

Christ has died!
Christ is risen!
Christ will come again!

God Feeds us at the Table

We Share Praises and Requests and We Pray Together

*Lord, on this day set aside to honor and remember mothers,
we give you thanks for our mothers.
We are grateful that you chose to give us life through them,
and that they received the gift of life from you, and gave it to us.
Thank you for the sacrifices they made
in carrying us and giving us birth.
We thank you for the women who raised us,
who were our mothers in childhood.
Whether birth mom, adopted mom, older sister, aunt,
grandmother, stepmother or someone else,
we thank you for those women who held us and fed us,
who cared for us and soothed us in our pain.
We pray that our lives may reflect the love they showed us,
and that they would be pleased to be called our moms.*

- Author Unknown

God Sends Us to Join His Mission

We Sing the Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

Our song of praise and longing, "Christ is Lower Still," is by DOE, Matt Maher, and The Porter's Gate, 2023. Our prayer for Mother's Day is by an unknown author (posted on *Zis-n-Zat from Pastor Asher*, <http://pastorasher.wordpress.com/>).

The Early Service at Trinity

May 11, 2025 -- 8:30 am
The Fourth Sunday in Easter

God Gathers us for Worship

Candle, Bible, Water, Towel, Bread, and Cup

**Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.**

We Put Our Trust in the Good Shepherd (Psalm 23, a Psalm of David (NLT))

The LORD is my shepherd;
I have all that I need.

**²He lets me rest in green meadows;
he leads me beside peaceful streams.**

**³He renews my strength.
He guides me along right paths,
bringing honor to his name.**

**⁴Even when I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will not be afraid,
for you are close beside me.**

Your rod and your staff
protect and comfort me.

**⁵You prepare a feast for me
in the presence of my enemies.**

You honor me by anointing my head with oil.
My cup overflows with blessings.

**⁶Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me
all the days of my life,
and I will live in the house of the LORD
forever.**

We Sing a Song of Praise & Longing – “Christ is Lower Still”

Breathe in, reach out
Touch the hem of Your garment now
Help me, heal me
My mind, my body, and soul

[Chorus]

*Let the King descend
Living Word made flesh
Lift this heavy heart
To Your throne, O God
In Your wounds I find
Room for all of mine
When from grace I fell
Christ was lower still*

[Tag]

*Til the Earth is filled
Christ is lower still*

Humbly lowly
Jesus waits in the valley
My Savior suffers with me
With Him I'll rise again

[Chorus]

We lift it all up to You Lord
We lift it all up to You Lord (repeat 2X)

We lift our heads
We lift our hands
We lift it all up to You Lord

We All Confess Our Faith (Using the the Heidelberg Catechism Q&A #1)

Q. What is your only comfort
in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own,
but belong—body and soul,
in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.

God Invites us to the Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy,
Lord, God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name
In earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy,
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

**We cast our cares
On You again
We lift it all up to You Lord**

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[Chorus]

We Confess our Sins

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name.
Amen.**

Silent confession

God Assures Us of Forgiveness & Calls Us to Faithful Living

²⁸ Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."

Matthew 11:28-30 (NLT)

We Share a Sign of Christ's Peace

People of God, the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

God Speaks by His Word and Spirit – Matthew 6:25-34

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

²⁷ And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³² For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴ "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

We Celebrate a Public Profession of Faith

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