

Trinity Lutheran Church

The Sunday News

April 18, 2021



Third Sunday of Easter

Today in Worship: Stephen's Witness



Visitor Information:

We are delighted to have you join in worship with us today! Please help us to become acquainted by signing our guest book in the rear of the sanctuary.

Welcome to the Lord's Table:

All who gather for worship at Trinity Lutheran Church are welcome to receive communion. There are no barriers to receiving, experiencing, or being reminded of God's grace.

Please pick up your communion elements in the rear of the sanctuary as you enter. Keep this until the appropriate time in worship. The disposable cup holds juice and a wafer is secured on top under a clear seal.

During this unprecedented time, the elements you provide at home are blessed during Trinity's recording of worship and can be received during the appropriate time while watching the service.

For those without access to view the recorded service, our suggestion is to repeat the words of institution, Lord's prayer, and receive the elements at that time.

Children Welcome in Worship:

Children are a welcome part of our community and invited to attend the entire service.

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Order of Worship - Online Service

- ◆ Prelude - *All Things Bright and Beautiful* John Rutter
- ◆ Announcements
- ◆ Confession and Forgiveness (*projected*)
- ◆ Hymn: *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!* WOV #764
- ◆ Greeting / Haugen Kyrie (*video*)
- ◆ Prayer of the Day

God of peace, With dehumanizing rage that leads to violence, we stiff-necked humans continue to shut our ears to your word of love. Help us, we pray, to let our love be genuine. Heal us of our desire to wield power and force others to submit to it, and let your love overcome our insistence on being right. With all those who have died standing up to violence and oppression, we pray in the name of the one who brings light and hope into the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, **C: Amen**

- ◆ Reading: Acts 6:7-15, 7:1-2, 44-66

The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and others of those from Cilicia and Asia, stood up and argued with Stephen. But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke. Then they secretly instigated some men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." They stirred up the people as well as the elders and the scribes; then they suddenly confronted him, seized him, and brought him before the council. They set up false witnesses who said, "This man never stops saying things against this holy place and the law; for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses handed on to us." And all who sat in the council looked intently at him, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

Then the high priest asked him, "Are these things so?" And Stephen replied:

"Brothers and fathers, listen to me. "Our ancestors had the tent of testimony in the wilderness, as God directed when he spoke to Moses, ordering him to make it according to the pattern he had seen. Our ancestors in turn brought it in with Joshua when they dispossessed the nations that God drove out before our ancestors. And it was there until the time of David, who found favor with God and asked that he might find a dwelling place for the house of Jacob. But it was Solomon who built a house for him. Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made with human hands; as the prophet says, 'Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool.

What kind of house will you build for me, says the Lord, or what is the place of my rest? Did not my hand make all these things?'

"You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you are forever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do. Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers. You are the ones that received the law as ordained by angels, and yet you have not kept it."

When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

- ◆ Holy Gospel: Luke 23:33-34a. 46
- P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 23rd chapter
- C: **Glorify to You, O Lord**

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: **Praise to You, O Christ**

- ◆ Sermon
- ◆ Music: *An Angel* M. Martine
(Trinity Praise Band)
- ◆ The Creed / The Prayer/ The Peace
- ◆ Offertory

(A stationary offering plate can be found in the rear of the sanctuary, as it will not be passed during worship. You may also choose to mail envelopes to Trinity or submit on-line by using our APP or going to our website; contact Jackie Rinehart if assistance is needed)

- ◆ Music: *I Will Rise* Tomlin, Reeves, Maher, Giglio
(Trinity Bell Ringers)
- ◆ Offertory Prayer
- ◆ The Great Thanksgiving
- ◆ Communion Prayer/Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Prayer of Thanks for Communion
- ◆ Blessing/Benediction

- ◆ Hymn - *Now the Green Blade Rises* LBW #148
- ◆ Dismissal
- ◆ Postlude - *Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng* Samuel Metzger



Gatherings & Events:

◆ TODAY we welcome new members:

Cyndee Lefever
George and Sue Minick
Margorie Schwalm
Diane Wenthe
Laura and Michael Wolfe
Melissa (Wolfe) Herr and son, Archer JP Herr



- ◆ Wednesday @ 10:00 am; a Zoom Bible Study with Pastor Foltz; Interested? Email— fritzafoltz@gmail.com or faithfoltz@gmail.com

- ◆ Tuesday, April 20th @ 7:00 PM; Congregational Council Meeting

- ◆ Sunday, May 16th; Celebration Sunday for Affirmation of Baptism

- ◆ Sunday, May 30th; High School Graduate Recognition

◆ Mark your calendars for VBS 2021!

