



# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 14, 2024

*The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share at our Lord's Table each week. In today's gospel, our Lord both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures: the two main elements of our Sunday worship.*

Prelude

*Introit*

William Lloyd Webber  
(1914-1982)

## ENTRANCE RITE

Hymn

### Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!



1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;  
2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn - ful sigh?  
3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;  
4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran - somed of the earth.  
5 Hal - le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.



from the gloom - y halls of death Christ, the con - quer - or, has gone,  
He who died our broth - er here lives our broth - er still on high,  
joined to him, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too;  
Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n - ly birth.  
Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.  
lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless - ings on his church be - low.  
with the Lord, at his right hand, as a vic - tor you shall stand.  
Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.  
glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!

Text: Carl B. Garve, 1763–1841; tr. Jane Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.  
Music: FRED TIL BOD, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

### Easter Acclamation & Apostolic Greeting

**P:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

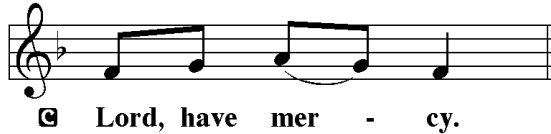
**C:** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

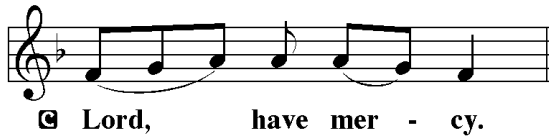
**C:** **And also with you.**

## Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.




P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.




## Hymn of Praise

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was  
slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

  
☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,


  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and

  
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

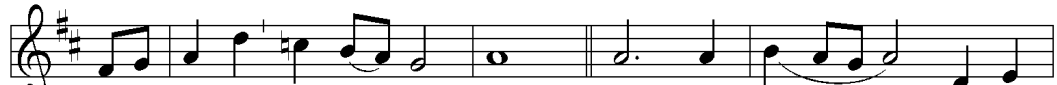
  
☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and

  
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and

  
might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

  
☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

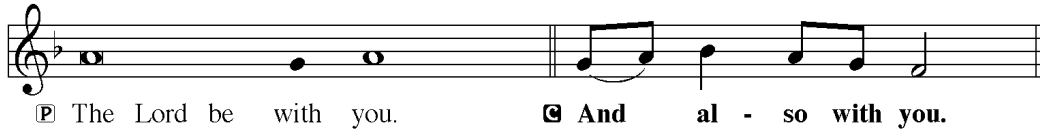
  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ For the Lamb who was

  
slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

  
☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day



P: Let us pray.

**ALL: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

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### First Lesson - Acts 3:12–19

*After healing a crippled man, Peter preaches to the people how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus the Christ. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in our Lord's name.*

<sup>12</sup>Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made this man walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 4

(sung in unison)

*The psalmist prays for deliverance from enemies and sings of confidence in God.*

Answer me when I call, O God, defender<sup>1</sup> of my cause;\*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and<sup>1</sup> hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup> "You mortals, how long will you dishon-<sup>1</sup> or my glory;\*  
how long will you worship dumb idols and run af-<sup>1</sup> ter false gods?"

<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD does wonders<sup>1</sup> for the faithful;\*  
when I call upon the LORD,<sup>1</sup> he will hear me.

<sup>4</sup> Tremble, then, and<sup>1</sup> do not sin;\*  
speak to your heart in silence up-<sup>1</sup> on your bed.

<sup>5</sup> Offer the appointed<sup>1</sup> sacrifices\*  
and put your trust<sup>1</sup> in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see<sup>1</sup> better times!"\*  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon<sup>1</sup> us, O LORD.

<sup>7</sup> You have put gladness<sup>1</sup> in my heart,\*  
more than when grain and wine and<sup>1</sup> oil increase.

<sup>8</sup> I lie down in peace; at once I<sup>1</sup> fall asleep;\*  
for only you, LORD, make me<sup>1</sup> dwell in safety.

## Second Lesson - 1 John 3:1-7

*God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed forgiveness in Jesus the Christ.*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Alleluia Verse



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel - Luke 24:36b-48

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

*In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, the risen Christ opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. He convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.*



<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them,

"Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

*silence for reflection*

Hymn of the Day

**Touch That Soothes and Heals**  
*See My Hands and Feet*



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that  
2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it  
3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's  
4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the  
ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and  
peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of  
wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:  
shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.  
kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.  
tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

*Refrain*



“See my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. “Be my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, “live as



ones I died to save.”

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Music: CIVILITY, Gregg DeMey, b. 1972  
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The Creed

**P:** Using the words of our ancestors in the faith as expressed in the Apostles' Creed, we proclaim the triune God whom we believe:

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

### The Prayers

A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

A: O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Christ given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find – in generosity – abundant life. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Help us bring water to parched places and protect the climate, that this planet may sustain life in all its variety. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Guide lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our mission and ministry. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: O God our resting place, your Son Jesus the Christ promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died. As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen**

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## LITURGY OF THE MEAL

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### The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

### Offering

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest,  
 Thy perfect love close in my breast  
 That I thee love and never rest;  
 And make me love thee of all things best,  
 And wounde my heart in thy love free,  
 That I may reign in joy evermore with thee.  
 (text fifteenth century)  
 [solo: Sarah Bromke]

Offertory

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.

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**ALL:** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.  
 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.

