

have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

HYMN: "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

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*APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Confident that the resurrection of Christ has defeated sin and death, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus give life to all people, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For sun and moon, land and sea, and all living creatures, that the beauty of creation reveal God's good pleasure, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the leaders of the world and those who work for peace, that all live together in unity and work for the common good, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those who doubt, the sick, the poor, the imprisoned, and those who are in any need, that advocates be raised up in their midst to provide healing and wholeness, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those who join in community here, and for those who are absent from our gathering, that all proclaim with Thomas, "My Lord and my God," let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In thanksgiving for those who have died in the faith, and for the faith they have made possible in our midst: that Christ has destroyed death and brought eternal life, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Holy God, by the death and resurrection of your Son, you have granted new life, abundant renewal, and salvation. Hear our prayers for the sake of the one who has set us free, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

***CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY**



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 now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-31**

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet

to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Word of God, Word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 133

¹How good and how pleas-¹ant it is,
when kindred live togeth-¹er in unity!
²It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up-¹on the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron,
flowing down upon the collar¹ of his robe.
³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the¹ hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing:
life for-¹evermore.

Glory be to the Father and¹ to the Son:
and to the¹ Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now and e-¹ver shall be:
world without end.¹ Amen.

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 1:1—2:2

A reading from First John

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — ²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us — ³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PROPER PREFACE**

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r 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**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Jesus said, "I am the true vine.
Abide in me as I abide in you."

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
Final refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY: (In unison)**

Let us pray.
**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 resurrect-
tion 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.**

ANTHEM: "O Lord Support Us" by Robert Powell Chancel Choir

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

A reading from Acts

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul,
and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they
owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

***BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

***POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.
we give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven and the wine of love, Jesus our risen Savior.
As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness.
Amen.
Jesus Christ, the Word of life, bless you and send you to be his witnesses.
Amen.
God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you in the gift of baptism this day and always.
Amen.

PARISH SHARING TIME

***HYMN: "Alleluia! Jesus is Risen"**

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***SENDING**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

***POSTLUDE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRIST IS PRESENT WITH US as we worship today. We are grateful that you are among us. If you are looking for a church home, please speak with Pastor Rachel and indicate your interest on the pew pad.

Welcome University Students! We gather Wednesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. at Trinity. There's a free supper, great conversation and informal worship.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. White grape juice is available in the glass chalis. Gluten free bread is available. If you are unable to approach the communion rail, please let one of the ushers know, and we will come to you.

A nursery is provided during worship just off the South Lobby area, for children ages 5 and younger.

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS are found in the back of the pew in front of you. If you wish, please fill them out and hand them to the usher during the hymn after the sermon. PEW PADS are found at the inside end of each pew. Please sign, pass them down to the end, and then return them to the center.

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TODAY'S FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Doris Eyestone in memory of Rex Eyestone and in honor of my wonderful children: Mark, Jill, Val and Gail.

THE FOUR ACTS OF PRAYER an adult study series continues today at 9:15 a.m. It includes a DVD by pastor and story-teller Walter Wangerin plus Bible Study. We meet in the Dahl Chapel off the Gruver Room.

APRIL SHOWERS BRING... June mission trips! This summer we are hoping to send several of our youth on a mission trip to Seattle. But we need your help! On April 19th we will be holding a carnival in the Fellowship Hall with games, food, an auction and bingo! We are looking for people who would be willing to contribute some of their skilled work to this cause. If you would like to donate something to our auction or have any questions, please contact Adam Huck @ 720-324-0520 or ahuck@uwyo.edu.

Let us confess our sins,
trusting that God will forgive us
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection)

Faithful and just God,
**we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We have not loved our sisters and brothers
as you have first loved us.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Let your Holy Spirit work in us
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the abundant life
given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen.**

In this is love,
not that we loved God but that God loved us
and sent the Son to atone for our sins.
In the name of + Jesus Christ,
I announce to you that your sins are forgiven.
Let the perfect love of God cast out fear,
fill you with joy,
and inspire you to live for others.
Amen.

***HYMN: "Come You Faithful, Raise the Strain"**

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***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

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Sunday, April 12, 2015 – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

*Stand as you are able

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who calls us beloved children,
who gathers us into one flock,
who guides us into all truth.
Amen.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Mark Lyford, (April 13); Alice Baldwin, (April 15); Julie McKim, (April 16) and Steve Boss, (April 17). Happy Birthday!

QUARTERLY REPORTS for the first quarter of 2015 are available on the small table in the north lobby area. Please pick yours up today. Thank you.

HUNGRY COLLEGE STUDENTS need sustenance! Every Wednesday, a simple meal is needed for the 6:00 p.m. gatherings. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Gruver Room.

IT'S TIME TO UPDATE Trinity's Phone Directory! Please check the current directory, located on the small table in the north lobby area and make any changes if necessary. We will publish a revised directory in the May newsletter. Hurry, the deadline for these changes is **Monday, April 20th**.

PLEASE RECYCLE THE BULLETINS: Feel free to take home any part of the bulletin that you would like. Recycle the rest at the ends of the back pew. Thanks

COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 19, 2015

Olavus Petri, priest, died 1552;

Laurentius Petri, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1573; renewers of the church

These two brothers studied with Luther at the University of Wittenberg and then returned to their native Sweden to introduce the Lutheran reforms.

Olavus published a catechism and hymnal; Laurentius was a professor who defended the office of bishop and later became one.

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: 3rd Sunday of Easter: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48.

