

Mission Congregation of the ELCA
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Second Sunday of Easter



Acts 1:1-14
April 7, 2024



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GATHERING

• **Prelude**

Pam Sherman

• **Office of the Acolyte and Ringing of the Bell**

• **Welcome**

* **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

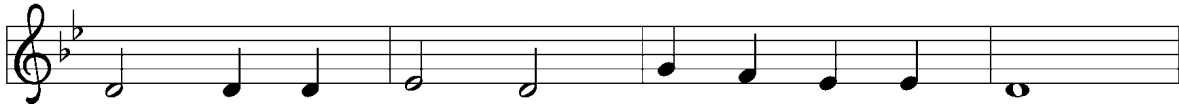
The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

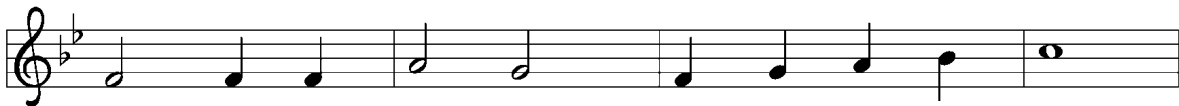
C: Amen.



1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling,
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,



and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

* APOSTOLIC 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.**

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray... Gracious God, you call us together in your presence and charge us with the task of bearing your love into a suffering world. Strengthen us for this work, that all might share equally in your reign of justice and peace. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: **Amen.**

WORD

- **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

- **A READING OF SCRIPTURE: Acts 1:1-14**

R: Our scripture reading is from the Book of Acts, Chapter 1.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

1 In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ 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." ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

R: This is the Word of the Lord!

C: Praise to You, O Christ (*Spoken*)

- **SERMON**

Sandra Combs

Silence may be kept for meditation...

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*** NICENE CREED**

The Nicene Creed is said on all festivals and on Sundays in the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. The Apostles' Creed is said at other times. The Creed is omitted here if the service of Holy Baptism or another rite with a creed is used.

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 INTERCESSION**

L: Trusting in the promise of the resurrection, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

L: O God, you send us out into the world to bear witness to your transformative love and justice. Give us the words to say and the opportunities to say them, that all might experience the fullness of your presence. God of new life,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

L: Creation witnesses to your power and glory, O God. Make us partners with the natural world, ever aware of our interdependence and committed to our mutual flourishing. God of new life,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

L: Soften the hearts and minds of those who govern through fear and oppression and open them to partnerships with other nations for the benefit of all. God of new life,

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C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

L: Be with those in our families, our lives, and community who suffer illness, trauma, grief, and all forms of pain and loss, (*especially...*) Help us to bear your healing love to them. God of new life,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

L: Inspire, strengthen, and support missionaries in their work to build communities and contribute to the health and wellbeing of all they serve throughout the world. God of new life,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: We remember with gratitude the saints who carried your word into the world from the beginning of the church through to the present day. May we follow in their example to be open about our own faith, that others might follow after us. God of new life,

C: In mercy, hear our prayer.

L: We place in your arms all for whom we pray, out loud or in our hearts, confident in your mercy and grace, through Jesus Christ, our savior.

C: Amen.

MEAL

• **OFFERING**

P: As we collect our offering here in person, those worshipping with us through the internet may go to our website located at www.pitsburgtlc.org where you'll find a button labeled "Give to Trinity." You can make your offering to God through our secure website.

* **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Let us pray for the offerings we receive this day ...God the source of every good thing, we offer now our gifts and our tithes for the sake of bearing witness to your transformative work in the world. Accept these gifts as a sign of our commitment to the work you have entrusted us with.

C: Amen.

* **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: United into one through Jesus Christ Our Lord, we pray as Jesus taught...

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,

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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.

SENDING

- ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * SENDING BLESSING

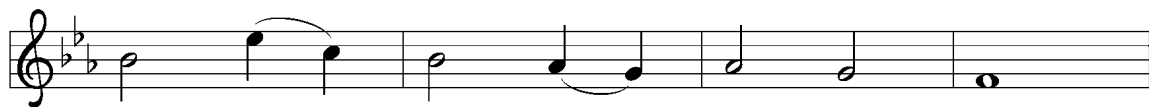
P: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

- * SENDING HYMN LBW 518



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

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*** DISMISSAL**

P: Thank you all for joining us to worship our great and gracious God! Thanks also to our Facebook and other social media viewers for joining us as well. We're glad you're with us today. Until the next time we gather together as God's people to offer our worship and praise, depart in Christ's Love.

C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving all. Amen!

*** POSTLUDE**

Pam Sherman

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Today we welcome Sandra Combs, a Certified Lay Speaker and the Mission Liaison to Member Congregations for Graceworks Lutheran Services. She also serves as the Executive Assistant to the President at Graceworks. Sandra is an Award-winning Storyteller, Inspirational Speaker, and three-time published author who loves to build community and relationships with others through the power of shared stories. Please give her a warm Trinity welcome.



Scripture readings for next Sunday, April 14th
Acts 3:1-10

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Health Tips for the Week
MIND: Read to a young person.
BODY: Try to touch your toes.
SPIRIT: Watch the sunset.

This Week @ Trinity – April 7 thru April 14:

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sun, Apr. 7	9:15 am	Breakfast followed by time with Sandra Combs of Graceworks
	10:30 am	Worship Service
Wed, Apr. 10	6:30 pm	Confirmation Class
Thurs, Apr. 11	10:00 am	Prayers & Squares Quilting
Fri, Apr. 12	3:30 pm	FISH Choice Food Pantry
Sun, Apr. 14	9:30 am	Christian Conversations (Coffee/Juice and Donuts)
	10:30 am	Worship Service w/Communion

Save The Date!

Thursday, April 18, 11:30 am	Ladies & Gents Luncheon at Huey Magoo's, 9196 N. Main St., Englewood OH
Sunday, April 28, 10:30 am	Youth Leading Worship
Saturday, May 18	Trip to the Ark Encounter in Kentucky



Trinity is on the Air at FM 88.3

If you are near the Church on Sunday morning, you can tune in to FM 88.3 at 10:30 AM and hear the sermon from your car.

WELCA PIZZA/PRETZEL/SUB SALE - Previously advertised as beginning on March 1 has been postponed due to the busy month of March. It will now begin April 14, end May 19, with delivery on June 9.

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Holy Communion Delivery Available to ALL:

If you or anyone you know would like to have Holy Communion delivered to a home or place of business, please call Pastor Mel at 937-626-7100. He will bring a prefilled communion chalice including both sanctified wine and a morsel of bread all prepackaged from the Concordia True Vine company. This is a safe way to stay connected to your brothers and sisters in Christ.

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