Session 1 - June 21st & 22nd;
Session 2 - June 23rd & 24th;
see details under "events" on Trinity's APP or Facebook page



Volunteers are needed to help make this program succeed. Please sign-up on Trinity's APP or email - michelle@trinitymountjoy.org

- ◆ Save-the-date for CHOIR CAMP - August 2nd - 6th; For students who have completed K-6th Grade; 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM at Trinity; Additional information coming



Worship Schedule:

- ◆ Sundays - (now through May 30, 2021)
9:00 AM worship continues in the sanctuary (with reservations)
11:00 AM Worship ONLY at Little Chiques Park (no reservations)
FM transmission available with inclement weather
- ◆ Thursday - 11:30 AM in the sanctuary (with reservations)
Service follows the same format as the upcoming Sunday
- ◆ Full On-line Sunday Worship Continues
(masks and social distancing observed at all Trinity events)



Today in Education:



- ◆ Virtual ROC (*Raised on Christ*) for Preschool through 12th grade can be found on Trinity's social media pages and website. Contact Michelle Shirk with any questions.
- ◆ Children & Youth Gatherings:
*K-5 Hike, April 18th @ 1:00PM
*8th Grade Family Meeting, April 25th @ 12noon
*Sr. High Food for the Soul, May 2nd @ 12noon
(*see Trinity's APP for details and registration)

Opportunities to Serve:

- ◆ TODAY is Plastic Collection Sunday in recognition of Earth Day! Drive up and drop-off at rear door 8:45am-10:30am, or place in collection box in rear of sanctuary at 9:00 am worship, or in collection box at 11:00 am park worship; Help supply a park bench for the community; See "events" on Trinity's APP, Facebook or website for listing of items accepted



- ◆ April 24th @ 8:30 AM; Trinity Spring Grounds Clean Up; Sign-up on Trinity's APP or email - elayne@trinitymountjoy.org

- ◆ May 15th, 8:30 AM—12 Noon; The Wittel Farm Growing Project Planting Day; Volunteers are needed to help plant 7 acres this year. Register at : <https://www.lutherancamping.org/upcoming-events/>



The altar flowers are to the Glory of God,
and in honor of our children, grand-children, and great-grand-children,
by Jere and Evelyn Duke.



"You are witnesses of these things." – Luke 24:48

Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them a mind-opening experience. As witnesses they are charged with telling the truth of their experience. We, too, are witnesses charged with telling the truth. How might you share the truth about creation care and climate change in our polarized culture?

Stewardship in Worship Today:

Assist ant	9:00	11:00
Usher / Greeter	Tim Markovits	Joe Wivell
Lector Online	Jessica Good	
Council Member		

Flower Delivery - Open

Food Bank Delivery - Harry Goehring

Our Trinity Staff:



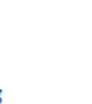
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Prayer List

In Worship this week we will remember the following in prayer...

Dorothy Rowland* - mother of Debbie Williams (4/18)
 Ben May - husband of Peggy May (4/18)
 Laura Christian - daughter-in-law of Dave & Sandy Christian (4/11)
 Tyler Ashley (4/11)
 Richard Graden* (4/11)
 Shawn Erb - husband of Jill Hoffines-Erb (3/28)
 Janet Lawrence - mother of Jason Lawrence (3/28)
 Steven Barraclough (3/28)
 Scott Noon (3/28)
 Jackson Mowery - friend of Scott Everhart (3/28)
 Lucy Bonvissuto - friend of Tullia Hydinger (3/28)
 Jean Lowe - mother of Gail Goodhart (3/21)
 Carter Sweeten* - friend of Carrie Henry (3/14)

