

IN THE LORD'S SERVICE

(05-03-26)

Acolyte: Hunter Jorgensen

Cross Bearer: Jason Herman

Elders: Cindy Abel and Dawn Kilby

Treasurer's Assistant: Jason Herman

REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

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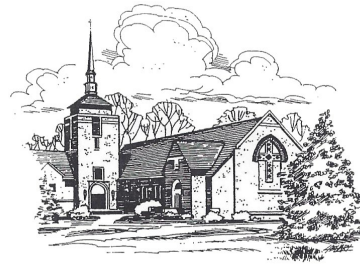
Elders: Cindy Abel and Dawn Kilby

Flowers: (Vickie & Wayne Trotter)

Lay Reader: Janie Setzer

Liturgist: Jillian Helton

Treasurer's Assist: Michael Lingle



Trinity Reformed

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 2026—10:30 A.M.

***Our Mission:** To love God, love one another, and love the world through adoring worship, affectionate community, and active service*

**Designates "Those who are able please stand"*

COMING BEFORE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Peggy Stout

PRELUDE

Marty Light, Organist

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Responsively*)

Andy Kanipe, Liturgist

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

***HYMN**

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

#347 Blue Book

(vs. 1-4)

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION** (*Responsively*)

Andy Kanipe, Liturgist

God of all faithfulness, you have opened the gate of mercy for your people and are always ready to welcome those who turn to you—

Look on us in your compassion, that we may gladly respond to your love and faithfully walk in your way through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Responsively*)

Rev. Peggy Stout

Eternal and Merciful God, you have set us on the paths of righteousness for your name's sake—yet we have often strayed from your way; we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed.

Forgive us, O Lord! Grant us the grace to die daily to sin and to rise to new life in Christ, that we may be living witnesses for you, both in our words and in our actions.

We ask all these things in the name of Christ who taught us to pray:

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



Trinity Church currently uses **Abundant Life Florist** in Newton for our altar flower vases (828-465-1996). We also use **Kibbie's Flower Farm & Design Co.** for piano vases and other flower arrangements (828-979-6369) Please call to order (or cancel) your flowers, no later than the Tuesday before your scheduled Sunday.

THE WORSHIP MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

All Church Members, Ministers

Rev. Peggy Stout, Pastor

Rev. Jaha Seechang, Lahu Worship Pastor

Martha Caldwell, Director of Adult Traditional Choir

Marty Light, Organist

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HAPPENING AT TRINITY

*daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine
is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

The Brotherhood will meet today at 11:40am in the chapel immediately following service. We hope you'll attend!



*PRAISE RESPONSE *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* #337 Blue Book
(vs. 4)

FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, May 3rd at 5:00pm

*Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.
Let the Amen sound from His people again:
Gladly for aye we adore Him. Amen.*



Please join us for our First Sunday Fellowship meal and a church-wide evening program for kids, youth & adults—to include **fellowship dinner and game night!** Menu: Pizza, breadsticks, and tossed salad, and drinks

(Please be seated.)

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

Attention Graduates: If you are graduating from high school, college, or graduate school in Spring 2026, please share your info, accomplishments, future plans, and a picture with the church office (handwritten or through email). Extended Deadline: Tuesday, May 5th



CHILDREN'S SERMON

Sydney Mateyunas

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(Responsively)* Jennifer Lingle, Lay Reader

Holy and Loving God, as we hear your Word, fill us with your Spirit.

Soften our hearts that we may delight in your presence. Open our minds that we may discern your truth. Shape our wills that we may desire your ways. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

Mother's Day Luncheon

On Sunday, May 10th at 11:45am, we will be hosting our Mother's Day Luncheon after worship in the LEC. Please come & eat and join us in thanking those leading ladies who care for us so well.



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 31:1-5

Jennifer Lingle

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Singles & Good Timers Cook-Out



We will have our combined Singles & Good Timers Cookout on Tues., May 12th at 11:45am in the Fellowship Hall. We will be having hamburgers and hot dogs with all the fixins', chips, baked beans, homemade desserts, and drinks.

PIANO INTERLUDE

Marty Light

COMING SOON...

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 7:51-60

Rev. Peggy Stout

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT JOHNS RIVER VALLEY CAMP!

Work Day: Saturday, May 16th

Timeline: 9a—4p with lunch provided
Snacks, coffee, & lunch will be provided!



All JRVC inquiries to:
Kevin Russell, Exec. Dir.
p: 828-387-5736

SERMON

Rev. Peggy Stout

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Youth Group News

Youth Group is having another fundraising event this month—check it out!

ANTHEM

"At The Table of the Lord"
(Jay Althouse)

Chancel Choir

Saturday, May 30th: We will be having an indoor yard sale **starting at 8am** here at Trinity. More details will be provided at a later date. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Patrick or Ashley.



27,184
21,747
15,810
10,540
5,270

ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL						
	Sanctuary	Lahu	Live Stream	Total	Offering	
April 5	125	30	64	219	\$4,784.00	
April 12	124	21	48	193	\$5,998.82	
April 19	88	24	43	155	\$3,731.00	
April 26	86	14	70	170	\$2,534.00	
Total	423	89	225	737	\$17,047.82	

~Goal for a four week month is \$21,747 and for a five week month is \$27,184
— Denotes combined Traditional & Lahu service OR No Live Stream

This Week

SUNDAY, MAY 3

Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:30 am—Sunday School
10:30 am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
Holy Communion
10:30 am—You Tube Live Stream
11:40 am—**Brotherhood Meeting** (Chapel)
5:00 pm—**First Sunday Fellowship**

MONDAY, MAY 4

TUESDAY, MAY 5

6:00 pm—Headstart Graduation (F. Hall)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

12:00 pm—Children's School Mother's Day Picnic (F. Hall—rain date)
6:30 pm—A.A. Meeting
7:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, MAY 7

National Day of Prayer (Conover City Park)
6:00 pm—Sweet Adelines

FRIDAY, MAY 8

SATURDAY, MAY 9

SUNDAY, MAY 10

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

9:30 am—Sunday School
10:30 am—Traditional & Lahu Worship
10:30 am—You Tube Live Stream
11:45 am—**Mother's Day Luncheon**



We express our sympathy, love, and prayers to Mabel Lawing in the loss of her niece, Mary Ann Cooke, who died on Monday (4/27). We extend our sympathy to her husband, Chris Cooke, who grew up in Trinity and is the son of the late Bill & Mildred Cooke. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Peggy Stout

The Invitation
The Words of Institution
Prayer of Consecration
Communion

Sharing of the Bread

Sharing of the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (*Responsively*)

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ.

Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Invitation

Rev. Peggy Stout

Offertory

***Doxology**

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Offertory Prayer**

***HYMN**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

#98 Blue Book

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Peggy Stout

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

"Threefold Amen"

Chancel Choir

***CHIMES**

***POSTLUDE**

Marty Light

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The flowers on the **ALTAR** today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Joe and Louise Epley, Vickie Trotter's parents, and in honor of J.J. Gerlach's first birthday on April 27<sup>th</sup>.  
J.J. is the great grandson of Vickie & Wayne Trotter.

Given by: Vickie & Wayne Trotter





**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Psalm 31:1-5 (NIV)*

<sup>1</sup>In you, LORD, I have taken refuge;  
 let me never be put to shame;  
 deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup>Turn your ear to me,  
 come quickly to my rescue;  
 be my rock of refuge,  
 a strong fortress to save me.

<sup>3</sup>Since you are my rock and my fortress,  
 for the sake of your name lead and guide me.

<sup>4</sup>Keep me free from the trap that is set for me,  
 for you are my refuge.

<sup>5</sup>Into your hands I commit my spirit;  
 deliver me, LORD, my faithful God.



The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING:** *Acts 7:51-60 (NIV)*

<sup>51</sup>“You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit! <sup>52</sup>Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him—  
<sup>53</sup>you who have received the law that was given through angels but have not obeyed it.”

<sup>54</sup>When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup>But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>“Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

<sup>57</sup>At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, <sup>58</sup>dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

<sup>59</sup>While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”

<sup>60</sup>Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Congregational CARE NOTES today!** There are care notepads provided at the end of each pew. Please take a moment to write a note of care, thought, or appreciation to someone in our church. *Please write their name on the top of the paper.* We will take up the notes after the service and mail them directly to the person. *(You may also place them in the offering plates when passed down the pews.)*

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER & with your cards, calls, and visits**

**PLEASE REMEMBER**

Elizabeth Jackson—recupe: foot/leg surgery  
 Shirley Jeanne Whitmire—back at Rock Barn  
 Mabel Lawing  
 Wanda Sue Ammerman  
 Dolores Mueller  
 Sandy Lawrence  
 Shirley Poovey  
 Lawrence Warf—lung biopsy results  
 Jo Ann Simmons  
 Jane Hamilton  
 Angie Lowman  
 Darlene Whittaker  
 Debbie & Frank Dickerson  
 Libby Overcash  
 \*Lynn Dee David  
 Aimee Falder  
 Jane Bartholomew  
 Carolyn Reitzel  
 Debbie Spencer-Ahrens

**OTHERS**

\*Candace Moore (C. Stanford’s Mom)—  
 heart surgery (4/22)  
 \*Mike Simmons (T. Simmons’ Brother)  
 \*Michael Gantt  
 \*Bill Barnard (B. Adams’ Brother)  
 \*Tammy Billingsley (friend of D. Crotts.)  
 \*Troy Poovey (friend of L. Sherrill)  
 \*Jodie Coffey (D. Rockette’s Daughter)

**RECUPERATING AT HOME**

Stan & Margie Griffin  
 Rev. Earle Potts  
 Ken Poovey

**ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES**

**TRINITY VILLAGE**

**Hickory, NC 28601**  
 Sherry Eckard (Room 125)

**SPRINGS OF CATAWBA**

**Hickory, NC 28601**  
 Cyndy Adams

**CV ASSIST. LIVING—ROCK BARN**

**Conover, NC 28613**  
 Jeanne Whitmire (Room 107)

**MAGNOLIA LANE**

**Morganton, NC 28655**  
 Pat Roark (Room 1)

**CLEMMONS VILLAGE**

**Clemmons, NC 27012**  
 Danna Perkins (Room 1)



**Welcome!** *If you desire to seek a closer walk with God or would like to make a personal commitment to Jesus Christ, please feel free to speak to Rev. Stout about your desire. If you wish to become a member of this church, or just want more information about our church, please speak to Rev. Stout to explore your interest. Please feel free to see Rev. Peggy at church, or call her at the church office (828-464-8226) or on her cell number (828-302-0039).*