

Third Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 18, 2021 – Traditional Service

REPENTANCE
for the
FORGIVENESS
OF SINS
will be
PREACHED
IN HIS NAME
to all
NATIONS.

LUKE 24:47, NIV

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!

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The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

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

PRELUDE

"The Strife Is O'er"

Simone

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.

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,

the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**Holy and righteous God,
you are the author of life,
and you adopt us to be your children.
Fill us with your words of life,
that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son,
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 3: 12-19

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALMODY

Psalm 4

We will speak the Psalm responsively.

- ¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- ²**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**
- ³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me when I call.
- ⁴**Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**
- ⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.
- ⁶**Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**
- ⁷You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine abound.
- ⁸**In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-7

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

“In the Name of Jesus...”

Pastor Spomer

SPECIAL MUSIC “As We Gather At Your Table”

Rontgen

Lou Lerda, soloist

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.

Living God, in the midst of Easter joy we are still filled with questions and wondering. Open our hearts and minds as we encounter the scriptures, so that the church embodies repentance and forgiveness in the name of Jesus to all nations.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, like a master artist you have fashioned the universe out of your love and delight. Heal your creation where it is in need of restoration, nurture its growth with gentle spring rains, and bless the efforts of farmers and growers. May their labors yield an abundant harvest, full enough to satisfy the needs of all.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Healing God, you hear the cries of those in need and answer them in their distress. Grant to those who are sick and suffering your compassion and nurse them back to health and wholeness. Be close to the hearts of the lonely, reassure the dying of your eternal presence, and instill within us all a peace that surpasses understanding. We pray especially for Scott, Dottie, Shirley, Christine, Kayla, Larry, Mary, Sherry, Cameron, Ron, Cheryl, Bernice, Ayano, Bob, Kelly, Denise, Carl, Beth, Jane, William, Rick, Belva, Phyllis, Sister Frances, Becky, Sonny, and Ron.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Loving Parent, you have given us such love that we should be called the children of God. We lift up before you today Heather, Mark, & Nathan Wadas; Ann Wagner; Sharon & Bradley Waite; Terry & Janet Ward; Forest Warren; Zachary Warren; David & Babette Wenerd; Linda & Stewart Werley and Samantha Einherst; Deborah & Vernon Whaley; and Wallace Whitworth, Jr. Reveal yourself to us so that we in this community of faith will become more and more like you in our mutual love and bold witness.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of all times and ages, those who have died in you now see you as you are. We thank you for their lives among us. Assure us of the heavenly rest you have promised, that we may join them in everlasting life.

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.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

Please be seated.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

*All baptized followers of Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table.
Communicants are ushered forward row-by-row.
Ushers will direct communicants forward from the back of the sanctuary to the front.
Please continue to wear your mask as you come forward
and simply pull it down when receiving the communion elements.
Collect an empty cup as you near the front of the sanctuary.
Wearing a sanitary glove, the pastor will drop a wafer in your hand.
After you have eaten the wafer, the communion assistant
will pour wine from the chalice into the empty cup.
After drinking the wine, please return to your seat along the side aisle.
Grape juice is available; please request that
from the communion assistant if you prefer it.*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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.

CLOSING HYMN

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives!"

ELW 619

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.



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

"Jesus Shall Reign "

Mansfield

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STEWARDSHIP SNIPPET

"You are witnesses of these things." – Luke 24:48

Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them a mind-opening experience.

As witnesses they are charged with telling the truth of their experience.

We, too, are witnesses charged with telling the truth.

How might you share the truth about creation care
and climate change in our polarized culture?

Budgeted amount needed: \$8,072.12 04/11/2021 Offering: \$10,330.25

Thank You!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS		
Senior Pastor	<i>Pastor Aaron</i>	
Associate Pastor	<i>Pastor Arlyn</i>	
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	8:30 AM	10:00 AM
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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 to honor our children and grandchildren by
Lou and Linda Lerda*



LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:	
<i>Sunday, April 11, 2021</i>	
In-Person	58
Online Worship Service Views:	326



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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"*