

Nurturing a Living Faith with Open Hearts and Serving Hands

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Introduction to Easter Sunday

"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!

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Brass Ensemble

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Come Unto Jesus" Terri Lang & Marlene Seaworth

PROCESSIONAL FANFARE

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.

OPENING 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!

4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! praise eternal as his love; Alleluia! praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. (Water is poured into the font). We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. Amen.

Easter Sunday April 20, 2025 10:30 a.m.



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. "Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!"

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!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM

Kolton Robert Wade Christian Son of Kalon & Nikkita Christian

APOSTLES' CREED

Do you believe in God the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

WELCOME OF NEWLY BAPTIZED

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

READING: ACTS 10:34-43

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

BAPTISM SONG

"Jesus Loves Me" Verse 1

ELW #595

Brenda Hove, reader

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.

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."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

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

²Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."

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

¹⁵Shouts 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!"

¹⁷I 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.

¹⁹Open 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."

²¹I 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.

²³By 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.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S TIME

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Halle, Halle"

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Pastor Martha HarriSon

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Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (repeat)

GOSPEL: LUKE 24:1-12

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.

The holy gospel according to Luke, chapter 24, beginning with the 1st verse. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹On 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.

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

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

"The Day of Resurrection"

- 1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, the passover of gladness, the passover of God. From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.
- 2 Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light, and list'ning to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the glad refrain.
- 4 All praise to God the Father, all praise to Christ the Son, all praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One! Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne, and honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to God alone!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please pray for James, Terry, Dick, Wendy, Amy, Dennis, Rod, Renae, Jerry & Andi.

"In Christ Alone"

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OFFERING/OFFERING MUSIC

OFFERING PRAYER

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, (Sung) Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

In the night in which he was betrayed... For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen, amen, amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

Trinity Handbells

Praise Team

"Jesus, What A Beautiful Name" CCLI#1866235

BLESSING/PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING SONG

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Now all the vault of heav'n resound in praise of love that still abounds: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; Set heart and will on things above that we conquer through your triumph; Grant grace sufficient for life's day that by our lives we truly say: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!" *Refrain*
- 4 Adoring praises now we bring And with the heav'nly blessed sing: "Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!" Be to the Father, and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God, All the glory, never ending! *Refrain*

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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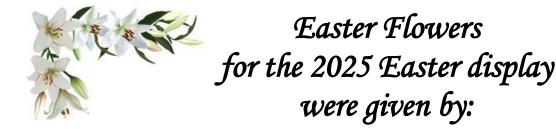
Tríníty Lutheran Happeníngs













- Valerie Kirk & family in memory of Bill Kirk, Joseph & Ellen Johnson, William & Elva Kirk.
- Margaret, Clint, Jill & family in memory of Stan Vitez.
- Terry Bakke in memory of Andrew, Shirley & Derk Bakke. (3)
- Matt & Sandy McMerty & family in memory of Laurie McMerty, Floyd & Wesley Seibel. (3)
- Kirsten, Tim, Abby, Hannah & Molly McIntyre in memory of Blanche JoAnn Gebhardt.
- Hal & Sheila Peterson in memory of Harold & Caroline Peterson, Robert & Norma Miedema. (2)
- Diane Smith in memory of Don Smith.
- Finn, Ellie & Nora Wahl in memory of their grandparents. (2)
- Darrell & Sheila Christianson in memory of their parents; in honor of their children & grandchildren. (2)
- Julie Leer in memory of Gene & Joyce Baldwin, Gil & Gay Leer; in honor of Mia Peterson in gratitude for sharing her music with us! (3)
- Karen & Arlyn Ohlhauser in honor of their God children, Jessica, Kayla, Jared, Brian & Abby.
- Richard & Karen Humann in memory of Chad Humann.
- Arlys Bracht in honor of Karen & Arlyn Ohlhauser, Abby & Noah DuBord.
- Margaret & Harley Swenson in memory of their parents, Jake & Karen Swenson, George & Carolyn Gowan; in honor of our children, Kim & John, Kari & Mark, Mark & Stephanie. (2)
- Gracia Johnson in memory of her brother, Justin Johnson.
- Richard Lucas in memory of Gerald & Ann Bogers.
- Marlene Heinle in memory of Ella & Edwin Gruszie.
- Steve & Paula Schilling & Chrys in memory of loved ones.
- Susan & Bob Wefald in memory of Tom Wefald, John & Irma Benschop, Olav & Walma Wefald. (3)
- Larry & Susan Weiand, Lynette & family, Jennifer & family in memory of Lucas & Maggie Weiand, Charlie & Minnie Walker, LeRoy & Louise Walker.
- Helen & Edon Nelson in memory of grandson, Matthew.
- Steve & Kristy Gierke in memory of Helen Gierke.
- Joel & Karen Anderson in memory of Larry & Genevieve Johnson, George & Marybelle Anderson. (2)
- Pat, Mary Lou & Beth Aune in memory of Gene & Eleanore Aune, Karen Wardner.
- Robert & Bonnie Johnson in memory of Gina & Bennie Christianson, Joan & Ellis Christianson, Mabel & Martin Johnson, Richard Johnson. (2)
- Isaac & Mia Peterson in memory of Grandma Matejcek, Grandpa & Grandma Peterson. (2)
- Terry & Sharon Mertz in honor of their grandchildren, Carter, Isaac, Amelia & Abigail.
- Ray Hegle in memory of Dianna Hegle.
- Erik & Kathryn Johnson in memory of their son, Justin Johnson.
- Doug & Joan Mork in memory of Matthew & June Fettig, Sarah Marchus. (3)
- Charles Krueger in memory of Lila Krueger.
- Lance & Darcy Schmidt in honor of Alex, Brennan & Grace.
- LuAnn Hanson in memory of Mike Hanson, Jim & Harriet Hanson. (2)
- Judy Schnaidt in memory of Llyod Schnaidt.
- Dianne Herr in memory of Ray Herr.

