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**April 14, 2024 – Third Sunday of Easter  
Sunday Worship at 10:45 am**



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<b>Musician</b>	Michael Raunick
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<b>Counter</b>	Dan Mowrey

### **Welcome to First Trinity!**

We welcome you! We are glad you are here, and we want you to sense much more than our welcome, for the Lord himself bids you welcome. If you are a guest today from another Christian congregation, please take our greetings back with you. If you are without a church home and have been giving thought to establishing your spiritual roots, we want to assist you. We are here to serve God and God's people. There is room for you here. Please come again soon.

## **Mission Statement**

We, the members of First Trinity Lutheran, are confessing and professing followers of Jesus Christ. We are dedicated by God to live out our faith through God's Word and Sacrament ministry.

## **Inspirational Thought for This Sunday**

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Lesson Themes for Today's Worship**

### **Acts 3:12-19**

*Health and forgiveness through the risen Jesus*

### **Psalm 4**

The LORD does wonders for the faithful.

### **1 John 3:1-7**

*The revealing of the children of God*

### **Luke 24:36b-48**

*Eating with the risen Christ*

## **Legend:**

<b>P:</b> Pastor	<b>A:</b> Assisting Minister
<b>L:</b> Lector	<b>C:</b> Congregation

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*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!**

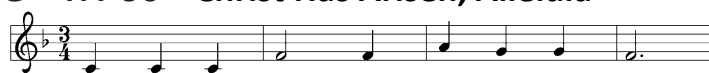
P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the 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!**

## GATHERING SONG – TFF 96 – Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia



*M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,*  
 1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.



*m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.*  
 Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.  
 un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.

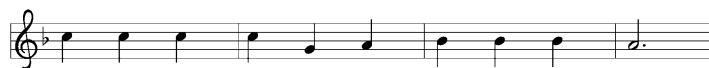


*A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,*  
 For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
 He who gives life did death un - der - go,  
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.



*m - si - fu - ni sa - sa yu ha - i.*  
 e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
 and in its con - quest his might did show.  
 On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

*Refrain*



*Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.*  
 Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



*Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.*  
 Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



*Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;*  
 Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



*ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.*  
 Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.  
 He has arisen this world to save.  
 Jesus' redeeming labors are done.  
 Even the battle with sin is won."  
*Refrain*

5 Christ has arisen to set us free.  
 Alleluia, to him praises be.  
 Jesus is living! Let us all sing:  
 he reigns triumphant, heavenly king.  
*Refrain*

Text: Bernard Kyamanywa, b. 1938; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922  
 Music: MFURAHINI, HALLELUIA, Tanzanian traditional  
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## 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.

## KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  For the

Lord, have mer - cy.

peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.

For the peace of the whole

Lord, have mer - cy.

world, for the well - be - ing of the church of God, and for the u - ni - ty of

all, let us pray to the Lord.  For this ho - ly

Lord, have mer - cy.

house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise, let us

pray to the Lord.

☑ Lord, have mer - cy. A - men

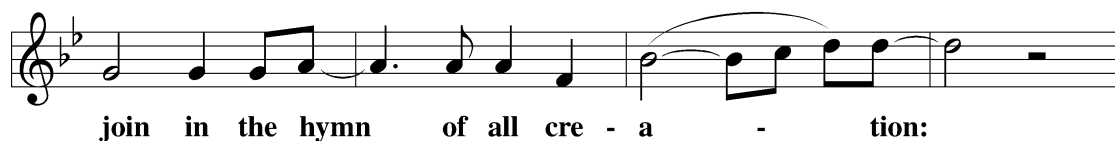
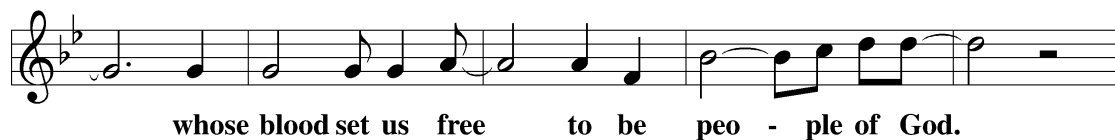
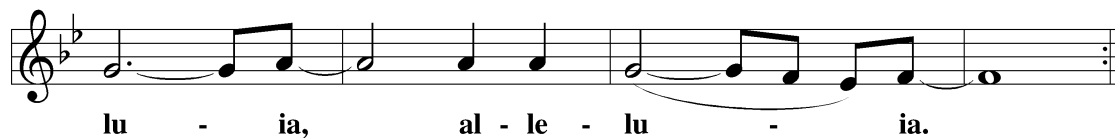
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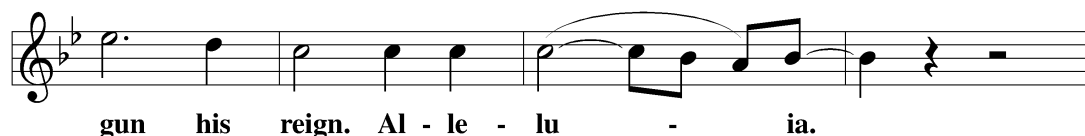
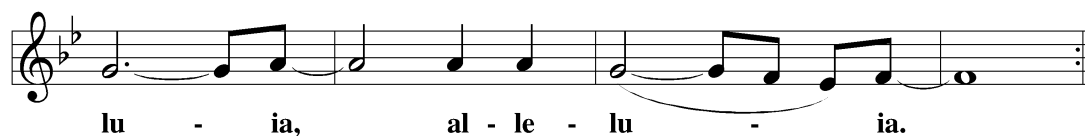
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☑ A - men

## HYMN OF PRAISE







## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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 Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

## WORD

*The assembly is seated.*

### FIRST READING

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

L: A reading from Acts, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

<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 him 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

*The LORD does wonders for the faithful.*

A: A responsive reading from Psalm 4.

