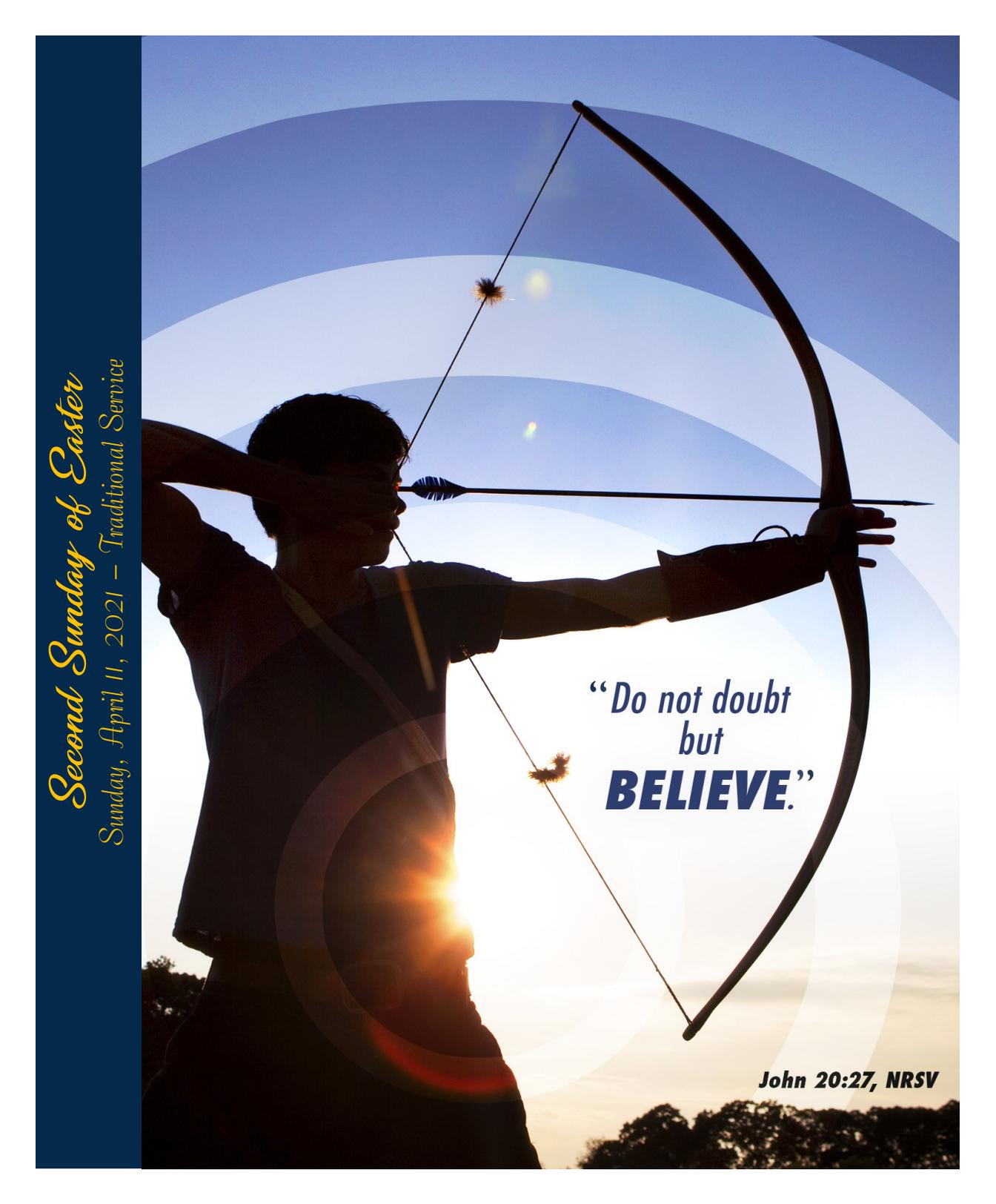


*Second Sunday of Easter*  
*Sunday, April 11, 2021 – Traditional Service*

A silhouette of a person drawing a bow against a sunset sky. The person is on the left, holding the bow with their right hand and the arrow with their left. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright glow and lens flare. A target with concentric circles is overlaid on the background. The text "Do not doubt but BELIEVE." is written in a serif font, with "BELIEVE." in bold. The citation "John 20:27, NRSV" is at the bottom right.

*“Do not doubt  
but  
**BELIEVE.**”*

*John 20:27, NRSV*

## WELCOME TO ALL

Welcome to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. Even though we are spread out and wearing masks, we are delighted to gather as one people in the name of the risen Lord Jesus, in whose power over disease and death we take hope. Please use this bulletin to participate in the liturgy and take it with you when the service is ended. Don't forget to register each week on our website or by calling the office (717-263-8156) for the service that you wish to attend, so that we can maintain appropriate physical distancing in our sanctuary. If you are a guest or visitor worshipping with us and did not know to register for today's service, no problem; we have kept open some extra seating just in case. Simply plan to register for the service next week – and we do invite you to worship with us again!

Bathrooms are located down the hall from the side entrance to the sanctuary. Our nursery is not yet open, but the space is available for special use by individual families. If you visit the nursery to settle a child or change a diaper, please let one of the pastors or ushers know so that we can be sure to sanitize the room before the next service.

