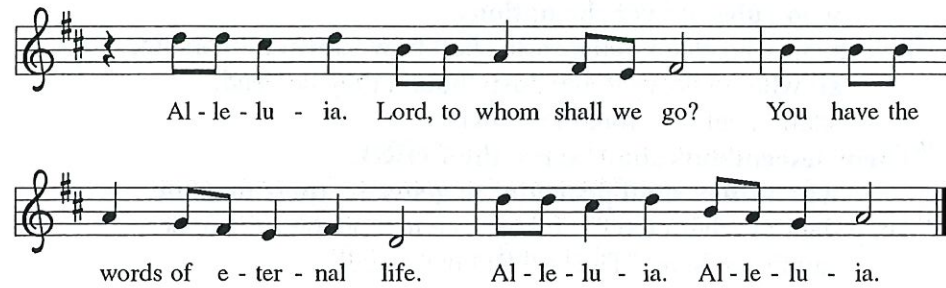


***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***GOSPEL READING: John 15:1-8**

The holy gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Silence for reflection.

***HYMN: "O Blessed Spring"**

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Ushers will gather Prayer Requests cards during the hymn.

***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 mission of the church throughout the world, that all be led by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the good news that God is love, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For plants and animals, for clean water and air, for favorable weather, and for the whole of creation, that you guide us to serve as good stewards of the earth, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For judges, lawyers, and all court officials, for the leaders of government, and for all who seek justice in this world, that all be treated with fairness and equity, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those who are poor, hungry, bereaved, distressed, and sick, and for those who provide care and comfort, that all find assurance of God's unending love for them, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those who yearn for meaning and community with others, that the Holy Spirit lead them to mentors in the faith; for those visiting this congregation; and for those who are away with family and friends, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In thanksgiving for the confessors of the faith in past generations, especially those who have died in the Lord, that they inspire future generations to proclaim the gospel, 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

²⁸**For dominion belongs ¹ to the LORD,
who rules o- ¹ ver the nations.**

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow ¹ down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead,
shall kneel be- ¹ fore the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall ¹ serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to genera- ¹ tions to come.**

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people ¹ yet unborn,
saying to them, "The ¹ LORD has acted!"

**Glory be to the Father and ¹ to the Son:
and to the ¹ Holy Spirit;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and e- ¹ ver shall be:
world without end. ¹ Amen.**

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 4:7-21

A reading from First John.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40

A reading from Acts.

²⁶Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Word of God, word of life.

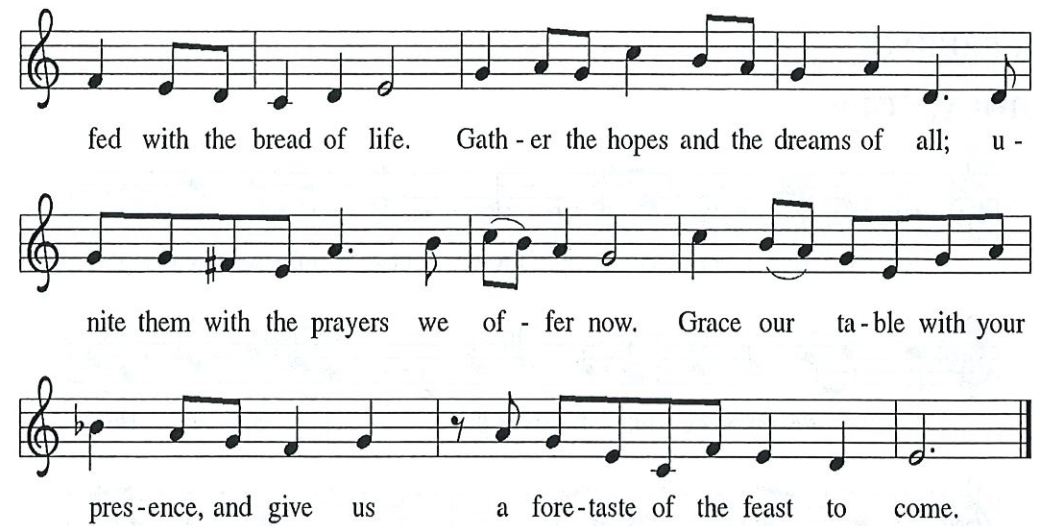
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 22:25-31 (Sung)

²⁵From you comes my praise in the ¹great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who ¹fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat ¹and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise!
May your hearts ¹live forever!**

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn ¹to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow ¹before God.



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.

