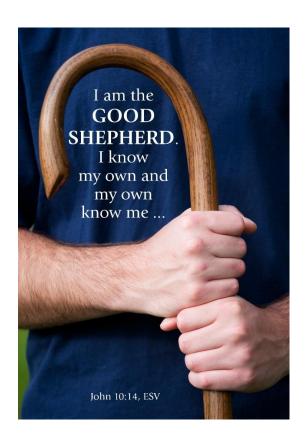


Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Office Phone & Fax: 724-752-3050
Church E-Mail: triquet2@zoominternet.net
Website: www.trinitylutheranellwoodcity.com
10:30 a.m. –Worship Service with Holy Communion
Interim Pastors:
Pastor Martin Galbraith
Pastor Margarethe Galbraith-Cordes
David Spielvogel II, Music Director

Sunday, April 21, 2024 Fouth Sunday of Easter 10:30 a.m.



MISSION STATEMENT: We are committed to being God's Presence in the Ellwood City area with a mission of evangelism and outreach that seeks to spread the Good News in Jesus Christ, inviting others to join us in the worship and work of our Lord. We are committed to read, study, and meditate upon the Word of God. And through prayer and the Holy Spirit's guidance, we are empowered to respond to those in need.

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

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

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: 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. Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: 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.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!



Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



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*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: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Let us pray. O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

⁵The next day the rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' ¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

L. The word of the Lord. C. Thanks be to God.

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

¹⁶We know love by this, that Jesus Christ laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? ¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

L. The word of the Lord. C. Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - FESTIVAL ALLELUIA





Choir Sings Festival Alleluia

Congregation and Choir sing Festival Alleluia

Choir sings verse:

Your words give joy to my heart, your teaching is light to my eyes, my eyes.

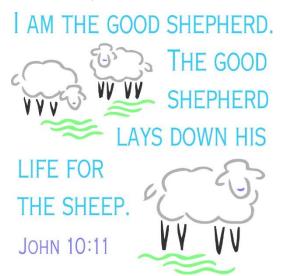
Congregation and Choir sing Festival Alleluia

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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



The King of Love My Shepherd Is



- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877 Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

*The Apostle's 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 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.

(Congregation may be seated.)

Prayers of the Church

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.

Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire scientists, researchers, conservation organizations, and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may be better stewards of the world around us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Faithful Father, continue to be with each of us, the members of the Call Committee and this congregation in this time of transition. In time, raise up a new called Pastor and Interim Ministry Leaders who will work with us as Trinity journeys into the future. We give you thanks and praise for the gifts and servant hearts that our local interim pastors Pastor Margarethe Galbraith-Cordes and Pastor Martin Galbraith bring among us. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Today, we uplift and give thanks for these co-workers with us in the gospel: Joscelyn and Joseph Curcio and Justin and Elle Curcio. Bless them through their ministry and grant them the passion to continue in their service. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Guiding God, give strength and perseverance for your church and its leaders as we do what Jesus commanded, go baptize and teach your word to all. We especially pray for St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Sewickley and Pastor Ryan Kobert and the ministry they do. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith. Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. 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.**



The Sharing of the Peace

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

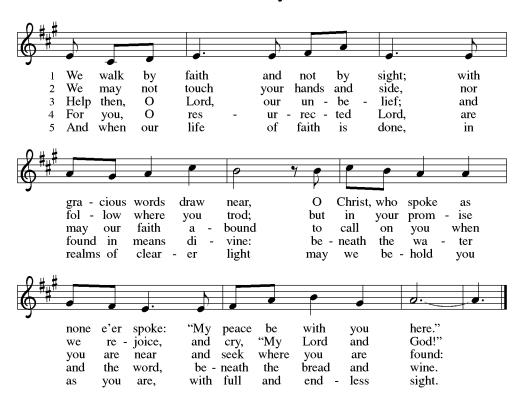
C: And also with you.

P: Let us exchange a sign of peace with one another.