Today's Anthem text: "O Lord Support Us" by Robert Powell

O Lord support us all the day long,
until the shadows lengthen,
and the evening comes,
And the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then, in Thy mercy grant us a safe lodging,
and a holy rest, and peace at the last.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Serving the Church

TODAY (4/12)

Lector: 8:00 Morgan Mathison
10:30 Roland Kidwell

Acolyte: 8:00 Kelcey Anderson
10:30 Makayla Renneisen

Ushers: 8:00 The Anderson
Family
10:30 Barb Rouse
Georgia Mitchell

Greeters: 8:00 Betty Carstens
Janet Overman
10:30 Ed & Lois Hiller

Nursery: 8:00 Tracy Kidwell
10:30 Tracy Kidwell

NEXT SUNDAY (4/19)

8:00 Bobbie Schimek
10:30 Georgia Mitchell

8:00 Trey Muhsman
10:30 Ian Meyer

8:00 Betty Carstens
Keith Ensley
10:30 Shirley Heggie
Mike Smith

8:00 Mari & Mikayla
Martinez
10:30 Don Holmstrom
Mike Smith

8:00 Rosalind Kidwell
10:30 Rosalind Kidwell

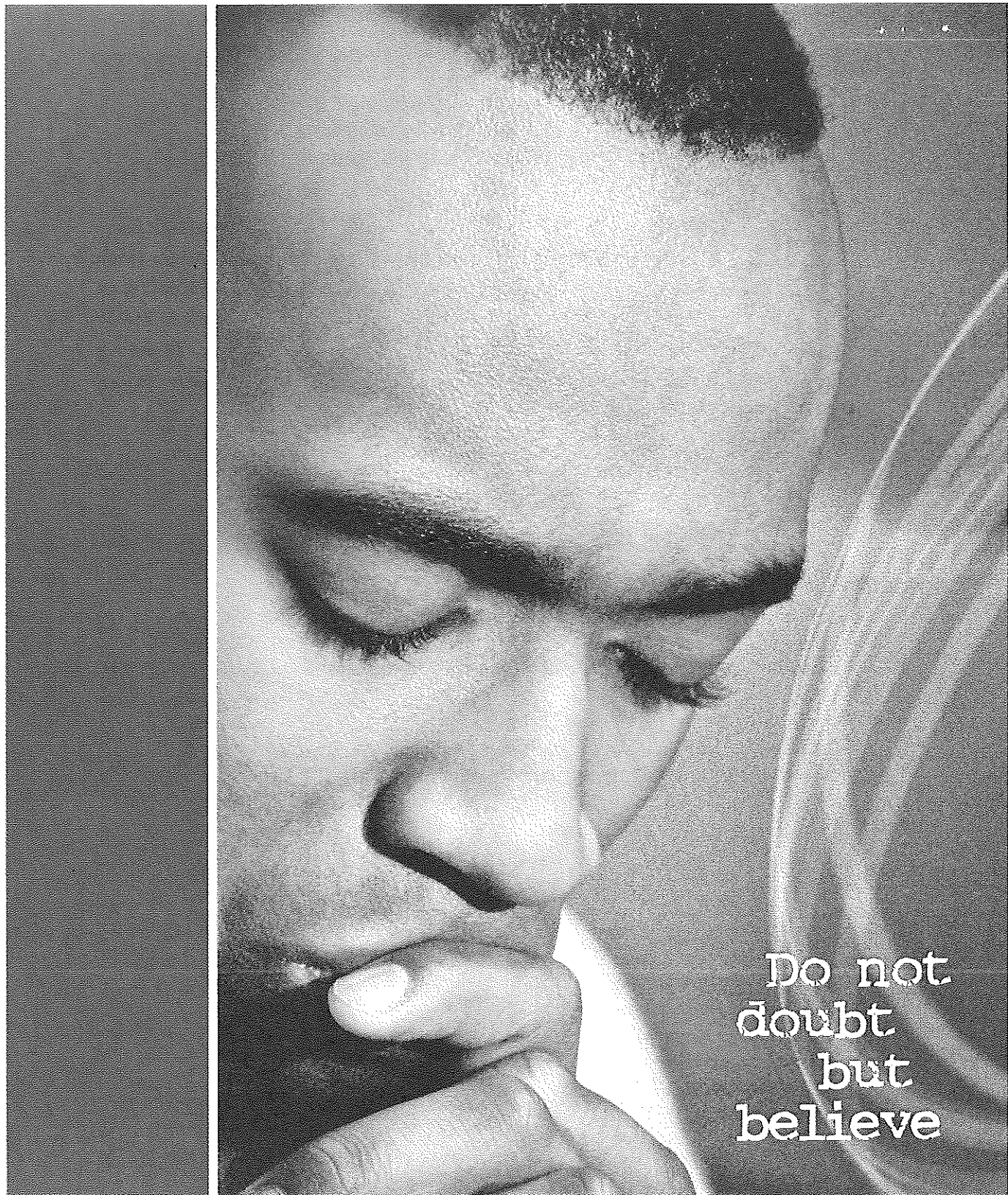
Stewards: Kris Oolman and Mark Stayton

Altar Guild: Judy Moline

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, April 12 8:00 a.m. Worship
9:15 a.m. Adult Study
9:15 a.m. SS / Coffee Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Worship

Weds., April 15 10:00 a.m. Women's Study
6:00 p.m. College Group Get-Together
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
7:00 p.m. Confirmation



Do not
doubt
but
believe