

# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



April 14, 2024

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Morris Plains, New Jersey  
Pastor David Russert

# WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

We are glad to have you at worship with us today,  
as we receive God's good and gracious gifts!

At Trinity, we joyfully share God's love and Word with all people  
through worship, learning, fellowship, and service.

Trinity is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), meaning our beliefs and teachings follow after the Bible-based teachings of Martin Luther, who sought to bring the Church back to the pure doctrines of Scripture. Simply put, we believe, teach, and confess what the Bible says—no more, no less.

As part of the LCMS, our beliefs and teachings can be summarized as:

**Grace Alone:** God loves the people of the world, even though they are sinful, rebel against Him & do not deserve His love. He sent Jesus, His Son, to love the unlovable & save the ungodly.

**Faith Alone:** Jesus' suffering & death as the substitute for all people of all time purchased & won forgiveness & eternal life for all. Those who hear this Good News & believe it receive these gifts. God creates faith in Christ & gives people forgiveness through Him.

**Scripture Alone:** The Bible is God's inerrant & infallible Word, in which He reveals His Law & His Gospel of salvation in Christ. It is the sole rule & norm for Christian doctrine.

God bless you as He speaks to us His Word during this time of worship!

**WE OFFER BIBLE STUDIES FOR ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN,  
BOTH YOUNG AND OLD! PLEASE JOIN US!**

**Adult Bible Study** – 7:00 p.m. Thursday Evenings – Ages 12+

**Confirmation Class** – Contact the Church Office for more info

**Membership Class** – Contact the Church Office for more info

## A NOTE ON COMMUNION:

In this congregation, the Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites those who trust His words and repent of all sin to His table.

Communion is also a confession of the faith confessed at this altar. Any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession different than that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (yet desire to receive the Sacrament) are asked to first speak with Pastor Russert or an usher.

*“Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord.” 1 Cor. 11:27-28*

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Stand*

### OPENING HYMN

475 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri-umph  
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to  
3 Praise we in songs of vic-to-ry That love, that life which  
4 Your name we bless, O ris-en Lord, And sing to-day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:  
strew His way; Let all the world re-joice and say:  
can-not die, And sing with hearts up-lift-ed high:  
one ac-cord The life laid down, the life re-stored:



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

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

*Psalm 30:1-5; ant.: Psalm 16:11b*

*In your presence there is full- / ness of joy;\**

*at your right hand are pleasures for- / evermore.*

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have | drawn me up\*

and have not let my foes rejoice | over me.

O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help,\*

and you have | healed me.

O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;\*

you restored me to life from among those who go down | to the pit.

Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,\*

and give thanks to his | holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a | lifetime.\*

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the | morning.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

*In your presence there is full- / ness of joy;\**

*at your right hand are pleasures for- / evermore.*

### KYRIE

*LSB 186*

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*Gloria in Excelsis*

*LSB 187*

**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*LSB 189*

**P** The Lord be with you



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal

joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

## FIRST READING

*Acts 3:11–21*

<sup>11</sup>While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon’s, astounded. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?”

<sup>13</sup>“The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted 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 his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

<sup>17</sup>“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM (*spoken responsively*)

*Psalms 4; ant.: v. 7*

*You have put more joy | in my heart\**  
*than they have when their grain and | wine abound.*

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was | in distress.\*

**Be gracious to me and | hear my prayer!**

<sup>2</sup>O men, how long shall my honor be turned | into shame?\*

**How long will you love vain words and seek | after lies?**

<sup>3</sup>But know that the LORD has set apart the godly | for himself,\*

**the LORD hears when I | call to him.**

<sup>4</sup>Be angry, and | do not sin,\*

**ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be | silent.**

<sup>5</sup>Offer right sacri- | fices,\*

**and put your trust | in the LORD.**

<sup>6</sup>There are many who say, “Who will show | us some good?\*

**Lift up the light of your face upon us, | O LORD!”**

<sup>7</sup>You have put more joy | in my heart\*

**than they have when their grain and | wine abound.**

<sup>8</sup>In peace I will both lie | down and sleep;\*

**for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in | safety.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

*You have put more joy | in my heart\**

*than they have when their grain and | wine abound.*

## EPISTLE

*1 John 3:1—7*

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*LSB 190*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 24:36—49*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?” <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit 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> And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, 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 before them.

<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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,<sup>46</sup> and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,<sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.<sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.<sup>49</sup> And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 192

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

*Sit*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

487 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain



1 Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain Of tri - um-phant glad-ness!  
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst His pris - on  
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright With the day of splen - dor,  
4 For to - day a-mong His own Christ ap - peared, be - stow - ing





God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness,  
 And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en;  
 With the roy - al feast of feasts Comes its joy to ren - der;  
 His deep peace, which ev - er - more Pass - es hu - man know - ing.



Loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,  
 All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing  
 Comes to glad - den faith - ful hearts Which with true af - fec - tion  
 Nei - ther could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por - tal



Led them with un-moist-ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
 From His light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
 Wel - come in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!  
 Nor the watch - ers nor the seal Hold Him as a mor - tal.

