

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
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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, May 5, 2024
Sixth 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.

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!

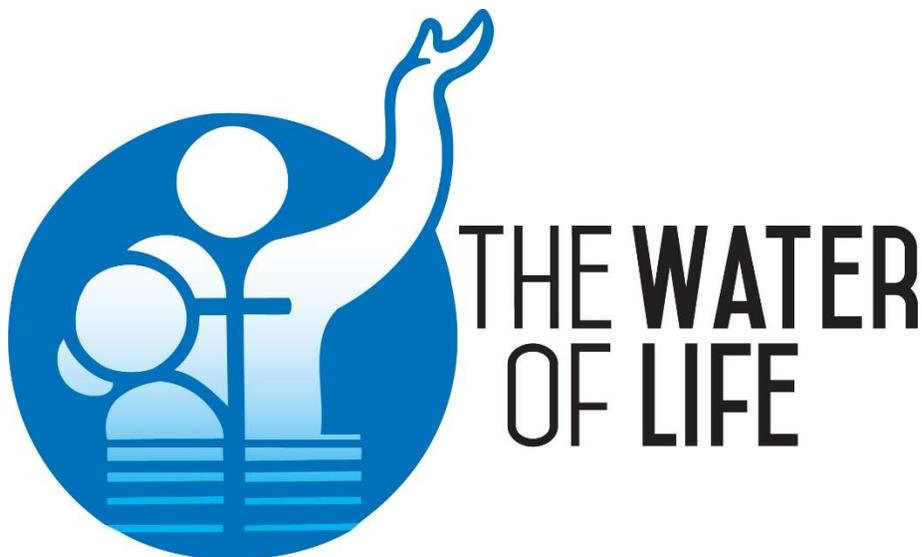
C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

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!



Great God, Your Love Has Called Us



1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for
2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and
3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us
4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and
5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your



love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,
cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,
as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,
call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,
joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty



though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our
by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems
but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your
and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -
to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that



heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

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Music: RYBURN, Norman Cocker, 1889-1953
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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.

Refrain



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

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



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

2 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.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***Prayer of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading.....*Acts 10:44-48*

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

Psalm.....*Psalm 98*

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading.....*1 John 5:1-6*

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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 word, O Lord, is truth;
make us holy in the truth, the truth.*
Congregation and Choir sing Festival Alleluia

***Gospel.....John 15:9-17**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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



Children’s Sermon.....Pastor Phil Conklin

Sermon.....Pastor Phil Conklin

I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911
Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

*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.

Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation, that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers. 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: Jim, Jamie, Brock, Lane and Addison Wright, Phyllis Book, Bill and Lori Ziegler, Morgan, Marissa and Jared DeSensi. 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 Pastor Gregg Clagg and Grace Lutheran Church in Rochester and the ministry they do. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us. At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table. 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

A New Commandment

A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one an - oth-er as

I have loved you, that you love one an - oth-er as I have loved you.

By this shall peo-ple know you are my dis - ci - ples, if

you have love one for an - oth - er; by this shall peo-ple know

you are my dis - ci - ples: if you have love one for an - oth - er.

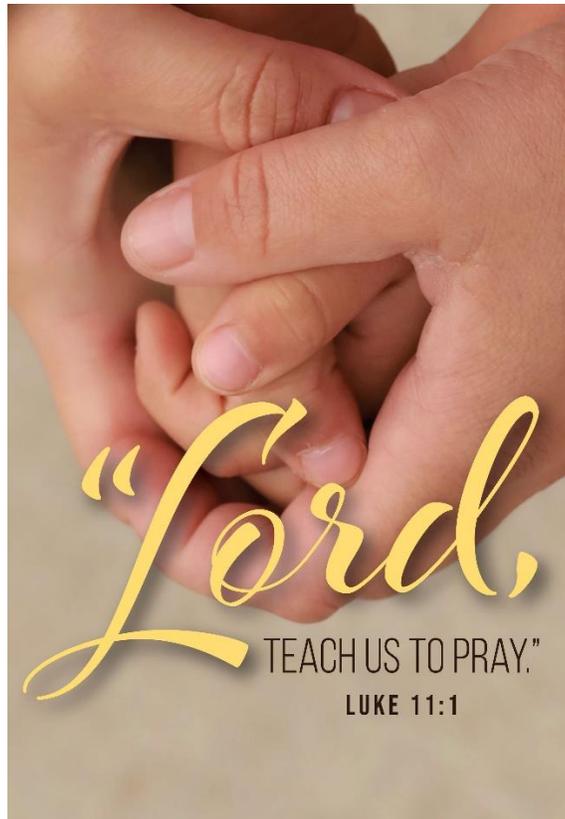
Text: John 13:34-35
Music: NEW COMMANDMENT, anonymous