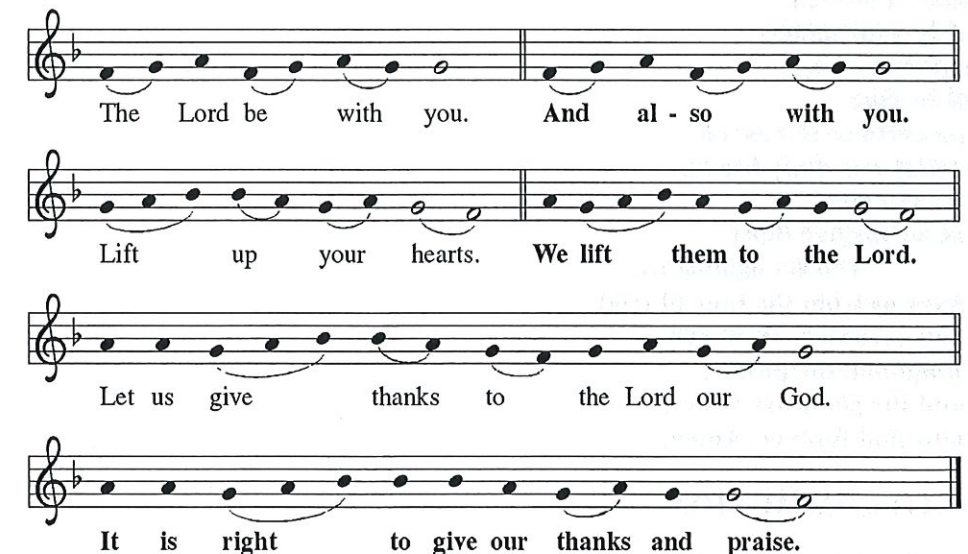
***OFFERING PRAYER**

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.

***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."

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.
O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**ANTHEM: (10:30 a.m.) "Verbum Caro Factum Est" by Louis Halsey
 Chancel Choir**

Text is from John 1:14

*"The word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory,
 The glory as of the only begotten Father."*

*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,

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: "Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty"

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*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: “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”**

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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 glasses in the center of the tray. 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.

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: “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”**

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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, May 3, 2015 – 5th Sunday of Easter
Holy Communion

*Stand as you are able

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding. Baptism makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

We welcome Pr. Don Holmstrom as our worship leader today.

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.

*****Pictorial Directory photo sessions May 5, 6 & 7 in the Gruver Room.*****

STEVE BOSS, LINDSAY CONYERS AND PASTOR RACHEL are in Salt Lake City this week-end attending the Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly.

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION: On May 17 we will receive people wishing to join the Trinity congregation. If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Pastor Rachel.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Toni Passow, (May 3); Philip Henry, (May 4); Karen Pilgrim, (May 4); Doris Eyestone, (May 5); Nicolas Boss, (May 7); Jan Nachtigal, (May 7); Jennifer Zenor, (May 7); and Becky Maddox, (May 8). Happy Birthday!

THE FOUR ACTS OF PRAYER an adult study series concludes 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.

AN APPRECIATION BREAKFAST to honor our church volunteers will be held at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, May 17th. We will be serving a French Toast breakfast with fruit, breakfast meat, juice and coffee. This is a breakfast to honor all those whom have served Trinity in any way and to recognize our newest members. If you have served Trinity in any way this past year, please join us at this breakfast. Please sign up in the Gruver Room if you plan to attend. This will help the Hospitality Committee with planning.

A FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING will take place immediately following the brunch on May 17. If you are interested in any part of the Fellowship activities at Trinity, please come and learn how you can play a part and make a huge difference in the life of Trinity. Thank you for considering this service. Please contact Kris Oolman at koolman@bresnan.net.

WE WILL BE HONORING our Confirmands with a breakfast brunch immediately following the 9 a.m. service on May 31. Please bring your favorite egg casserole or breakfast bread to share. Fruit, juice and coffee will be provided. Please come and help honor these fine young people at this time. Please sign up in the Gruver Room if you are available to help out.

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: 6th Sunday of Easter: Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17.

