

Holy Trinity's Purpose Statement:

Gathering in faith and joyfully sharing Christ's love for the world.

Sunday, April 6, 2025 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Prelude: "I Received the Living God" arr. by Glenn Wonacott

Welcome to Worship and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness:

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C Amen.
- P Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P Compassionate One,
- C you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.
- P Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In + Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.

C Amen.

^{*}Please stand as you are able.



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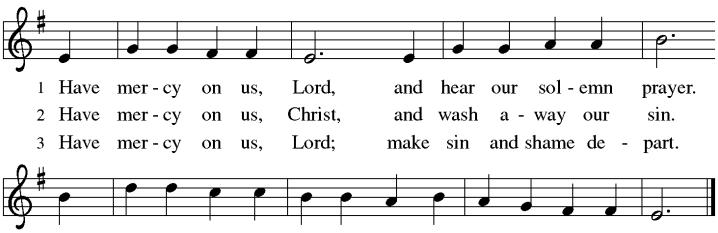
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*Greeting:

- 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: Setting 10 ELW



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin. Re-new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre-ate in us new hearts!

*The Prayer of the Day:

P Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Kids Word: Pastor Jerry O'Neal

Our first reading is from Isaiah 43:16-21

The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.

¹⁶ Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down; they cannot rise; they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸ Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. ¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰ The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹ the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

L Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126: (Read responsively between Lector and Congregation.)

- ¹When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.
- ²Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."
- ³The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.
- ⁴Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.
- ⁵ May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.
- ⁶Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Our second reading is from Philippians 3:4b-14

Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.

⁴ even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L Word of God. Word of life. C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation: Setting 10 ELW



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



*Gospel: John 12:1-8

Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.

- P The holy gospel according to John the 12th chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

1 Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 2 There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. 3 Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 5 "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" 6 (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) 7 Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. 8 You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

P The Gospel of the Lord. C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon - Pastor Jerry O'Neal

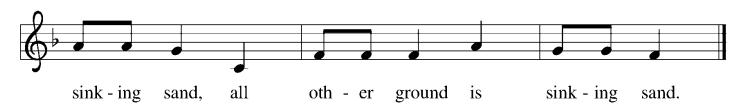


- 1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
- 2 Whendark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un chang-ing grace;
- 3 His oath, his cov e nant, his blood sus tain me in the rag ing flood;
- 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found.



no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name. in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil. when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay. clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re-deemed to stand be-fore the throne!





Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

Music: THE SOLID ROCK, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

*Apostles' Creed:

P&C 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: (Congregation's response in bold type.)

L For our prayers today, I will conclude each petition with "God, in your mercy," and your response is, "**receive our prayer**."

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

The church declares your praise, O God. Guide us in the example of Isaiah's imagination, Paul's transformed identity, and Mary's faith and devotion; that our lives, too, may be poured out in love as we trust in your promises. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

The earth declares your praise, O God. Make a way for the planet's future in the sea and the wilderness, the mountains and plains, the tundra and wetlands. Repair habitats and sustainable ecosystems on, above, and beneath the ground. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

The nations declare your praise, O God. Where religious differences divide, bring together those who worship you in the name of Jesus Christ and those who call to you with different names. Guide interreligious dialogue, that faith may unite rather than divide communities. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

The people declare your praise, O God. Restore those whose hope has been dampened through a health diagnosis, job or home loss, divorce, or death. Bring healing to those in need, especially for those we now name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause). May all who weep now sing songs of joy again. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

The gifts of the Spirit declare your praise, O God. We thank you for artists who proclaim the gospel. Inspire music, poetry, and images that proclaim the new thing you are doing. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

God of new creation, create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit in us as we go through the revisioning process with the E-Connect program. Give the leaders of our congregation insight as to how we move Holy Trinity into the future. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

The communion of saints declares your praise, O God. Giving thanks for those who have died, we trust in the one who has made them his own: Christ Jesus, our crucified and risen Savior. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

Amen.

*Sharing the Peace:

- P The peace of our Risen Savior be with you always.
- C And also with you.