"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone but in every leaf of springtime." ~Martin Luther

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025

WE EXTEND OUR CONGREGATION'S SYMPATHY to the families of:

- Erwin Lang a memorial service was held on Thursday, April 17th at Trinity.
- Patricia Karlgaard a memorial service will be held @ 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 10th at Parkway Funeral Service.

Please keep their families in your prayers.

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM is given in honor of Trinity's pastors by Lee Herberg. "A joyous Easter to all!"

EASTER SPECIAL OFFERING - Our Special Easter Offering will go toward the Missouri Slope Chapel. While construction of the facility was completed a couple of years ago – these funds will help to make the chapel space feel more like worship space. Trinity, along with other constituent congregations, are working to raise \$50,000 for this work. You can drop a check in the offering but please write "Special Easter Offering" in the memo line.

OFFICE CLOSED - A reminder that the office will be closed on Monday, April 21st. Blessings this holiday!

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION - Trinity Lutheran seniors and college students - now is the time to apply for the Trinity Lutheran Scholarship through our Trust. This is a competitive scholarship process based on church involvement and involvement in other faith activities. You can find the application on our website. **The deadline is May 15th**.

BLOOD DRIVE - Trinity is hosting a blood drive on Friday, April 25th. There are slots for 15 people willing to roll up their sleeves and bless those in medical need of life saving blood. A registration sheet to sign-up is available in the Narthex.

ONLINE GIVING - Giving has never been easier! Open your camera on your phone and scan the QR code. It will take you right to Trinity's online giving site. You can choose to give via credit card or bank account. Try it out today!





Faith Formation Focus Groups

Did you miss the Focus Groups we had on Faith Formation? If so, please consider taking a few minutes to fill out surveys & questions online. We value your input whether you are a grandparent, parent, or caring adult and no matter what age your kids are at. Scan the QR code or there is a link on our website as well. Thanks!



THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday 4-20 **EASTER** 7 AM - Sunrise Worship in Community Center 8:30 AM - Festival Worship in Sanctuary 10:30 AM - Festival Worship in Sanctuary Monday 4-21 **OFFICE CLOSED Tuesday 4-22** 9 AM - Quilters in Quilters' Room Wednesday 4-23 4:30 PM - Trust Fund Committee in Conf. Room 6 PM - Worship in Sanctuary Friday 4-25 2:30 PM - Blood Drive in Community Center Saturday 4-26 9:15 AM - Hibernation Termination Celebration! Sunday 4-27 8:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary 9:35 AM - Bible 101 in Fellowship Hall 9:35 AM - Church School 10:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary