

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.

Easter Sunday Sunrise
April 20, 2025
7 a.m. Sunrise



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.

GATHER

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

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 Community Center. Take a seat.)

GATHERING SONG

“Halle, Halle”

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (repeat)

HYMN

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” ELW #365, vs. 1, 2 & 4

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!

**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."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Halle, Halle"

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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.

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.

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

**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!**

**Christ is risen! All the sadness of our Lenten fast is o'er;
through the open gates of gladness he returns to life once more;
death and hell before him bending see him rise, the victor now,
angels on his steps attending, glory round his wounded brow.**

**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, Terry, Dick, Wendy, Amy, Dennis, Rod, Renae, Jerry & Andi.

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.**

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COMMUNION MUSIC

“Lamb of God”

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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*

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain*

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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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!



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