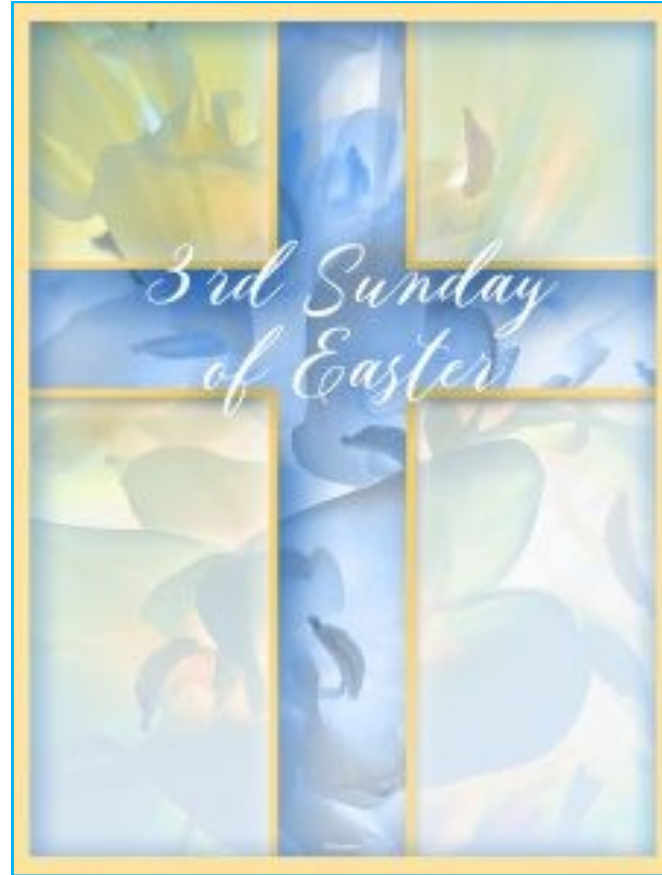
In the coming weeks, please remember the following in your prayers...

Ian Leiby - grandson of Ray & Diane Leiby (3/7)
 Wendy Pepkowski (3/7)
 Gloria Feather (3/7)
 Gary Storm - father of Tracy Cyr (3/7)
 Carol Graden (3/7)
 Keith Smith* - brother of Carol Miller
 Linda Fulford* - sister of Gloria Zimmerman
 Gary Kiehl* - brother of Gloria Zimmerman

*Listed for Long Term Prayers

NOTE: Prayer requests will remain on Sunday's listing for four (4) weeks. Following that period, names will be moved to the lower listing for an additional four (4) weeks.

If you have a prayer request for the church prayer, or a specific prayer request for the staff, please send them to Elayne Olson (elayne@trinitymountjoy.org).



Attendance and Engagement Report

4/11				4/11			
Thurs. AM	17	9:00 AM	31	Facebook	360	Website	148
Youth	12	11:00 AM	50	Instagram	113	Youtube	283
4/04		6:30 AM	35	4/04			
Thurs. AM	17	9:00 AM	65	Facebook	1080	Website	343
Youth	—	10:00 AM	42	Instagram	103	Youtube	592
		11:00 AM	211				

Weekly Giving	YTD Giving	Income Needed to Meet Expenses	
\$5,303	\$127,916	\$146,044	4/11
\$14,649	\$123,948	\$134,204	4/04

Building Debt Reduction

4/11	\$315	YTD	\$8,836
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YTD Debt Balance

As of 12/31/2020	\$305,382	Owed to Endowment Fund
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YTD Designated Giving

Mount Joy Helping Services	1060	Checks should be made payable to "Trinity Lutheran Church". Place a note on the "memo" line if designated for funds beyond your regular giving. On-line giving is available by using the QR code, Trinity's APP or our website.
World Hunger	75	
Habitat for Humanity	75	
Rocky Boy Indian Reservation	40	
Water Street Mission	20	
Souper Bowl of Caring	1340	
LWR Disaster Relief	180	
Comfort Stitchers	200	
Easter Egg Hunt	624	
Central PA Food Bank	500	
Rise Against Hunger	399	
Guatemala Well/Servant Heart Ministry	5,447	
Stained Glass Renovation	77,661	

