

Mission Statement ~ Our Church Exists To:

Welcome all people into relationship with Jesus Christ

Equip people with a vital, living faith, and

Send us into the world to serve in Jesus' name



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Second Week of Easter +++ Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Welcome to Worship at Trinity

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran. Whether this is your first time worshipping with us or if you regularly attend we want you to know how glad we are that you have chosen to take time today to worship God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ here with us.

Worship is an act of surrender. It is an acknowledgement that we are creatures, not the creator. It is an admission that all we have is a gift given, not because we deserve it but because we are beloved. It is a time of praise – thanking God for being our God.

If you would like to grow deeper in your relationship with Jesus through Trinity Lutheran let us know – we would love to accompany you on your faith journey.



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.

We sing with joy.

With joy you are invited to sing the verses printed in this bulletin
and to enjoy the verses sung for you by the song leaders.

We do ask that you wear a face mask when you sing.
If you need a mask, they are available in the narthex and at the Welcome Center.

GATHERING MUSIC

“The River” by Jordan Feliz

Please join the praise team in the final refrains of both songs.

**We’re going down to the river
Down to the river to pray
Let’s get washed by the water
Washed by the water and rise up in amazing grace
Let’s go down, down, down to the river (You will leave changed)
Let’s go down, down, down to the river (Never be the same)**

“If We Are the Body” by Casting Crowns

**But if we are the body
Why aren’t his arms reaching?
Why aren’t his hands healing?
Why aren’t his words teaching?**

WORDS OF WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Amen.

By our baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ, God raised us to new life. Let us confess to God our sins and all that waits for resurrection in our lives. (*Silence*)

We confess that we have not loved and trusted you with our whole hearts, minds and strength and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves; but in your death on the cross, we see the power of your redeeming love and in your resurrection, we behold the promise of eternal life with you. We ask you to forgive us, make us new people, and lead us in the path of righteousness.

By God’s grace you are forgiven and born anew. May you be strengthened daily with the power to walk in God’s light and love.

Amen.

Exult, O earth, enlightened with such radiance; and, made brilliant by the splendor of the eternal King, know that the ancient darkness has been banished.

**Be glad believers, that you are clothed with the brightness of such a light,
and let this place resound with the triumphant voices of the people.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 resurrection 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.

PSALM: PSALM 133

- ¹How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!
²It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.
³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen 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 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.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Pastor Mark Narum

SERMON SONG

"Amen, Because He Lives" by Matt Maher
You're invited to sing the refrain.

Amen, Amen
I'm alive, I'm alive, because He lives
Amen, Amen
Let my song join the one that never ends

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Daniel and Kathy Paulson
Branden Nillers
Laura Hoerner
Jeff Weigel

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 THE PEOPLE

*Please pray for Emelia, Beverly, Adam, Mike, Bob, LaRayne, Donna,
Connie, Brenda, Lanny, Isaac, Fran, Paul, Gary, Myrna, Jon*

OFFERING MOMENT

OFFERING PRAYER

Living God,
in Christ's resurrection you raised up new life for the world. Receive what we offer, that others might
know that same resurrected life through the gifts you give us to use and to share. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
**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.

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING MUSIC “Your Grace Is Enough” by Chris Tomlin

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go and tell the news that Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia.

SENDING MUSIC CONTINUES

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Order of Confession and Forgiveness written by Pastor Kathleen Dettmann

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR APRIL 14, 2021

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS JOINING TODAY OR SUNDAY—Daniel and Kathy Paulson; Branden Nillers; Laura Hoerner; Jeff Weigel.

A GERMAN DINNER will be served at Grace Lutheran Church in Driscoll on April 17 starting at 5:00p.m. until 7:00p.m. On the menu is assorted homemade German dishes and desserts. Cost will be \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4-12, and children age 3 and under are free. Take-out and dine-in are both available. All are welcome!

COMMUNION SERVICE – There will be a communion service in the afternoon on Thursday, April 15. Please call the church office to reserve a time.

BEER AND HYMNS RETURNS! - Beer and Hymns will begin resume on Monday, May 3rd and the first Monday of each month thereafter. It will be held from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. in our outdoor Peace Chapel on our green space on 4th Street. Please bring your own chair or blanket.

BIBLE STUDY/CONNECT GROUP - Join us Sunday Morning in the Community Center after the 8:30 a.m. service in person only for a time of fellowship and scripture. Also Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. in person or via Zoom. We are currently learning about Paul the Apostle. Email baumann@trinitybismarck.com for a Zoom link. Contact Heather with questions.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY – Please consider using your gifts and talents to serve during one of our worship services. We are looking to increase the number of our tech team (sound, video, and projection) and our welcome team (usher, greeter and communion server).

Sign-up sheets available online at www.trinitybismarck.com/teamtrinity. Contact Heather with questions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Join us June 13-16 from 6 to 8 p.m. for a fun week of games, crafts, Bible stories and more! For children age 4 to entering grade 5. Watch for more info & sign-up coming soon!

SUMMER YOUTH TRIP—CANOE TREKKER ADVENTURE - August 1-6, 2021 for youth entering 8th – 12th Grade (graduating seniors see Gracia if interested). We're keeping it local this year with this unique experience of canoeing down the Missouri River beginning near the Garrison Dam. They will spend the night at campgrounds along the way. This trip is led by Camp of the Cross and Pastor Mark has been asked to be one of the leaders. Space is limited! See Gracia for more info.

TRINITY CAMPERSHIPS - Because we believe in the value of Christian Camping, Trinity Lutheran Church will provide scholarships of \$150 to anyone enrolled in Trinity ministries attending Bible Camp. To receive your campership, make sure you pick Trinity Bismarck as your home church when you register and then contact Gracia at Trinity: 223.3560 or gjohnson@trinitybismarck.com. If you need further financial assistance to attend camp please see Gracia. Check out Camp of the Cross's summer camps at www.campofthecross.com

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