

## Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord

April 30, 2023 9:30 AM - Fourth Sunday of Easter



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## WELCOME

### to Holy Trinity

#### Reconciling in Christ

At Holy Trinity, we welcome and affirm everyone—because God welcomes and affirms everyone—



regardless of age, race, ability, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or other life circumstance.

You are welcome. Your family, children, friends, spouses, and partners are welcome.

You are welcome, whether you are a believer, a doubter, or a seeker.

Your diversity and uniqueness are welcomed and affirmed into the full life of Holy Trinity.

You are wanted here.

#### **April Celebrations!**

#### **Happy Birthday!**

Molly Goupil, Dave Arrington, Melinda Mallon, Mac Rouleau, Lois Kfoury, Martha Mercer, John Moore, Glenn Oswald, Mark Donahue, Jeremiah Sihotang, Adeline Mei, Alex Bock, Ron Indorf, Ade Monareh, Carol Suafley, Matt Nania, Emily Sullivan, Jim McKenna, and Joyce Rivoire,

#### **Happy Anniversary!**

Jo Whiting & Russ Hilliard, Jill & Jerry Schock, Bill & Jill Larson, and Jonathan & Sue Bock.

#### A Warm Welcome as you worship with us today!

Whether you are here for the first time or a long time member, know that you are welcomed in Christ's Name, joined to be with us, Christ's Body the Church, as we worship God.

Your presence at worship is a gift!

We love having children worship with us! At this moment, our Nursery is not staffed. You may find Children's bulletins and activities on tables inside the sanctuary.

**Prayer Requests:** Prayer Request Cards are available indoors on the Usher's Table. Simply fill one out and hand it to the Pastor, or place it in the Offering Basket.

#### **Office Hours & Pastoral Emergencies:**

Church Office: Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm

Pastor Luther: Wednesdays 11am-2:30pm

If you need a Pastoral Visit, or experiencing a Pastoral Emergency, pastoral care is available for home or hospital visits, emotional support, and church ceremonies. Please contact the Church Office and he will provide you with the Pastoral information during daytime and after work (emergencies) hours. Email office@htelc.com or call (603)436-1704 and leave a voicemail message.

Donate to Holy Trinity: You can place your offering in the offering plate during the service. We appreciate what you are able to give to help support our church and our ministries. Thank you.



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#### PRAYER CONCERNS

Health Issues: Franklyn Vosburg, Jerry Schock, Pastor Linn Opderbecke, Alice Peterson, Bob Hollister, Don Gindlesperger, Steve Bush, Joyce Rivoire, Richard Anderson, Yvonne Topping, Dave Smith, Larry Sanders, Hazel Larson, Leo Larson, Geri Seig, Rani Marcus, Grover Marshall, Shirley Jackson, Julie Moore, Dick Topping. Homebound: Carol Saufley, Edith Rowan, Barbara Werdelin, Ron Evers, Dave & Joyce Rivoire, Anita Lindstrom, Judy Hollister, Jean Klein. Military: Josh Bretz, Matthew Hanrahan, Brendan Podszus, Jacob Schankis, Jessica Chabot.

**Friends:** Casey Lavoie (Stephanie Goupil's friend), Danielle Elwanger & family (Bobbie Febbo's granddaughter), Lynn Geraci (Jill & Jerry Schock's friend), Robert Gjellstad (Jerry Schock's cousin), Helaine Wemple (Gisela Wemple's daughter), Frank & Lucille Febbo (Bobbie Febbo's cousins), Mark and Janet Febbo (Bobbie Febbo's cousins), Norman Young (Heidi Morrison's father), Richard King (Fred King's brother).

Prayers will be listed for at least 6 weeks unless told otherwise. If you would like a prayer concern listed in the bulletin, please fill out a Prayer Request at the Usher's table or contact the Church Office at office@htelc.com.

#### **NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE**

Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday."
Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's
gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant
life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us
beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he
spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence
and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection
and extend God's tender care to all creation.

