



The heart in the heart of Huntsville



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Welcome to Trinity

The Third Sunday in Eastertide

April 14th, 2024 - 10 am

“Loving Hearts ... Open Minds ... Serving Hands.”

“We gather together every Sunday to grow as a community of love.”

WE GATHER AS AN EASTER PEOPLE

Prelude: *Kyung-A Lee*

Introit: “Every Morning is Easter Morning”

Chorus

**Every morning is Easter morning from now on!
Every day’s resurrection day, the past is over and gone!**

Goodbye guilt, goodbye fear, good riddance!

Hello God, hello sun!

I am one of the Easter People!

My new life has begun!

Chorus

**Every morning is Easter morning from now on!
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Greeting: We are indeed an Easter People!

All: Christ’s risen Spirit renews our hearts and our lives.

Easter Welcome

Welcome in Friendship! Welcome in Faith!

Welcome in the Risen Spirit of Christ!

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

God Moments?

Moment of Quiet Meditation

Call to Worship

One: Guiding Shepherd, where you lead us, we will follow.

All: May we recognize your presence and know who you would have us become.

One: Today Jesus is cooking breakfast on the beach for his friends during one of his post resurrection appearances.

All: They recognize Jesus because Jesus is always feeding people.

One: Here on the beach during their fish fry Peter is served up a heaping helping of Jesus' love and forgiveness and is reinstated into the fold.

All: Like Peter, we too are called to "feed my sheep." No matter how far we may wander on our faith journey may we always entrust and tether our hearts to God. Amen.

Opening Hymn: "Would You Bless Our Homes and Families"
(VU 556)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

As we light the candle this morning, we are reminded the candle is a symbol of God's presence among us- always. Like Jesus calls Peter, we too are called into a life of service and community.

Opening Prayer

Holy God, you call us together to reflect on your Word and our life in your world. Be with us now as we sing and pray together. We call upon your wisdom and draw upon your strength. May we, like Peter hear your voice calling us to take care of one another and help us to continue faithfully in your way. Amen.

Light Beamers Song: "Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands" (VU 570)

Time with our Light Beamers

(Our young people are taught the values and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, his love and his compassion for all God's people. In turn, they learn to shine their light with others at home, at school and in their communities.)

Congregational Blessing

"May the peace of Christ be with you."

All: And also with you.

Choir Anthem: "We All Bow Down"

WE LISTEN FOR OUR EASTER WORD

Scripture Reader today is Lori Sild.

Prayer of Illumination

Reader: God of Grace may your word abide deep within our souls. Help us to engage with your timeless story with an open spirit and a curious mind. Amen.

New Testament Reading: John 21: 1-19

(Here Jesus tells people and he's telling us as well to "feed his sheep" and to take care of one another.)

Reader: Hear what the Risen Spirit is saying to our hearts.

All: Amen.

Morning Message: *"Feed My Sheep"*

Moment of Musical Reflection

Invitation for Offering

For the love of the world- Jesus offered everything he had- even life itself. In response to this powerful gift of love, let us share our gifts so others too may feel God's love and healing.

Offering Hymn

**God of love, hear our prayer,
bless this offering we bring you.
May our lives do your will, guide and guard us forever.
Give us the courage to stand for truth,
help us care for others.
God of love, hear our prayer,
bless this offering we bring you.**

Offering Prayer

Eastertide God, here is the work of our hands. Here is the love of our hearts. Here is our desire to make a better world. Through Jesus you reach out to the sick, the hungry, the poor and the lonely. In these gifts we reach out to others so they too may be comforted and blessed. We know Jesus lives again wherever justice is known and wherever love is found. Amen.

Hymn: *"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"* (VU 400)

Prayers of the People

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, the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Closing Hymn: *"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"* (VU 575)

Benediction

May God bless you and keep you.
May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace.

Sung Blessing: *"When You Walk from Here"* (VU 298)

**When you walk from here, when you walk from here,
walk with justice,
walk with mercy,
and with God's peace and care.**

Postlude: *Kyung-A Lee*



Join us in Trinity Hall following today's service for a cup of coffee or tea, fellowship time and some Silent Auction bidding!!!

Your hosts today: Marj Adam and Dorothy Russell.

Spiritual Thought to go:



*"O Giver of life, breath into our souls the life and peace
of your Spirit."*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OTHER STUFF!

The Outreach Team is asking you to help the local food banks. On the last Sunday of each month, we will be collecting food for the Salvation Army and the Table Soup Bank.



➤ **April is canned fruit.**

Trinity's Silent Auction!

How are your bids holding?! Don't forget today after the service you can bid in Trinity Hall. Some items will be on display and helpers will be available with laptops to place your bids. And the final bid is ... !!?!!

FundScrip's total April order was \$18,200 – largest for this year! Outreach helped a lot with \$2,500! Cashback for our church is \$653.50 from 39 orders!

Thanks to all who "Fun-Scrip!"

Financial Report for Trinity's First Quarter 2024 vs Budget

	2024 Actual	2024 Budget	2023 First Quarter
Income	\$53,496	\$65,525	\$53,751
Expenses	\$72,613	\$69,615	\$54,720
Net Income	-\$19,177	-\$ 4,090	-\$970

Trinity's Photo Directories are HERE! Pick yours up today after church... be sure to initial your name when you pick yours up. Great team work on this project!

Rev. Diane will be away next Sunday April 21st, and Worship will be led by Rev. Nina Fulford.

"Music, the Food of Love" Trinity's Annual Fundraiser Concert

We have put together a lineup of incredibly talented local musicians, bringing a variety of musical genres from classical to contemporary. A few performers are Brian Smith, Amy Wallace, Chris Wallace, Chuck McClelland, Martha and Phil Kashap, and our own Trinity choir who will delight us with their performance. I am also humbled to be among the performers for this special occasion.

When: Saturday May 4th, 2024.

Time: 7 pm.

Location: Trinity's Sanctuary.

Cost: Tickets at the door \$20 and donations are welcome.

I hope to see you there! Kyung-A Lee

Hello Trinity Friends,

Once again, this year, I will be joining the 'Hike for Hospice' to raise operating funds for Huntsville's very own Algonquin Grace Hospice.

The hike will take place on Sunday, May 5th and my team 'Queens and Followers' will hike in memory of our loved ones who spent their final days being cared for by the incredible staff at Algonquin Grace.

If you would like to sponsor me, I will be available after Church this Sunday, April 14th, Sunday, April 28th and Hike Day, Sunday, May 5th.

All donations of \$20.00 or more will receive a charitable donation receipt. Cash is fine as are cheques payable to 'Hike for Hospice'. Donations can also be left in the office with Suzy or placed in an envelope and put in the Ministry & Personnel mail slot located between Suzy and Rev. Diane's offices.

Your support is appreciated!

Linda Martin

