish to sponsor the weekly bulletins (\$25), altar flowers (\$25) or the Radio Hour (\$100) please contact the church office. If they are in honor or memory of someone, please include the information with your payment. All monies collected will help offset the cost of the paper, ink, postage, flowers, and cost of radio airtime.

Please join us next weekend in Worship * All are Welcome!

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This Week at Holy Trinity

Sun 4/28

9:30 am – Worship Service

10:30 am – Coffee Hour

2:00 pm - Soup Kettle** - dinner at 4:30 pm 7:00 pm – AA**

Mon 4/29

12:00 pm – AA**

6:00 pm – Cub Scouts**

Tue 4/30

9:00 am – Quilting Group

10:00 am – Holy Trinity Staff

12:00 pm - AA**

Wed 5/1

9:00 am - Golden K Meeting**

5:30 pm – Girl Scouts**

7:00 pm - Tech Team via Zoom

Thu 5/2

12:00 pm - AA**

2:00 pm - Soup Kettle** - dinner at 5:30 pm

Fri 5/3

12:00 pm - AA**

2:00 pm - Soup Kettle** - dinner at 5:30 pm

Sat 5/4

5:00 pm – Café Church & Potluck

Sun 5/5

8:00 am - Community Breakfast

9:30 am – Worship Service

10:30 am – Youth Group

10:30 am – Coffee Hour

2:00 pm - Soup Kettle** - dinner at 4:30 pm

7:00 pm – AA**

Garden & Garage Party Time



**Come out and join
the Property Team on
Saturday May 11th
from 9am to noon
and get your hands dirty!**

**Come have fun with your Holy Trinity Family as we
give our flower beds and Garage some much
needed TLC.**

Coffee & Donuts will be provided.