#### **LECTIONARY**

**This Week:** Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10.

**Next Week:** Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14.

#### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Musician(s): Jon Bock & Ken Galle

**Choir Director:** Ken Galle **Lector:** Gisela Wemple

Liturgical Deacon: Tom Bernth

**Usher:** Linda Edwards **Acolyte:** Jeremiah Sihotang

Sound System: Franklyn Vosburg & Mark Donahue

Counters: Phyllis & Barry Philbrick

Altar Guild: Bobbie Febbo

Fellowship Host: Cristina Dolcino

#### THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

WEDNESDAY, May 3

9:30 AM: Bible Study THURSDAY, May 4

8:30 AM: Property Team

SUNDAY, May 7

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship 10:45 AM: Confirmation Class

#### ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

**Sunday, April 16:** 101 (*In-Person*) + 28 (*Online*) = 129 **Offering:** \$6,537.40 **Sunday, April 23:** 67 (*In-Person*) + 63 (*Online*) = 130 **Offering:** \$9,463.97

#### **Announcements**

The Call of Rev. Luther Zeigler: After worship, we will gather to vote to call Pastor Luther as our permanent pastor. Both the call committee and the council unanimously voted to recommend Pastor Luther to you as the best candidate to provide spiritual leadership as we move forward over the next years.

The meeting will take place immediately following our worship service on April 30 at which Pastor Luther will be presiding and preaching. *All are welcome to attend the meeting, but only members of Holy Trinity may vote. To get your ballot, please speak with Judy Evans and Mark Donahue prior to the meeting, after worship.* Votes will be counted before we end the meeting.

**Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting** will be on Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM. All who wish to help volunteer and plan this year's VBS are welcome to attend the meeting.

**The New Hampshire Gay Men's Chorus** will be at Holy Trinity for a concert on Saturday, May 20 at 7:30 PM. Tickets are \$20 per adult, and available to purchase at NHGMC.com. See the back cover for more information.

**Pastor Luther's Book of Sermons:** "God with Us" is available to borrow in the Library. This is a written collection of his sermons preached at Emmanuel Church from 2012-2019. Currently, we have only one copy, and it's not sold on Amazon. If you wish to purchase your own copy, please let the church office know, and we will try to get copies for you.

Indonesian Cooking Class: Please sign up for our Indonesian cooking class, held on May 7, after worship! We will learn how to make nasi goreng (fried rice) and lumpia (springrolls). All cooking skill levels welcome. Also, we need some eaters to help us eat this yummy lunch. Cooking starts at 10:45 PM. Eating starts at 12:00 PM. We would like 15 cooks. These people should bring: a small cutting board and knife, for cutting up vegetables. Also, one salad OR dessert to share. We would like 15 additional eaters. These people should bring their appetites and some kind of beverage to share. There is an activity planned for the eaters while they wait for the food to be made. Sign-ups are limited to 30 people, 15 cooks and 15 eaters. Please sign up in advance on the clipboard in the Gathering Area. If we find we have more than 30 people interested, we will plan another cooking class in the late summer or fall. All little kids (to accompany the 30 people mentioned above) also welcome - no signups necessary.

**Graduation Sunday** will be celebrated in June. If you know someone from Holy Trinity who will graduate from High School, College, Grad School, or another school this year and would like to be recognized, please speak with the Church Office or Helen Goransson.

**Contact our Pastors:** Pastor Larsen, who is here from now until Labor Day, can be reached at **InterimPastor@htelc.com**. Pastor Luther's official HTELC email address is **PastorLuther@htelc.com**.

## Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Fourth Sunday of Easter – Sunday, April 30, 2023—9:30 a.m.

#### Welcome

#### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

-Please stand as able-

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

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

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#### Greeting

- P: Christ is risen. Alleluia!
- C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- P: Sing my tongue, the glorious battle; tell the triumph far and wide.
- C: We tell aloud the wondrous story, of the cross, of Christ crucified.
- P: We tell of the bonds that could not hold him, the linens from which he was set free;
- C: We tell of his rising from death, the Resurrection; we celebrate Christ's victory!



#### **Kyrie**



#### Prayer of the Day

- P: Let us pray.
- C: O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

#### WORD

The remaining lessons appointed for use on this Sunday are located in the announcements of this worship booklet. You are invited to read them during the collection of offerings or Communion. You are also invited to take this booklet home with you and read the lessons and prayers as part of family worship or individual devotions.

#### **First Reading**

- L: A reading from Acts 2:42-47
- <sup>42</sup>[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

- L: Word of God, word of life
- C: Thanks be to God.