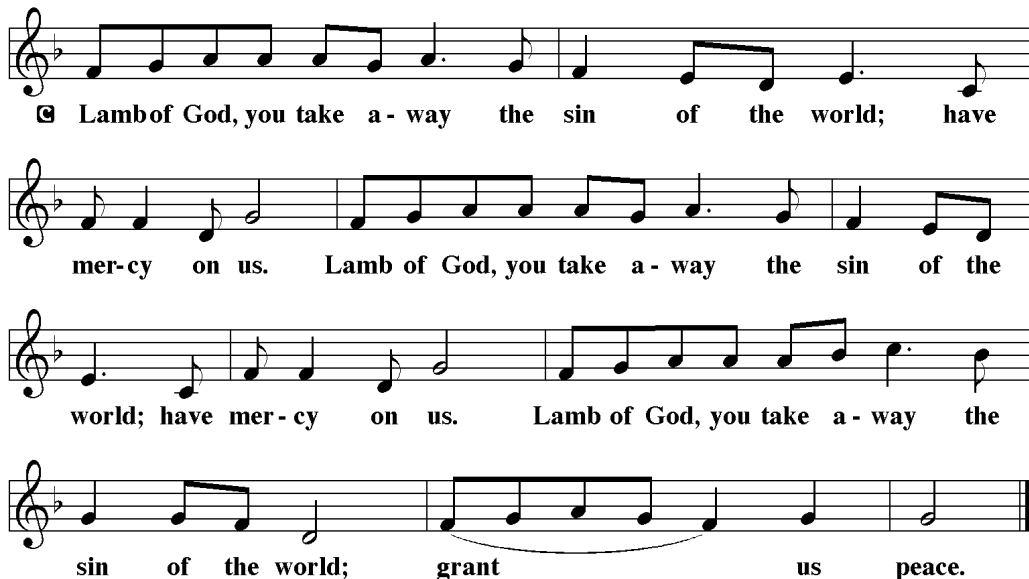
Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**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 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**

Communion with our Risen Lord

## Agnus Dei



♩ 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.

## Hymns

### Now the Silence



Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed  
Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come  
Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing  
Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion  
Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing  
Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny  
Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919

Music: NOW, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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## We Who Once Were Dead



1 We who once were dead now live, fully know - ing Je - sus  
2 We were lost in night, but you sought and found us. Give us  
3 He be - came our bread; Je - sus died to save us. On him  
4 Let us share the pain you en - dured in dy - ing; we shall



as our head. Life is o - ver - flow - ing when he breaks the bread.  
strength to fight; death is all a - round us. Je - sus, be our light.  
we are fed, eat - ing what he gave us, ris - ing from the dead.  
then re - main liv - ing; death de - fy - ing, we shall rise a - gain.

5 Jesus, you were dead,  
but you rose and, living,  
made yourself our bread,  
in your goodness giving  
life though we were dead.

6 This is your design;  
in this meal we meet you.  
Be our bread and wine,  
Jesus, we entreat you.  
This shall be our sign.

Text: Muus Jacobse, 1909–1972; tr. composite  
Music: MIDDEN IN DE DOOD, Rik Veelenturf, b. 1936  
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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.

**C:** Amen

### Post-Communion Canticle



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### Post-Communion Prayer

**A:** Let us pray.

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** Amen

## Benediction




Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son,  
and Holy Spirit, bless you now . . . and for - ever.

**A - men**

The musical notation is a single staff in G major (one sharp) with a common time signature. It features a simple melody for the text, with a fermata over the final 'men'.


## Hymn

### Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical notation is a single staff in G major with a common time signature, corresponding to the four lines of text.




Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical notation is a single staff in G major with a common time signature, corresponding to the four lines of text.



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical notation is a single staff in G major with a common time signature, corresponding to the four lines of text.



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical notation is a single staff in G major with a common time signature, corresponding to the four lines of text.

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807–1882, alt.  
Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781–1821

## Dismissal

**A:** Our service now begins. Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*Paeon*

Robert Lau  
(b. 1943)

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Karen Wuttke in loving memory and celebration of Karl and Bonny Wuttke's seventh-third wedding anniversary and their placement together yesterday in the Columbarium.  
Well done, Mom and Dad!

The candles are given to the glory of God by Faye Hesson in honor of Tim Hesson's birthday.

<b>THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY</b>	
<b>Sunday, April 14</b>	8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion and Home Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion with Livestream via YouTube and Home Communion 4:00 p.m. Organ Recital - Tom Sheehan 5:00 p.m. Holy Trinity Youth
<b>Monday, April 15</b>	Flea Market Set-up Begins 9:15 a.m. Strength and Balance Exercise Class 9:50 a.m. Chair Yoga Class 6:00 p.m. Dinner for Kids' Haven 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study & Dinner (Youth House)
<b>Tuesday, April 16</b>	5:40 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
<b>Wednesday, April 17</b>	12:10 p.m. Service of Holy Communion 3:30 p.m. Alpha-Gal Information-Sharing Group 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
<b>Thursday, April 18</b>	9:00 a.m. Parish Nurse in office (until 10:00 a.m.) 11:00 a.m. Sermon Discussion Group
<b>Friday, April 19</b>	9:15 a.m. Strength and Balance Exercise Class 9:50 a.m. Chair Yoga Class
<b>Saturday, April 20</b>	6:45 a.m. Holy Trinity Youth & Young Adults 7:00 a.m. Flea Market (until noon)
<b>Sunday, April 21</b>	8:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion 9:30 a.m. Sunday Church School 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion with Livestream via YouTube 5:00 p.m. Holy Trinity Youth

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