***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.

***The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**



***Blessing and Benediction**

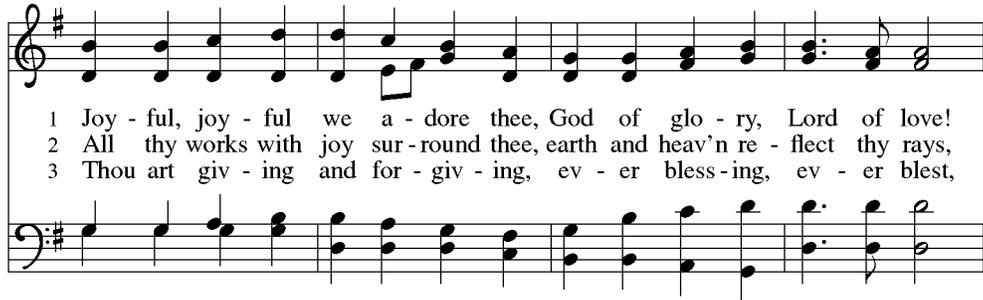
P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

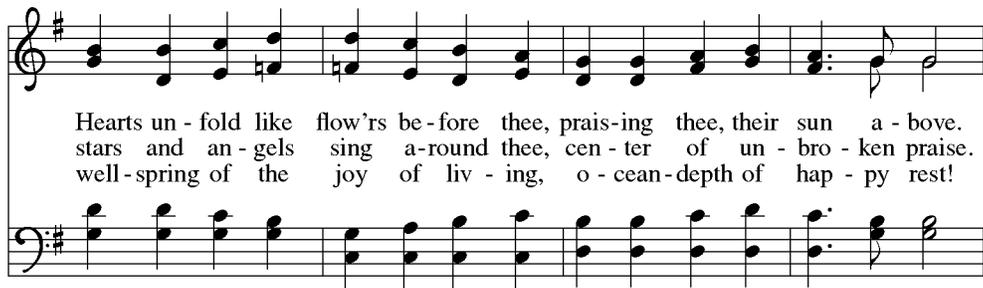
P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

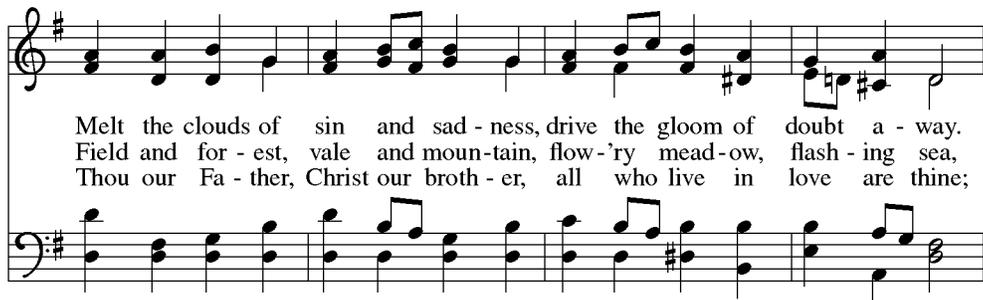
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



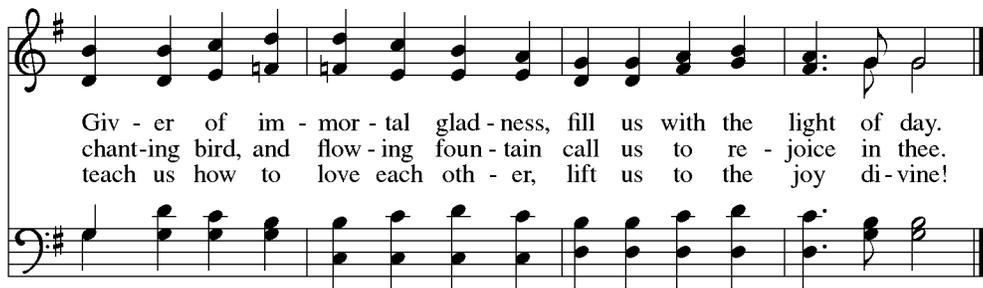
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922
Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapt.