Offering

Special Music

We Walk by Faith



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*Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray... 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

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

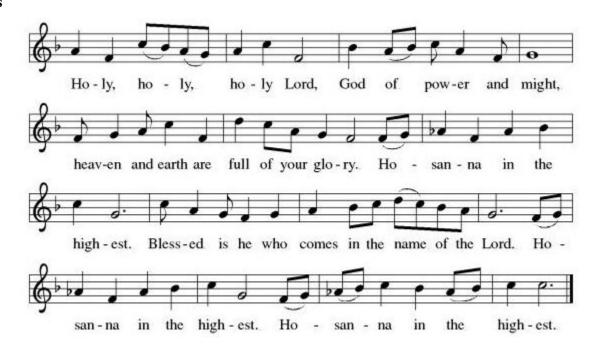
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Preface

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his 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:

*Sanctus



*The Words of Institution

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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 death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen**.

*The Lord's Prayer.....Sung by the Choir

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,

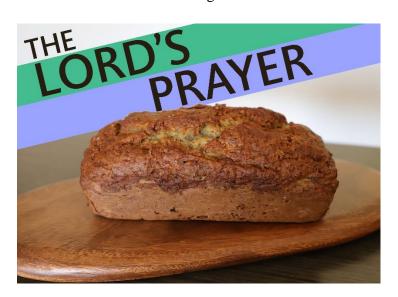
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

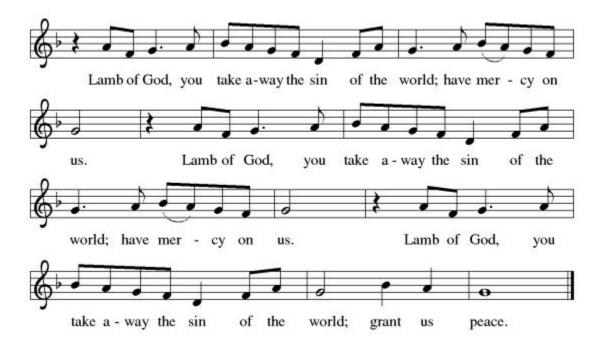
Amen.

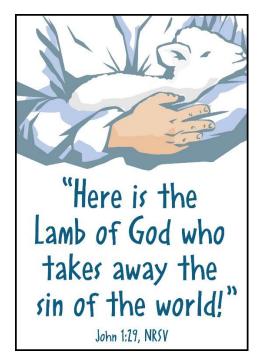
*Invitation to Communion

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



Lamb of God





Distribution

*Table Blessing

P: 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.

C: Amen

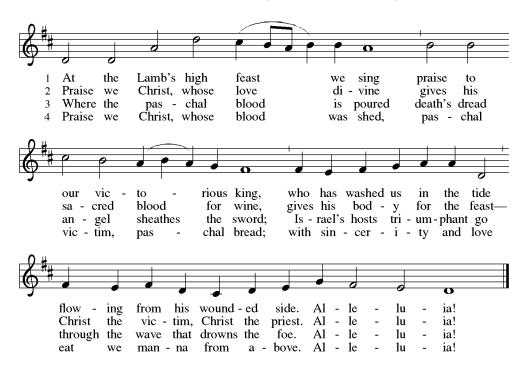
*Blessing and Benediction

- P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope

 → bless you now and always.
- C: Amen.

*Sending Hymn...... ELW #362

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



- 5 Mighty victim from the sky, hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie; you have conquered in the fight, you have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall; you have opened paradise, and your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!
- 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt. Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, Kirchengeseng, 1566

The Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

The Postlude

PARISH NOTES

Serving God's People at the Liturgy:

Ministers The Members of Trinity

Worship Leader Pastor Kirk Bish
Music Director David Spielvogel, II
Lay Lector Shariee Thalmann
Altar Guild Barb Beachem

Greeter Bryan and Nicole Neghiu

Communion Assistant Barb Beachem Acolyte Donovan Hunter

Worship Leaders (Sunday, April 28, 2024):