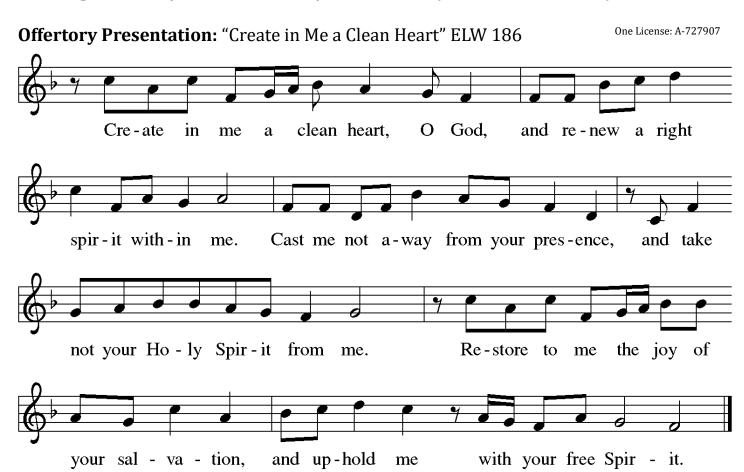
Offering:

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- 2. Go to our website www.holytrinitylutheranchurch.com and click on the green "Give" button.
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Offering Music: "By the Water of Babylon" TFBF 67 (Jamaican Traditional)



Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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*Offering Prayer:

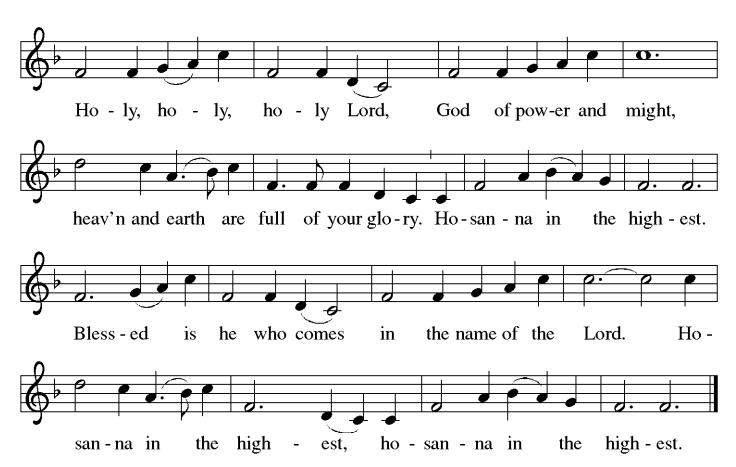
L Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

*Please stand as you are able.

*The Great Thanksgiving:

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- P 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

(The Words of Institution will be said in Spanish, then English.)

P La noche en que fue entregado, nuestro Señor Jesús tomó pan y dio gracias; lo partió y lo dio a sus discípulos, diciendo: Tomen y coman; esto es mi cuerpo, dado por ustedes. Hagan esto en memoria mía.

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.

De igual manera, después de haber cenado, tomó la copa, dio gracias y la dio a beber a todos, diciendo: Esta copa es el nuevo pacto en mi sangre, derramada por ustedes y por todo el mundo para el perdón del pecado. Hagan esto en memoria mía.

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.

P For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

C Amen.

P Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

C Amen.

P Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C Amen.

*Lord's Prayer:

- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- All 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:

P All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

Communion Hymn: "O Lamb of God" (Setting 10 ELW)



Distribution:

This is the Table of Grace for all who belong to Christ and seek his gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. We extend to you all that we have in the Lord Jesus and invite you to his Holy Supper. Those communing with us who haven't been baptized and desire God's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation in Holy Baptism are invited to talk to the Pastor. Communion is continuous as we kneel at the altar. Apple juice is offered as an alternative to wine. Communicants come to the altar down the center aisle, fill in the communion rail from left to right and return by the side aisles.

Communion Hymn: "I Received the Living God" ELW 477

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know.



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*Post Communion Blessing

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

All Amen.

*Post Communion Prayer

L Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

*Sending Call and Response:

- L God's work!
- C Our hands!
- L God's love!
- C Our hearts!
- L God's story!
- C Our voices!

*Benediction:

- P "Barocha" Michael Card
- C Amen.



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*Dismissal:

- L Go in peace. We are
- C Gathering in faith and joyfully sharing Christ's love for the world.

Announcements for April 6, 2025

Serving in Worship Today:

Acolyte: Gail Bader

Usher: John Huff and Larry Ahlersmeyer

Greeter: Larry Wood

Lay Worship Leader, Lector, and Communion Assistant: Betsy Ahlersmeyer

Altar Guild: Diane Scholer

Flowers at the Altar:

The bouquet of flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God.

(If you would like to purchase a \$10 flower arrangement to decorate the altar, please fill out the flower chart on the closet door in the lobby/narthex and make sure to fill out a slip and put the slip in the envelope with your check or money and put it in the offering plate or send it to the church office. Thank you.)

Prayer Requests:

We invite you to send us any prayer requests that you want included in our weekly emails or the Holy Trinity Prayer Chain. Send requests to: holytrinitymuncie@gmail.com.