#### Psalmody: Psalm 23

- L: <sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- C: <sup>2</sup> He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- L: <sup>3</sup> He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- C: <sup>4</sup>Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
- L: <sup>5</sup> Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- C: <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

#### Children's Message

—Please be seated—

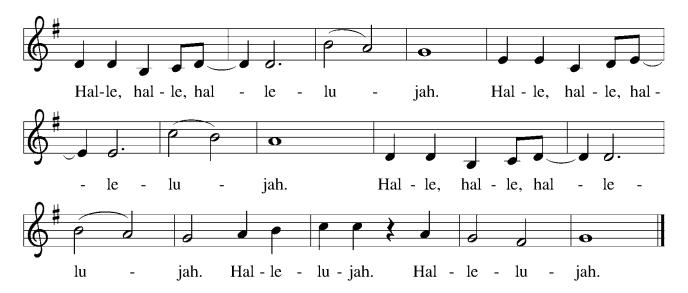
The children are invited to come forward to join the Pastor at the Chancel for a message.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

**ELW 172** 

— Please stand as able—

#### Halle, Hallelujah



Music: Caribbean traditional

#### Gospel

P: The holy gospel according to St. John, Chapter 10:1-10

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Please be seated—

#### The King of Love My Shepherd Is



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#### Nicene Creed

LD: Let us confess our faith using the Nicene Creed.

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 the People**

LD: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

#### — A brief silence—

LD: You are the shepherd who gathers us in your mighty and loving arms.

Help your church to listen for your voice, especially when the voices of sin, idolatry, and oppression threaten to overpower us. Hear us, O God.

#### C: Your mercy is great.

LD: The green pastures, still waters, and dark valleys of this earth all belong to you, O Lord. Sustain your creation with a love that is both mighty and just. Where there is destruction, bring healing. Where there is desolation, bring abundance. Hear us, O God.

#### C: Your mercy is great.

LD: You proclaim shepherding love, comfort, and protection for all people and all of creation. Direct leaders in our own time to learn from your example and instruction. Give them servant hearts, that they generously seek the good of all. Hear us, O God.

#### **C:** Your mercy is great.

LD: You journey with us wherever our paths may lead. We pray for those feeling overwhelmed by anxiety or depression or suffering in any way.
We pray especially for those whose names we say out loud or silently.
A brief silence— Hear us, O God.

#### C: Your mercy is great.

LD: We pray for our partners in mission and ministry: Presiding Bishop
Elizabeth Eaton and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Bishop
James Hazelwood and the New England Synod, Pastor Livingstone
Msungu and the Isimani congregation in Tanzania, Fundaninos

Orphanage in Guatemala, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and Imanuel Indonesian Lutheran Congregation, Ascentria Care Alliance and Camp Calumet. Hear us, O God.

#### C: Your mercy is great.

LD: You are the sheepgate that gives safety to your beloved flocks. Provide protection for refugees, victims of domestic violence, those who are imprisoned, and all people who are vulnerable to violence and mistreatment. Hear us, O God.

#### C: Your mercy is great.

LD: You call your sheep by name and lead them through the valley of death. We give you thanks for those who have died and now dwell in your house forever. Be with those who mourn, and give them hope in the promise of resurrection. Hear us, O God.

#### C: Your mercy is great.

LD: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

#### C: Amen.

#### The Sharing of God's Peace

P: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

#### C: And also with you.

The congregation is invited to exchange expressions of peace with those near them.

#### **MEAL**

#### **Offering**

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward.

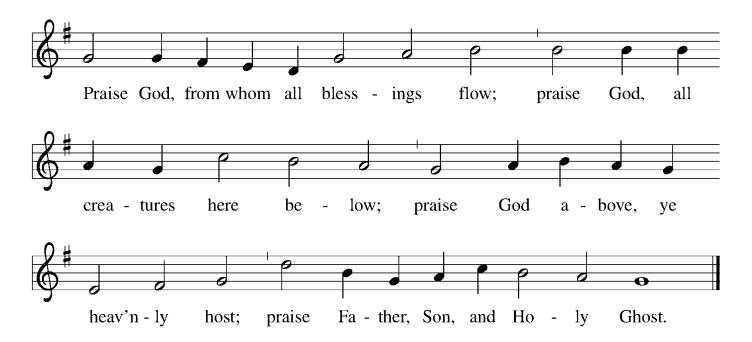
#### **Choir Anthem**

#### **Offertory Song**

**ELW 885** 

-Please stand as able-

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711, alt.