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 Phil Conklin
Music Director	David Spielvogel, II
Lay Lector	Aryanna Nielsen
Altar Guild	Sandy Blank
Greeter	Denise Gerard
Acolyte	Levi Hunter



Worship Leaders (Sunday, May 12, 2024):

Worship Leader	Pastor David R. Saylor
Music Director	David Spielvogel, II
Lay Lector	Kim Hunter
Altar Guild	Kim Hunter
Greeter	Barb Beachem
Communion Assistant	Bruce Thalmann
Acolyte	Aryanna Nielsen

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 28, 2024 –Sunday Service

In-Person Worship Attendance: 61 Virtual Worship Attendance: 331

Sunday School: 20 Confirmation: 8

Mission & Ministry Plan – 2024 Church Budget

What we received on Sunday, April 28, 2024 - \$3,353.00

Capital Projects

What we received on Sunday, April 28, 2024 – -0-

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
Carl Stoops



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

Independent Living Facility:
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!**

Jim, Jamie, Brock, Lane and Addison Wright, Phyllis Book
Bill and Lori Ziegler, Morgan, Marissa and Jared DeSensi

Announcements

Today we welcome Pastor Phil Conklin

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.



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>



Trinity's Interim Pastors: 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**. Pastor Margarethe will be out of the country May 6th – 24th. Pastor Martin will be covering May 6th – 12th and can be reached at 724-869-1187 during that time and then will be out of the country May 13th – 24th. Pastor Angela Smith will be covering May 13th – 24th and can be reached at 814-688-8525.

Sunday School Classes and Confirmation Class will gather today, **Sunday, May 5th** at 9:15 a.m.

Love/Hope Circle will be meeting **Wednesday, May 8th** at 11:00 a.m.

Youth Choir will be meeting at the church this **Wednesday, May 8th** at 6:15 p.m.

COME MEET OUR CANDIDATE FOR PASTOR!

Next **Sunday, May 12** during a continental breakfast, you will have the opportunity to personally meet our candidate for Pastor—The Reverend David R. Saylor. The Call committee and Council Members have had the opportunity to have discussion with him and are satisfied that he is a good fit for Trinity. Although many of you know who Pastor Saylor is; this is a chance to introduce yourself to him as well as meet his family and have a conversation with him. Breakfast will be held in the social hall and begin at 9:00.



A congregation meeting will be held after worship on the same day to vote on offering a call to Pastor Saylor to be our next pastor. Please plan on attending.

Congregation Meetings will be held following the morning worship services on the following days:

Sunday, May 12th: Purpose of the meeting is to vote on calling Pastor David R. Saylor to be our new pastor.

Sunday, May 19th: Purpose of the meeting is to nominate and elect two church council members.



The Ellwood City Area Civic Chorale will be performing their Spring Concert next **Sunday, May 12th** (Mother's Day) at 7:00 p.m. here in our church sanctuary. Come and enjoy the variety of music!

Cake Bakers Needed: *Three* more 9x13 cakes are needed for the Third Thursday Free Community Dinner at Christ Presbyterian Church parking lot on **Thursday, May 16th**. Cakes are needed in our church kitchen by noon. Please call or sign-up on a sheet in the office.

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

Ruth Miller 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.

The Community Garden Program 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.

Lutherlyn's 2024 Summer Camp Schedule 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.

The Word in Season and Christ in Our Home 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 Ministerium Social Services) donation requests for May are: spaghetti sauce, pasta/noodles and cans of soup. 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.

Helping those in Need: 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, May 5th

9:15 Sunday School Classes and Confirmation Class
10:30 Worship Service
Guest Worship Leader: Pastor Phil Conklin

6:30 Civic Chorale
8:00 AA Group

Wednesday, May 8th

11:00 Love/Hope Circle

6:15 Youth Choir

Thursday, May 9th

6:30 4-H Meeting

7:00 Women's AA

Next Sunday, May 12th

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 Continental Breakfast to meet our candidate for pastor –
The Reverend David R. Saylor

10:30 Worship Service with Holy Communion
Guest Worship Leader: Pastor David R. Saylor
Youth Choir Singing

11:30 Congregation Meeting

7:00 Civic Chorale Spring Concert

8:00 AA Group

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