

We gather in the light of dawn just as the women did on the first Easter morning. We gather in semi-darkness – reminding ourselves of the darkness they must have felt. Their teacher was dead. They journeyed to the tomb expecting to care for his body – nothing more. But as the sun rose that morning they made a remarkable discovery – Jesus was not dead – but was alive.

GATHER

We gather in the glowing light of dawn to boldly proclaim Christ is Risen!
Christ is risen indeed!

(The worship leaders will light their candles from the Christ Candle, sharing the light. When your candle is lit, share the light with those near you, then follow the worship leaders to the sanctuary entrance.)

Come. The light of the world has come.
The light of the world which no darkness can overcome.
We enter to worship the Risen Christ and his triumph over sin and death.

Christ is Risen –
Christ is Risen Indeed...

(Follow the worship leaders into the sanctuary. Enter the pews.)

READING: JOHN 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Christ is Risen
Christ is Risen indeed!

HYMN

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

ELW #365

1. **Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**
2. **Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**

***Easter Sunday Sunrise
March 31st, 2024
7 a.m. Sunrise***



Welcome to Worship at Trinity Lutheran

Whether this is your first time worshipping with us, or if you regularly attend, we are very glad we are that you are with us! Today, we gather to worship God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Let us pray,

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. Amen.

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."

Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.

That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how 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. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not 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. He 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. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Christ Is Risen! Alleluia! (*refrain*)

ELW #382

**Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!**

GOSPEL: MARK 16:1-8

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

The holy gospel according to Mark, chapter 16, beginning with the 1st verse.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

SERMON

Pastor Martha HarriSon

MUSIC

"Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!"

ELW #382

**Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!**

**Gratefully our hearts adore him as his light once more appears;
bowing down in joy before him, rising up from griefs and tears.**

**Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!
Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!**

NICENE CREED

We confess our one Christian faith in the words of the 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 James, Ellen, Morgan, Tom, Denell, Terry,
Michelle, Julie, Lynette, Joan, Mike, Martin, George, Leona & Knut.*

OFFERING IS RECEIVED

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of Love,

You gave us the greatest gift of all, our Savior Jesus Christ. We ask that you accept the gifts we bring: our goods, our time and our talents. Use them as you will for your purpose. Thanks be to God. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

The body and blood of our risen Savior, Lord Jesus Christ keep you always in God's grace.
Amen.

Lord of all life and light, you sustain us with your very self, giving us food for our journey. Grace us with your continuing presence that we may be an active part of your work in our world, sharing the Easter message of Christ Jesus that all may come to know the Good News of the Resurrection.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG

“Thine is the Glory”

ELW #376

**1. Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

Refrain

***Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!***

**2. Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! *Refrain***

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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