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

#### **Offertory Prayer**

LD: Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.

#### C: Amen

#### The Celebration of Holy Communion

As you come to the Lord's Table, know that it is Christ who invites you to receive the bread and wine, the body and blood. There will be a single communion station around the altar. You will receive a wafer (gluten free wafers are available). Next you may take a pre-filled glass of wine. Please put the glass in the basket by the baptismal font or the lectern. Pre-filled Communion Cups are still available for anyone uncomfortable coming forward to the altar. If you would like to receive communion from the Pastor, but you are unable to come forward, please ask someone to talk to the ushers and we will bring communion to you.

#### Dialogue

- 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, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in 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:

#### Holy, Holy, Holy

—To the tune hymn Holy, Holy, Holy—

Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory and Your grace.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who

Comes in the name of the Lord God most high.

#### Thanksgiving at the Table

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup, we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

#### C: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

#### Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

#### C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

#### C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen.

#### Lord's Prayer

Feel free to use the version of the Lord's Prayer you are most comfortable with.

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: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.

#### **Communion Hymns**

While others are communing, you are invited to sing a communion hymn or to meditate on the readings and prayers for the day. To follow along with the Communion Hymns, please locate the cranberry Hymnal under your seats.

ELW 471 – Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW 496 - One Bread, One Body

ELW 493 - Taste and See

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#### **Prayer after Communion**

P: Let us pray.

C: Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

Amen.

#### **SENDING**

#### **Rites of Passage and Announcements**

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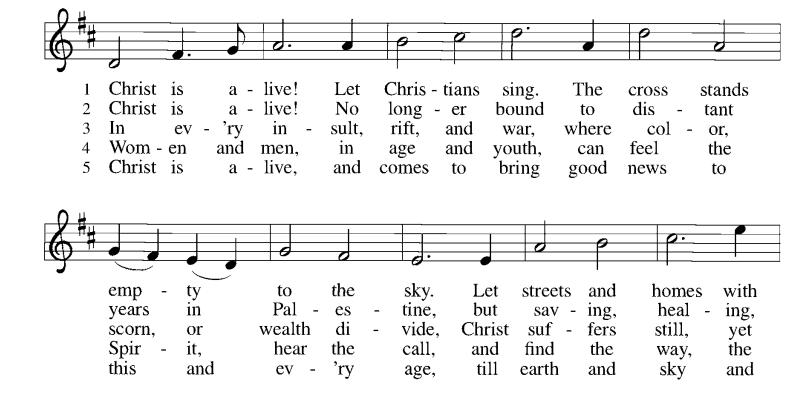
The congregation is invited to share birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant events in the life of its members. Subsequently, brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the congregation's participation in God's mission in the world.

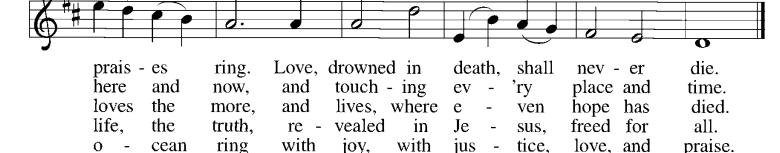
#### **Blessing**

-Please stand as able-

Pastor Zeigler will now lead a blessing for the end of our worship service.

#### Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing





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Music: TRURO, T. Williams, Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789

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#### **Dismissal**

#### -Please remain standing-

LD: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### **Congregational Meeting and Vote**

After worship, we will gather to vote to call Pastor Luther as our permanent Pastor. Please join us for the congregational vote, presided by Rev. Steven Wilco.

To get your ballot, please see the booth with Judy Evans and Mark Donahue prior to the meeting. Only members are able to vote at this meeting.

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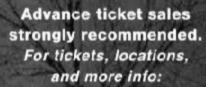
## **How Do You Measure 25 Years?**

Saturday, May 6 at 7:30 pm Plymouth Congregational Church UCC Plymouth, New Hampshire

Sunday, May 7 at 4:00 pm First Baptist Church of Nashua Nashua, New Hampshire

Saturday, May 20 at 7:30 pm Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Newlington, New Hampshire

Sunday, May 21 at 4:00 pm Derryfield School Performing Arts Center Manchester, New Hampshire





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