Worship Leader Pastor David R. Saylor Music Director David Spielvogel, II

Lay LectorDenise GerardAltar GuildBarb GuentherGreeterBob StrattonCommunion AssistantKarla GorgasAcolyteTyson Davis



Hebrews 10:25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Sunday, April 14, 2024 – Sunday Service

In-Person Worship Attendance: 75 Virtual Worship Attendance: 150

Sunday School: 18 Confirmation: 7

Mission & Ministry Plan – 2024 Church Budget

What we received on Sunday, April 14, 2024 - \$2,475.00

Capital Projects

What we received on Sunday, April 14, 2024 – \$175.00

Keep in Our Prayers: Bob Zikeli, Tom Pletz, Joan Evans, Lisa Kenn, Bruce Zikeli, Dan Shirley

Pastor Elizabeth Wallace, Pastor Peggy Suhr-Barkley, Shane Wooley

Nursing Facility: Royellen Canterbury (Edison Manor at New Castle)

Rosetta Colao, The Inn at Poland Way, 6501 Poland Way, Poland, OH 44514

Ruth Miller, Newhaven Court, 100 Burgess Street, Apartment 106, Zelienople, PA 16063



Dick and Mae Kyser, Alexis Garden, 4560 W Alexis Road, Apartment 343, Toledo, OH 43623

Our Homebound Members: Barb Kenn and Dale Walker

Today we uplift the following persons, thankful for our partnership in the Gospel as fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, serving in His name!

Joscelyn and Joseph Curcio, Justin and Elle Curcio

Announcements

Today we welcome Pastor Kirk Bish

to our worship and thank him for sharing the word of God with us!

Please take a moment and complete the **attendance form** found on the pad in each pew.



You're.

Giving to the Congregation YOU can help the Mission and Ministry of Trinity Lutheran Church as we reach out in Christ's name into the community and the world by using the link below to make financial contribution or by using the QR Code (Quick Response Code) to the left. Both



the link and the QR Code take you to Pay Pal. http://www.trinitylutheranellwoodcity.com/site/donate.asp

<u>Trinity's Interim Pastors:</u> Pastor Margarethe Galbraith-Cordes and Pastor Martin Galbraith are our Local Interim Pastors, serving Trinity with their gifts and time for 20 hours/month. If you are in need of Pastoral Care, please call **Pastor Margarethe** on her cell phone at **724-622-7123**.

Sunday School Classes and Confirmation Class will gather today, Sunday, April 21st at 9:15 a.m.

27th Annual Spring Fling for those 70 years old and older Saturday, April 27th

Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. The menu includes Ham Loaves. Takeouts are available. Entertainment by Bruce and Shariee Thalmann and Friends will begin at 6:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there! **Please R.S.V.P on or before Tuesday, April 23rd** by calling the Church office at 724-752-3050.

<u>Church Council reports</u> are due this <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>April 24th</u> at noon.

Choir Practice will be held this Wednesday, April 24th at 7:00 p.m.

<u>Time to bring back your "Change for Lent" offering</u> –This year's "Change for Lent" will go to the "Lawrence County Humane Shelter". If you would like your "Change for Lent" recorded on your giving statement, please either put your name or envelope number on the envelope in which you return your "Change for Lent" offering. A container is on the educational wing table for your collection.

Free: Small sturdy wooden children's chairs are available. Please see Barb Beachem for more information.

<u>Women of the ELCA:</u> Items for the 2024 Designated Outreach will be collected here at Trinity throughout the month of April. The outreach is St. Peter's Afterschool program in Evans City. Suggested items are paper products (paper towels, napkins, paper plates, paper cups, toilet paper), craft supplies (glue, scotch tape, washable paint, google eyes, construction paper, card stock paper, permanent markers), cleaning products (bleach wipes, garbage bags (all sizes), disinfectant wipes), Dollar Store items for "Student of the Week" and homework rewards (games, candy, Gatorade, snacks). Please give all items to Barb Guenther by next <u>Sunday, April 28th.</u>

<u>Ruth Miller</u> recently moved to Passavant. Her address is: Newhaven Court, 100 Burgess Street, Apartment 106, Zelienople, PA 16063. Her new phone number is 724-452-2805. She loves visitors – anyone is welcome to stop by if they are in the area.