Ushers will dismiss worshippers at the end of the service row by row. Please wait to be dismissed, and conduct conversations and fellowship in the fresh, open air outside. We trust that as we take such precautions together, we follow our Lord's command to love our neighbor, and we help to ensure that we will be able to continue to gather for worship during the pandemic. Thank you for working with us toward that end!

# *Second Sunday of Easter*

**Sunday, April 11, 2021**

**Traditional Service**

*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.*

## **WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Congregation responds in bold print.*

*Please respect the silence of those around you preparing for worship.*

**PRELUDE**

***"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"***

McDonald

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **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.

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.**

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!*

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - ioice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with

of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**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.**

*Please be seated.*



# WORD

## FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

<sup>32</sup>Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## PSALMODY

Psalm 133

*We will speak the Psalm responsively.*

- <sup>1</sup>How good and how pleasant it is,  
when kindred live together in unity!
- <sup>2</sup>**It 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.**
- <sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.  
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.



## SECOND READING

## 1 John 1:1--2:2

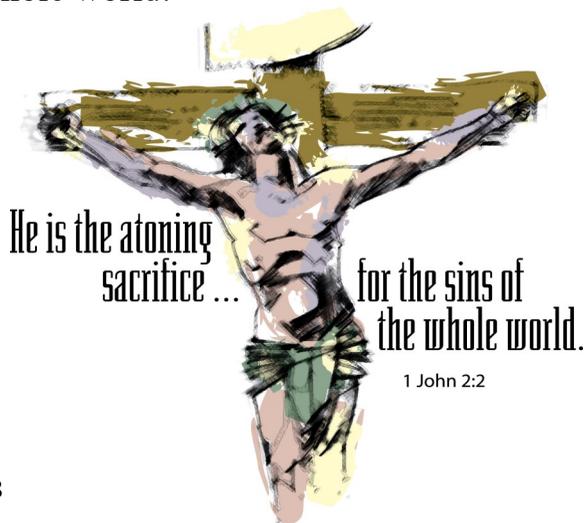
<sup>1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—<sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2:<sup>1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**



*Please stand as you are able.*

## **GOSPEL**

**John 20:19-31**

*The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>When 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." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So 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."

<sup>26</sup>A 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." <sup>27</sup>Then 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." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But 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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON**    *"Community: Individual, Diverse, & Collective"*    Pastor Arlyn

**SPECIAL MUSIC**                                    *"Jesus Shall Reign"*                                    Lopez

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

**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.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

*A brief silence.*

You shower your church with grace, O God. Unite the whole church on earth, so that with one heart it testifies to the resurrection of Jesus Christ with power and love.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You proclaim the blessing of life forevermore. Like dew upon the mountains, refresh your creation. Restore waters, cleanse the air, and provide revitalizing moisture to parched land. Be present with all who care for your creation and help us daily to be good stewards so that it might be sustained and nurtured for generations to come. Give your whole creation the promise of new life.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You direct the nations, O God. Guide all in authority, that they shepherd their peoples in the ways of your love. As they seek for reconciliation and healing from divisions, bestow the peace of Christ upon them and breathe the Holy Spirit within them.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You place within the heart of the church a spirit of sharing. Give us the power of your generous Spirit, that we provide for the needs of others, including Scott, Jim, Dottie, Shirley, Christine, Kayla, Larry, Mary, Sherry, Cameron, Ron, Cheryl, Bernice, Ayano, Bob, Kelly, Denise, Carl, Beth, Jane, William, Rick, Belva, Phyllis, Martha, Sister Frances, Becky, and Ron. Announce your peace to those who are lonely, hurting, suffering, or afraid.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Continues on next page.*

You give us fellowship with one another in this faith community. Shine the light of the risen Christ in our life together. Be present specifically with Elizabeth Sutton; Evan, Jane, & Sarah Sutton; Peggy Turner; Marjolein Texter; Larry & Judith Tinberg; Shirley Tomlinson; Glenn & Judith Trego; Patrick, Amanda, Lilah, Piper, & Stella Upham; and Erich & Laurie Vogel. We thank you for the opportunity to live in love for one another making our joy complete.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You share the gift of eternal life. In thanksgiving and remembrance, we recall the lives and gifts of those who now live in endless joy. Surround those who mourn the loss of a loved one and unite us with the promised hope of the resurrection.

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

P: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **THE 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.**

CLOSING HYMN

*“Christ is Alive!”*

ELW 389

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing, The cross stands  
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky, Let streets and homes with  
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring, Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

# SENDING

## THE 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.**

## DISMISSAL

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

*Please be seated.*

## POSTLUDE

*“Thine Is the Glory”*

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### STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

*“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”*  
– 1 John 1:8

The Creator of all has given us responsibility for our home planet.  
If we say we have no responsibility for being good stewards of creation,  
we also deceive ourselves.

May we rise to the task and work for the good  
that God breathes into existence.

Budgeted amount needed: \$8,072.12 04/04/2021 Offering: \$13,871.00  
Thank You!

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*The children's bulletins are given to the Glory of God  
and in honor of Trinity's children  
by Barbara Montgomery.*

*Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and  
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<b>LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: In-Person Streamed</b>		
<b><i>Sunday, April 4, 2021</i></b>		
Easter Sunday	118	360
Maundy Thursday	41	180
Good Friday		94



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### **Vision**

*"Growing in God"*

### **Mission Statement**

*"Seed - Planting and Growing in our Faith  
Sow - Sharing the word of God with our community  
Steward - Giving to all the love of God  
Service - Showing the love of God with our community"*