Serving the Church

TODAY (5/3)

NEXT SUNDAY (5/10)

Lector:	8:00 Bob Middleton 10:30 Mark Lyford	8:00 Judi Weatherwax 10:30 Derk Lyford
Acolyte:	8:00 Madie Jablin 10:30 Marlena Meyer	8:00 Eli Jablin 10:30 Nick Ferris
Ushers:	8:00 Morgan Mathison Janet Overman 10:30 Jason & Jolene Roesler	8:00 Maia Anderson Mike Nutter 10:30 Steve & Cindy Barrett
Greeters:	8:00 Jennie Lawrence Mark Rehwaldt 10:30 Georgia Mitchell Shirley Heggie	8:00 Doris Eyestone Bob Middleton 10:30 George & Jennifer Zenor
Nursery:	8:00 Hailey Anderson 10:30 Tracy Kidwell	8:00 Lexi Dockter 10:30 Rosalind Kidwell

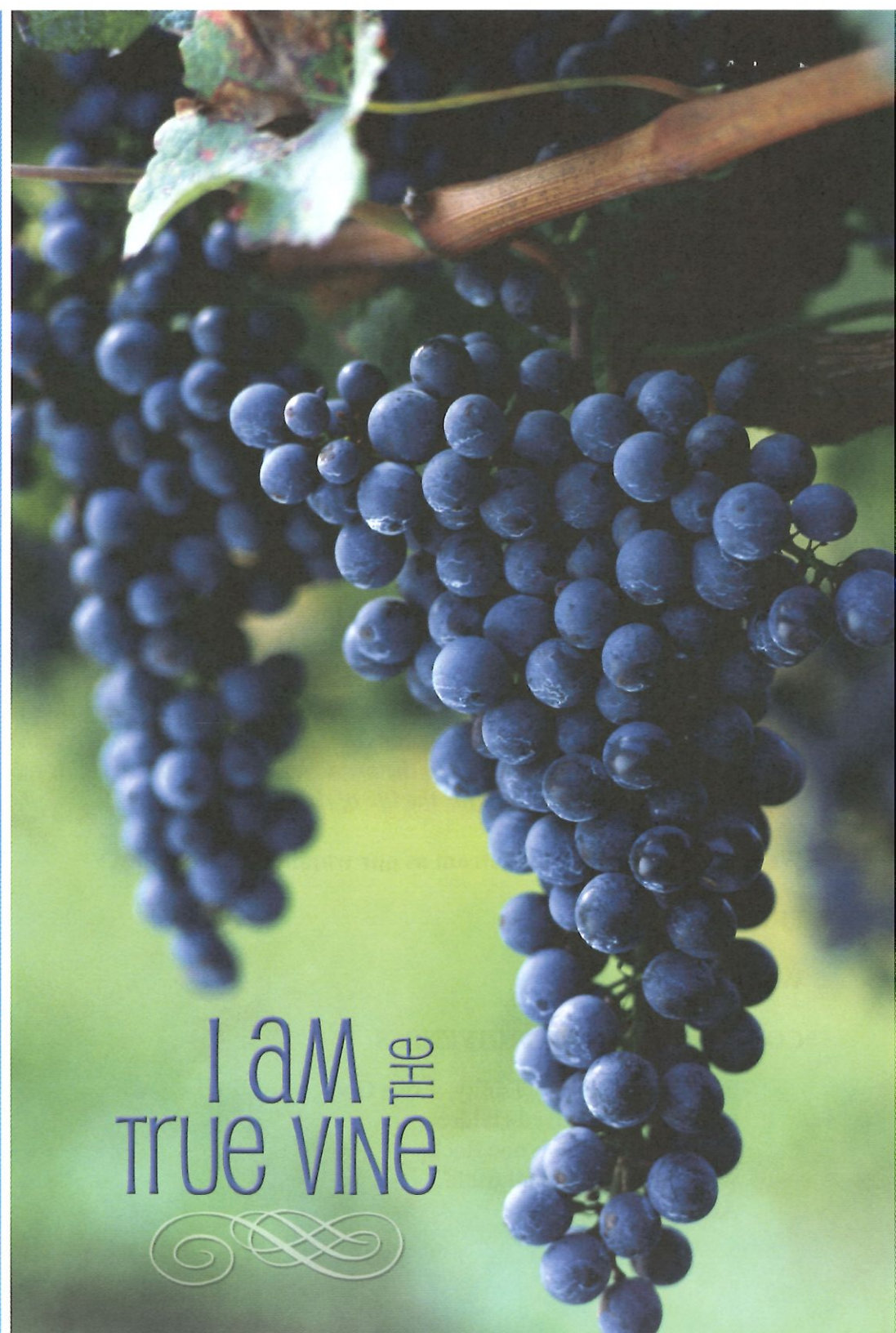
Stewards: Kris Oolman

Altar Guild: Judi Weatherwax

Coffee Fellowship: The Lyfords

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, May 3	8:00 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Adult Study 9:15 a.m. SS / Coffee Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Worship
Tues., May 5	7:00 p.m. Church Council (Fellowship Hall)
Weds., May 6	10:00 a.m. Women's Study (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 p.m. College Group Get-Together 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir 7:00 p.m. Confirmation



I am THE
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