

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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WORSHIP at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00AM

RESURRECTION of OUR LORD

April 20, 2025

*As the prelude begins, please observe a period of
silence and contemplation in preparation for worship.*

PRELUDE: Two "Trumpet Tunes," C Major & B Flat Major,
Tomaso Giovanni Albinoni (1671-1751), Jesse Lemons, Trumpet

"The last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The * indicates when the congregation stands, if able.
Congregational responses are in **bold**.

WELCOME

P: Christ is Risen!

C: He is Risen Indeed. Alleluia!

*The sign of the cross may be made by all
in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

C: Amen.

***THANKSGIVING for BAPTISM**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
All life is sustained by you, our Source.
We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life.
Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life,
bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God.
Here, death is washed away forever.
Here, we are grafted into the tree of life,
with leaves for the healing of the world.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly,
into this community, and throughout all creation.
Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions.
Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

As a reminder of the gift of baptism, the assembly will be sprinkled with water during the processional.

*As the Processional Cross passes down the aisle,
please turn and face the cross.*

***ENTRANCE HYMN** Jesus Christ Is Risen Today **ELW #365**

HOLY BAPTISM (9:30) of Sophia Lord, Laia Lord, Lily Lord,
Xavier Vick-Valentine, and Emery Kokales

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

C: And also with you.

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the
church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship
and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



A - men.

This Is the Feast

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

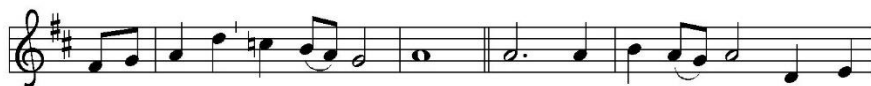


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

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,



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.

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***SALUTATION**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34–43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in

Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God’s mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare,
“God’s mercy endures forever.”**

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the
righteous: “The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”**

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.**

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness;**

I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰“This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter.”

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.

¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

*As the cross passes down the aisle during the Gospel Procession,
please stand and turn to face the cross.*

*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: Luke 24:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

C: Glory to you O Lord.

Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of the women among his followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

¹ On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

This Joyful Eastertide

ELW #391

SERMON

Pastor Ken Johnson

(Please stand)

***CREED** *Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven;
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Kindle new life in your church. Encourage all who seek creative ways to share the good news of Christ's resurrection. Bless mission developers and new ministries, that their work plant seeds that flourish. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Nourish new life in all of creation. Shower forests and grasslands, deserts, and mountains with life-giving rains. Grant us delight in your glory that shows forth in all that grows this season. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Empower new life among the nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring new hope for peace and reconciliation in places of war and strife (*Ukraine and Israel/Palestine*). Raise up leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Bring new hope among all who are in need, especially neighbors without homes or food, and those whose housing or food supply is at risk. Bring healing to all who are fearful, ill, or grieving (*especially*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Awaken new life in this place. Open our hearts to ways you are calling us to be at work in the world and our community. Give us courage to boldly share your love for all people beyond our walls. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in the promises of the resurrection, we remember with thanksgiving our beloved dead. Sustain us with a living hope until we are reunited with them and all the saints at the heavenly banquet. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

***SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(please be seated and take a moment to sign and pass the navy fellowship folders located in each pew at this time.)

OFFERTORY

During this time, we worship God with our offerings.

There are a variety of gifts and a variety of ways to give!

- If you give electronically, thank you.
- If you would like to give electronically, please scan the QR code.
- If you are led to give through cash or check, simply place your offering in the plate as it passes.



“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Offertory Music: 8:00 - "Andante Grazioso" from the *Sonata in A Major*,
W.A. Mozart (1756-91)

9:30 & 11:00 - "The Angel Roll the Stone Away"

African American Spiritual, setting by Russell Nagy (b.1955)

*Please stand as we begin singing “Let the Vineyards”
and the elements are brought forward*

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. 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 dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



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

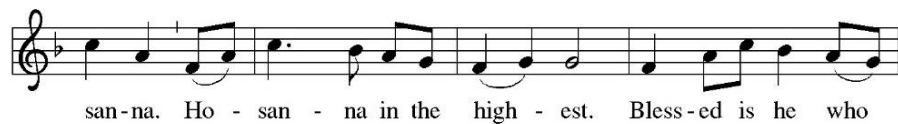
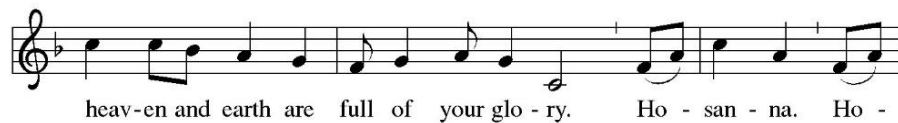
OFFERTORY PRAYER

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy God, Mighty Lord, gracious Father...until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Therefore, gracious Father...the great and promised feast.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit...with all your saints in light.

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Join our prayers...now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach 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 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**

(Please be seated)

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.

HOLY COMMUNION by Intinction (dipping the bread into the wine)

*Please come from both sides by the center aisle
and return to your seat by the side aisles.*

Communion Music: 8:00 - "My Lord, What a Morning"

African American Spiritual, Debbie Harding, Piano

9:30 & 11:00 - "Andante Grazioso" from the *Sonata in A Major*,

W.A. Mozart

(Please stand)

***THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

***HYMN** Thine Is the Glory

ELW #376

***BLESSING** The Three-fold Amen

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: "Trumpet Finale" Tomaso Giovanni Albinoni

*Special thanks to Jesse Lemons for assisting our worship this
Easter morning on the trumpet.*

*All are welcome at Trinity for this Sabbath time of prayer and praise!
And a special welcome to Trinity on this festive day! Christ is risen!*

Please join us downstairs for Easter Fellowship from 9-11am.

**Nursery is available for children 5 yrs and younger at each service. The
nursery is located on the south side of the building adjacent to the new
gathering space.*

OUR STAFF AT TRINITY:

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|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Rev. Ken Johnson | Pastor |
| Rev. Jake Lehman | Outreach Pastor |
| Nathan Mattson | Organist/Director of Music |
| Katie Grubaugh | Office Administrator |
| Heidi Albertson | Dir. of Family Ministry |
| Terri Schmidt | Bookkeeper |
| Margaret Stevenson | Hospitality Host |
| Bob Koenes | Custodian |
| Dr. William Musselman | Organist/Director Emeritus |

ALTAR GUILD: Teri Koretsky, Joyce Magerlein, Marianne Fuerst.

WELCOME TEAM: 8:00 Janet & Arlen Gullickson
9:30 Julie & Keith Peterson
11:00 Nancy Diment

LECTORS: 8:00 Teri Koretsky
9:30 Sheree Sorensen
11:00 Liz Morison

ACOLYTES: 8:00 Nolan Fowler, Avery Fowler,
 Avner Grubaugh, Jaxon Grubaugh
 9:30 Kaitlyn Albertson, Elyse Albertson,
 Frederick Thurn, Emma Zimmermann
 11:00 Kiley Morris, Calico Morris, Clare Lehman

PRAYER CONCERNS: Bertha Boettcher, Jeannie Grubaugh, Beth Latshaw, Sandy Eschelbach, Diane Reau, Linda Ward, David Mason, Ruth Krueger.

Our sincere condolences to the family on the passing of long time member Jo Brinker who passed away on April 11. Please keep her family in your prayers.

And our sincere condolences on the passing of Mark Sutherland's father Barney Sutherland on March 29. Please keep Mark, Erin and Evelyn in your prayers.

“I am the Light of the World” John 8:12

Candles can be symbolic of Christ, and the two elements of the candle can represent the two natures of Christ: the divine (the burning wick), and the human (the wax body). A place for votive candles is set up in the front of the sanctuary, near the hymn board. The traditional candle tapers are made of beeswax, as the bee is a symbol of Christ, with the honey and sting representing mercy and justice. If you so desire, you are invited to light a candle and place it in the sand. This can be for a prayer, an offering, or an acceptance.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

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| Sun | Apr 20 | Easter Sunday Worship with Holy Communion at 8, 9:30 & 11AM |
| Wed | Apr 23 | Rebecca Circle 10am Meeting of the Men 5-6:30pm |
| Thu | Apr 24 | Quilters 9am Green Team Mtg 3pm C.F.T. 5:30-7 Sacred Harp 6-8 |
| Fri | Apr 25 | Family Ministry & Youth Retreat |
| Sat | Apr 26 | Violin Choir Concert 5:30 |
| Sun | Apr 27 | Worship with Holy Communion at 8:30 & 11:00AM All Sunday School classes 9:45 CROP Walk 1:00 |



THE BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS IN OUR
CHANCEL ARE GIVEN TO THE
GLORY OF GOD BY:

Rasma McMullen in honor of her friends and family.

Don and Judy Anderson in honor of the wonderful staff at Trinity.

Paul and Kathy Aivars in honor of their grandsons, Owen and Mason,
who remind us that every day is a rebirth.

Karen and Harry Jachym in honor of their family.

Gary and Marie Belleville in honor of Beth Belleville who takes such
good care of her Dad and Mom.

Vivian and Gene Wood in memory of Jody Wood, their daughter-in-law.

Steven and Sally Morris in honor of Sally's sister, who finally received
her liver transplant a year ago on Easter.

Becky and Jim Matyas in memory of Becky's Grandma King.

The Greenman and Wright families, in honor of Dontrea, Ja'Miha and
Skye.

Carolyn Kana'an in memory of Adli Kana'an.

Linda Ward in memory of Jean and Clarence Ward.

Sheree Sorensen in gratitude of the blessing of her grandsons Matthew,
Jack and David.

Pr. Ken and Mary Johnson in memory of Mrs. Gladys Mellum.

Sharon and Evan Kokales in memory of their daughter Vicky; and in
honor of the baptisms of their grandchildren and great grandchildren
Xavier, Laia, Lily, Emery and Sophia.

Nancy Diment in memory of Jerry Diment and Amy Diment.

Beth Belleville in honor of her parents Marie and Gary Belleville.
Happy Easter, love ya!

Ricky and Debra Wedge in honor of Tom and Joy's wedding anniversary on April 10, and in memory of Bill and Marge Wedge.

Janet and Arlen Gullickson in memory of David Wuerffel.

Bill and Joanne Musselman in memory of Henry and Phyllis Musselman, Fred and Norma Reuther, and Marjorie Hames.

Pr. Jake Lehman in memory of Connie Lehman and in gratitude of his family and church family.

Jerry and Kathy Molitor in memory of Charles and Virginia Molitor and Ted and Bea Stoops.

Joe and Kim Hunt in memory of Paul and Cathy Mejia.

Mark, Erin and Evelyn Sutherland in honor of Barney and Julie Sutherland and Mark and Solveig Gustafson.

Debbie Harding in loving memory of Harry Harding (1942-2005).

Scott, Julie and Jeff Bosley in memory of Carol Bosley.

In honor of Kathryn Yarger on her 95th birthday from all her children.

Tim and Jen Gatz in honor of birth mothers who choose adoption.

**Please ONLY take Easter Flowers if you placed an order
with the church office.**

***If you ordered Easter Flowers, we ask that you pick up your order
AFTER the 11am service on Easter Sunday,
or the week after Easter from 9am-12noon.***