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**SERMON**

*Pastor David Russert*

*Stand*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Healing & Comfort**

THEO NIEGLOS  
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 ELANTRA VEDENETRA  
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 MARJORIE SANDERS  
 FRED BRYANT  
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 JESSICA IMHAUSER  
 RUSS BACCAGLINI  
 ARLENE BACCAGLINI  
 JANET SWENSON  
 JEANNE THOMPSON  
 SUE FRANCE  
 ANGELO

**Strength & Comfort**

SUANNE MARTIN  
 NICHOLAS  
 LOUIS WIEDEMANN  
 WARREN



*Sit*

**OFFERING**

*Stand*

## PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

475 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to  
strew His way; Let all the world re-joice and say:  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

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## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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### PREFACE

*LSB 194*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

### PROPER PREFACE

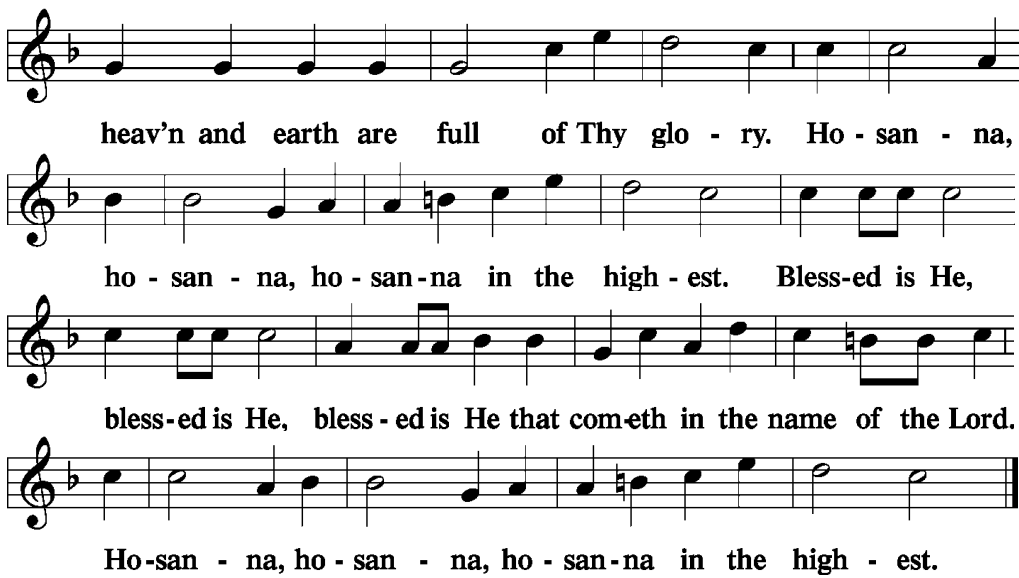
*LSB 194*

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS

*LSB 195*

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,  
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*LSB 196*

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** 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.

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*LSB 197*

**PAX DOMINI**

*LSB 197*

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



- C** A - men.

**AGNUS DEI**

*LSB 198*



- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the

world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
 tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.  
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sit*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

699 Blessed Assurance - WOV

- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sa-vior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove e-choes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sa-vior all the day long:

this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sa-vior all the day long.

## NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 199

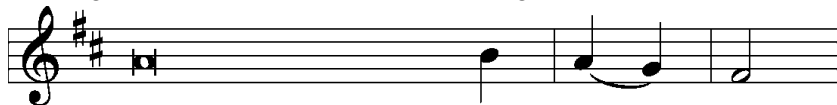


**■** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## THANKSGIVING

LSB 200

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**■** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**■** A - men.

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

**BENEDICTION**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

**CLOSING HYMN**

680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise



1	Thine the a - men	Thine the praise	Al - le -
2	Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly	Thine the	
3	Thine the tru - ly	Thine the yes	Thine the
4	Thine the king - dom	Thine the prize	Thine the
5	Thine the glo - ry	in the night	No more



lu - ias	an - gels	raise	Thine the	ev - er - last - ing	head
prom - ise	let there be	Thine the	vi - sion	Thine the	tree
ta - ble	we the guest	Thine the	mer - cy	all from	Thee
won - der	full sur - prise	Thine the	ban - quet	then the	praise
dy - ing	on - ly light	Thine the	riv - er	Thine the	tree



Thine the	break - ing	of the bread	Thine the	glo - ry	Thine the
All the	earth on	bend - ed knee	Gone the	nail - ing	gone the
Thine the	glo - ry	yet to be	Then the	ring - ing	and the
Then the	jus - tice	of Thy ways	Thine the	glo - ry	Thine the
Then the	Lamb e - ter - nal - ly		Then the	ho - ly	ho - ly

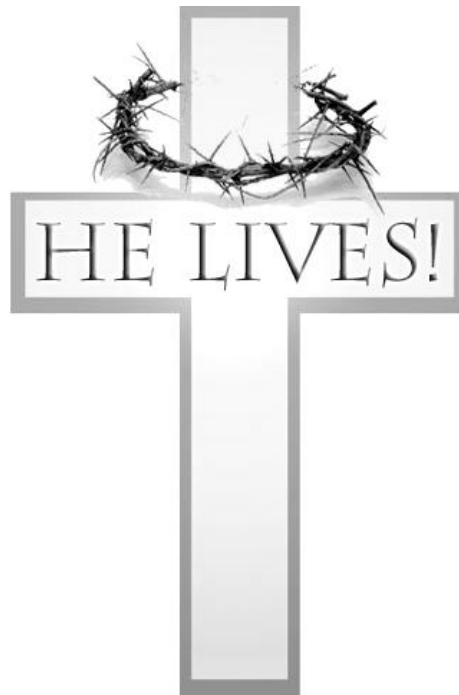


sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the  
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the  
 sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the  
 sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the  
 ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the



vine-yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.  
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.  
 liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.  
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.  
 splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

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*Birte Jensen, Lisa Trifun*



*Today's altar flowers are given by  
the Russert family in celebration of Angeanette's birthday!*



### PRAYER REQUEST NETWORK

Matthew 18:19 tells us *"If two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven."*

The Prayer Network will offer prayers for your concerns and joys.

To request a prayer call Betty Vetter @ 973-887-6027



**THE BOARD OF DIRECTION** meets during the second week of each month. Members of the congregation are invited to attend.

\*This months meeting was rescheduled to **Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.**



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