A: <sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

**C: <sup>2</sup>"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and**

seek after lies?”

A: <sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.

C: <sup>4</sup>Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

A: <sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

C: <sup>6</sup>Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?” Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.

A: <sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

C: <sup>8</sup>In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.

A: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## SECOND READING

L: A reading from 1 John, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

*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 Jesus to take away our sins.*

L: <sup>1</sup>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.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL READING

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] 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.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON-** Rev. Dr. Roland Lindeman

## HYMN OF THE DAY – TFF 232 – Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



*Refrain*  
 Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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## CREED

**A:** Let us confess our faith with the words of 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 INTERCESSION

**A:** We begin our time of prayer with petitions lifted up by the congregation, offered silently or aloud. If your prayer is offered aloud conclude your prayer with the words “**God of grace**” to

which we respond, “**hear our prayer**”. After the prayers have been lifted up from the congregation, we will continue with the Prayers of Intercession. For what shall we pray?

*You are invited to speak a prayer aloud.*

A: 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.*

A: O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus 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. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would 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. Instruct 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. We especially pray for Carl Anderson, Phyllis Boston, Sandra Blackburn, Willa Jeffries, Keith Kriesel, Vera Renner, Nancy Ford-Winters, Joanne Grissom, Thomas Rezsonya, Carolyn Sue Woods, Pete and Bev Baldwin, Steve and Bev Gramstad, Davey Yonah-El, Michelle Miller, the Cochran family, David and Debbie Opel, Harry McFarland, and Cheryl Hall-Russell.

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 ministry (*ministry context may be named*). 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 promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died (*especially*). As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn.

God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer**

A: 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. And all of God's children say...

### SHARING OF THE LORD'S PEACE

A: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

A: Please take a moment to share the peace with those around you.

*You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.*

## MEAL

### OFFERING HYMN

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. 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: 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.

**A: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**A: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**A: 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. And we 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**


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er 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.

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: God of our ancestors, friend in our midst, your children come before you.

Here is food! Here is drink!

These things are yours before they are ours.

Now we are making a feast, but it is a thanksgiving:

God, we are thanking you.

With our ancestors in faith and all the hosts of heaven,

O God, we thank you and rejoice.

This food—we shall eat it in your honor!

This drink—we shall drink it in your honor!

P: We thank you for giving us life.

**C: We thank you!**

P: We thank you for giving us freedom.

**C: We thank you!**

P: We thank you for bringing us peace.

**C: We thank you!**

P: We thank you for the one who bore our sins upon the cross.

**C: We thank you!**

P: We thank you for the one who brought us over from death to life.

**C: We thank you!**

P: Father, send the Spirit of life,  
the Spirit of power and fruitfulness.

With the Spirit's breath, speak your Word into these things.

Give us who eat and drink the living body and the lifeblood of Jesus, our brother,  
life and power and fruitfulness of heart and body.

Give us true communion with your Son.

On the night of his suffering,

he gave thanks for the bread that he held in his hands.

This bread he shared among his followers, saying:

All of you, take this, eat this;  
it is my body, handed over for you.  
Do this and remember me.

**C: The body of Christ! Amen**

P: Then he shared drink with them, saying:

All of you, take this, drink this;  
it is my blood, the blood of the new covenant  
that begins now and lasts forever.

This blood is poured out for you and for all people  
so that sins may be taken away.

Do this and remember me.

**C: The blood of Christ! Amen**

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**C: Christ has died**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again.**



**LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.

**C: Amen.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

*All who seek the blessings of Christ's true body and blood in the bread and wine of Holy Communion, are welcome at the communion table. There you receive Christ and the new life offered. Those who eat and drink at this table commit themselves to the care and redemption of all God had made. You may choose either wine in the outer rings or grape juice in the center of the tray given by the assisting minister. After all, have communed, please stand for the blessing of the meal.*

*You are invited to stand.*

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



**☐ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise;**



**tell ev - 'ry - one what God has done. Let all who seek the**



**Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.**



**Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in**



**joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray. 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.**

## SENDING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### BLESSING

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 366– The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



- 1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
- 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
- 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 has dis-persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

*After the final stanza*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909

Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823–1889

## DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

## NEWS AND NOTES

### Next Sunday's Servers:

<b>Pastor</b>	Pastor Jill Lowry
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Dan Mowrey
<b>Lector</b>	Terry Morton
<b>Counter</b>	Dan Mowrey

### Prayer Requests for This Week:

Carl Anderson, Phyllis Boston, James Green Jr, Willa Jeffries, Vera Renner, Nancy Ford-Winters, Carolyn S. Woods, Sherman Jefferies, and Sandra Blackburn

### Next Sunday – Fourth Sunday of Easter

#### Readings:

##### **Acts 4:5-12**

*Salvation in the name of Jesus*

##### **Psalm 23**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. *(Ps. 23:1)*

##### **1 John 3:16-24**

*Love in truth and action*

##### **John 10:11-18**

*Christ the shepherd*

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