<u>The Community Garden Program</u> is looking for more volunteers to work the garden beds in Ewing Park. Do you like to garden and do weeding? All vegetables grown are donated to Divine Grace Ministerium Social Services Food Bank and distributed to those in need. Contact Kelly at 724-816-5193 or email garden@ellwoodcityborough.com for more information or to volunteer.

<u>Lutherlyn's 2024 Summer Camp Schedule</u> is available. Camperships are available for all who need assistance through the church and also Lutherlyn. First time campers can receive \$100 off. Visit www.lutherlyn.com/summer for more details.

Carpenter Project News: Have you thought about volunteering during the July 8th to 12th work week? You can volunteer one day up to all five days. Volunteer forms and clearances are due by June 13th. Forms are available in the office. The Carpenter's Project is now accepting requests from homeowners. Those requesting assistance are eligible if they own the home they want repaired and are living in it. Applicants must live in the Ellwood City or Riverside School Districts. Projects include painting, small exterior maintenance/repair/carpentry jobs, power washing, shrub trimming, wheelchair ramp building, etc. We cannot accept really big requests. Priority is given to those who have not been helped in the past five years unless a safety issue is involved. There are no financial requirements. Donations are not required, but donations help us to help additional people. Homeowners may call and leave a message with Steven Miller at 724-201-0295.

Prayer Chain: Do you believe in the power of prayer? Our church family has a prayer chain that you can lift a prayer concern and it will be shared with others. Would you like to become a prayer warrior and receive prayer requests? Please call Sandy Blank at 724-752-9027 with your prayer concerns or if you wish to become a part of the prayer chain.

<u>The Word in Season and Christ in Our Home</u> *April, May and June 2024* devotionals are available in the educational wing and narthex.

Copies of the **Newsletter** are available on the Educational Wing Table.



Divine Grace Ministerium Social Services Food Bank (formerly Holy Redeemer

<u>Ministerium Social Services</u>) donation requests for April are: cereal, snack sized packages of cookies, cans of corn and green beans and toilet paper. Donations can be left in the educational wing. There is also a need of plastic grocery bags. You can give them to Barb Beachem or place them in the food collection bin. This is an ongoing need, so keep them

coming.

<u>Helping those in Need</u>: Do you want to reach out to help those in need in our community? In the Ellwood City area the local food pantry is housed at **Divine Grace Ministerium Social Services Food Bank**, 300 Crescent Avenue, Ellwood City, PA 16117 (724-758-3465). Your monetary donation can either be sent directly to the Food Pantry or sent to the church and the church will forward the money on to the respective Food Pantry. Please list in the memo portion of your check: **Food Pantry**.

The **2024 Flower Chart** is also hanging in the Educational Wing. Please sign-up or call or email the church office if you would like to reserve a special day.

This Week at Trinity:

Today, Sunday, April 21st		Fourth Sunday of Easter
	9:15	Sunday School Classes and Confirmation Class
	10:30	Worship Service with Holy Communion
		Guest Worship Leader: Pastor Kirk Bish
	6:30	Civic Chorale
	8:00	AA Group
Wednesday, April 24th	Noon	Church Council reports are due
	5:45-7:30	Girl Scouts – Bridging practice in the sanctuary
	7:00	Choir
Thursday, April25 th	7:00	Women's AA
Saturday, April 27 th	5:00	Spring Fling
Next Sunday, April 28th		Fifth Sunday of Easter
	9:15	Sunday School Classes and Confirmation Class
	10:30	Worship Service with Holy Communion
		Guest Worship Leader: Pastor David Saylor
		Baptism of River Minett,
		son of Ben and Tara Minett
	6:30	Civic Chorale
	8:00	AA Group

Invite your family, friends, and co-workers to worship with us, as we proclaim the Good News of Christ!