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Tom Douthitt, brother of Linda Reynolds

Sue Donnellan

Jarod DelSorbo, Pr. Jerry and Amy O'Neal's nephew Tim Scholl, John and Rosanna Scholl's nephew

Bradley Wuthrich, Gwen Carey's grandson

Bruce Reynolds

Al Smith, Karen Wenger's husband

Brenda Kearns

Linda Stockton, Bruce Reynolds' Sister Chrissy Miller, friend of Kent Barlow Douglas Watters, Kristen Dashler's Uncle Debbie Singer, Sherri Elwood's sister-in-law

Susie Peterson's cousin Joan

Tony Brinkman Betty Haffner The Roach Family

Pam Carr

Solom and Mary Miller

Shelle Richardson

Kent Windmiller, Karen Wenger's brother

David and Jensy Engle, Susie Peterson's parents

Janis Foster, Shirley Foster's daughter-in-law

Sandra Duke Matthew Santoni Roberta Debolt Chuck Cook

Maria and her family in Ukraine

Dan Haynes John Paul Metzcar Mary Broughton For those not named

For all who are sick and suffering

^{*}Please stand as you are able.

Birthdays and Anniversaries for April 6 - 12, 2025:

Birthdays:

April 6 - Jenna Dennis

Anniversaries:

No anniversaries on record.

Calendar of Events for the Week of April 6:

Sunday, April 6 - Easter Flower Orders Due, Bible Study/Sunday School (9am) and Worship (10am)

Monday, April 7 – Choir Practice (4pm) and Provide Meal at Grace Village (5pm)

Tuesday, April 8 - Walking Group meets (9am), Audit with Julie and Chris Walda (9am), Staff Meeting (9:30am) and Binding Ties Group (10am), Sorority Meeting - Becke Bly (5:15pm) and Council Meeting (6:30pm)

Wednesday, April 9 - Mid-Week Lent Lunch & Learn at First Presbyterian (12:30pm), E-Connect Team Meeting (5:30pm), Better Together Wellness (6pm) and Magician's Ring Group-Jim Nyce (6:30pm)

Friday, April 11 - Better Together Wellness (8:30am & 10am)

Saturday, April 12 - Step Aerobics (9:30am)

Midweek Ecumenical Lenten Lunch and Learn

Please join us for the last Midweek Lenten meal and study. We meet for lunch beginning at 12:30pm to 1:30pm at First Presbyterian Church (1400 W. Riverside Ave) on Wednesday, April 9. We are studying the book, "Word by Word" by Marilyn McEntyre and the chapter we will be discussing is - *Welcome*.

Lenten Non-Food Collection:

From Outreach - Thanks, everyone, for the baby items donated thus far. We have had a wonderful response which will help a lot of young families.

Back Bay Mission Update

Holy Trinity's Back Bay Mission trip, scheduled for May 4 is fast approaching. We have eight volunteers, the fewest number that have ever participated. We would really like to take a few more volunteers, so if you are considering this mission, perhaps this is the year!

A week on the coast of sunny Mississippi helping with housing rehabilitation, social ministry, and feeding the hungry is a great way to serve.

Next Quilting Day - Save The Date:

The next quilting day is Saturday morning May 31st. That's after Memorial Day. We'll start at 9:00 in Fellowship Hall. No talent necessary.

Dream Builders Society Breakfast for Habitat for Humanity:

If you would like to be apart of Holy Trinity's table at the Habitat for Humanity Dream Builders Society Breakfast on Tuesday, April 29 from 7:30am to 8:30am, please contact Pr. Jerry or the church office. We need 8 people to make up the table. We also need to raise \$500 minimum for the table. If you would like to donate to Habitat for Humanity, please mark you donation for Habitat for Humanity. Thank you.





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Palm Sunday, April 13 - 10am Service at Holy Trinity

Maundy Thursday, April 17 - 7pm at Holy Trinity

Good Friday, April 18 - 7pm at High Street United Methodist Church, 219 S. High Street



Easter Sunday, April 20

Easter Breakfast - 9:00am in fellowship hall

Easter Service at 10am in the sanctuary

This is the last Sunday to order Easter Flowers!

EASTER FLOWERS

Please help us decorate the church for Easter. If you would like to order Easter Flowers for your loved ones and friends, please fill in the form below and bring or mail it to the church office along with your payment of \$13.00 per flower by Sunday, April 6. You may take the flowers home after the Worship Service on Easter Sunday.

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*Please note that payment needs to be made a the time of placing the order. We will not order the flower(s) if payment is not received. Thank you.







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