

John 20:27, NRSV

"Do not doubt but

BELIEVE."

WELCOME TO ALL

Welcome to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. 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.

Based on revised CDC guidance, we are no longer encouraging the wearing of masks for those attending worship, regardless of vaccination status. However, if you have symptoms, have tested positive for Covid or been exposed to someone with Covid-19, we ask that you do wear a mask. Please feel free to continue wearing a mask in worship for your safety, if desired. This guidance may change if our risk level changes.

> Bathrooms are located down the hall from the side entrance to the sanctuary. Children are always welcome during worship, but if desired, there is a nursery in room 107 available for children ages birth to school age.

Please be aware that we are streaming our services. If you do not wish to be on camera please contact the church office.

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 16, 2023 Traditional Service with Holy Communion

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

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

PRELUDE

"Jesus Shall Reign"

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Please stand as you are able.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

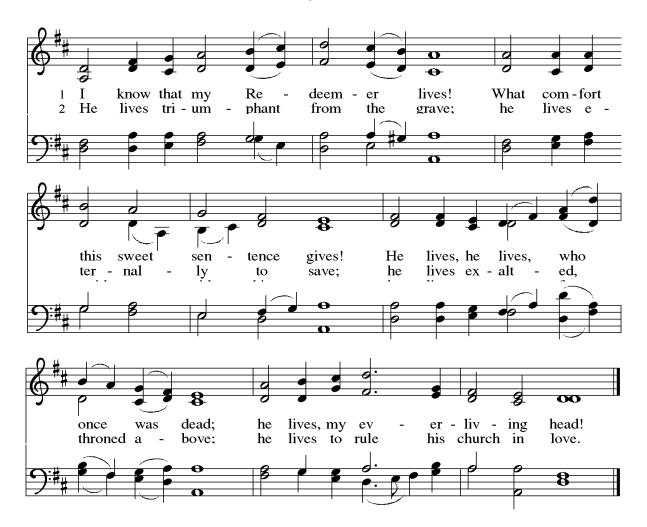
Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. Amen.

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I Know That My Redeemer Lives!



APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

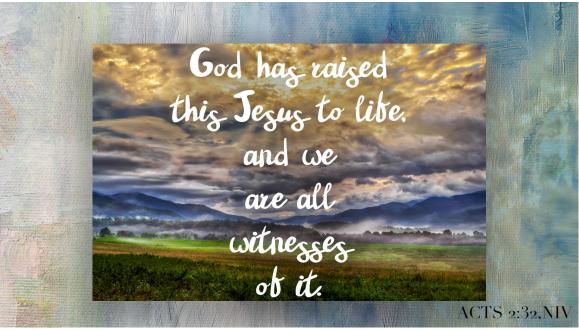
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed Alleluia!

Please be seated.



WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ²²"You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

moreover my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,

nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

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

PSALMODY

Psalm 16

We will speak the Psalm responsively.

In your presence there is fullness of joy. (Ps. 16:11)

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other." ²All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people. ³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied. ⁴I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips. ⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot. ⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance. ⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night. ⁸I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. ⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. ¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit. ¹¹You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.



IN YOUR PRESENCE THERE IS FULLNESS of JOY. PSALM 16:11 7

SECOND READING

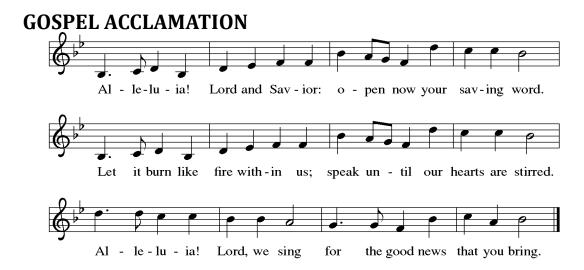
1 Peter 1:3-9

This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

Please stand as you are able.



GOSPEL

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

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

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

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

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

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON SERMON MUSIC MEDITATION

Pastor Martin Otto Zimmann

Page

"Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound"

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

Names of family & friends in prayer found on page 17.

A brief silence.

Response following each petition:

L: Hear us, O God. **R: Your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

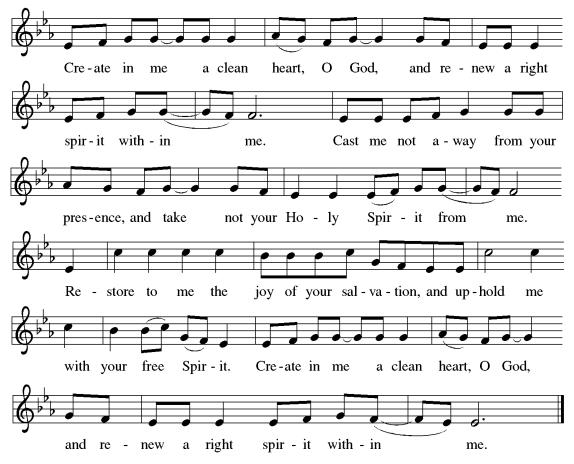
The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you!



OFFERING

Thank you for your generous and faithful support during these extraordinary times. Out of an abundance of caution, we are not currently passing the collection plates. Instead, you may place your offerings in the plates provided by the door as you enter or exit worship. If you prefer, Trinity offers 5 other ways to give as well: Text, Mail, Mobile, Automatic Transfer, & Online. Contact the church office for details.

> Create in Me a Clean Heart Offering Song



MEAL

THE 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.

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

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and taste the joy of God! Thanks be to God.



COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

All baptized followers of Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table. Communicants are ushered forward row-by-row. Please open your hand and the pastor will place the bread in your hand. Once you have eaten the bread, the communion assistant will offer you a cup of wine. Please take the cup of wine from the tray. After drinking the wine, you may return to your seat along the side aisle. If you prefer, grape juice is available which you may request from the communion assistant.

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING COMMISSIONING & SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Today we recognize the ministry of our Eucharistic Ministers for their work on behalf of this congregation. The members are:

James Druckenbrod, Donald Grier, Philip Lobaugh, Barbara Montgomery, and Brenda Runshaw

As they come forward now, we're commissioning Brenda as a newly joined part of this ministry, and re-commissioning the others, for their service in visiting and providing communion to those in the Trinity congregation who are not able to come and be part of worship here in person. This is truly a special task undertaken in the service of Jesus Christ.

Pastoral prayer:

Almighty God, look with favor on Jim, Don, Phil, Barb, and Brenda, who today affirm and re-affirm their commitment to follow Jesus, Savior and Lord, and to serve in his name.

Lord, go with them during each visit, and supply them with your strength, loving-kindness and insight, and with all good things that they may be continually renewed for the mutual blessing of the time they spend with fellow saints of your Trinity family.

We ask also that you strengthen all of us at Trinity and everywhere in your Church, in all of our gifts and vocations from you, for witness to the world and service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[The pastor lays a hand on the shoulders of each person who is in turn being commissioned]

We commission you to this work in the name of Jesus, and on behalf of our congregation here at Trinity, and we pledge to you our prayers, encouragement, and support.

Holy Spirit, come now to [name] and strengthen and guide [her, him], in this and in all things for doing God's will in the service of Jesus Christ. Amen.

[Eucharistic ministers turn to face the congregation and the door which leads out from this house of the Lord]

We bless you and send you with our prayers. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION CLOSING HYMN

ELW 385

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



SENDING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE

"Majesty"

Hayford

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my husband Jerry by Kathy Ashway





The children's bulletins are given to the Glory of God, and in honor of the children of Trinity, by Dave & Becky Morningstar

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:		
Maundy Thursday, April 6, 2023:		
Online views:	46	
Good Friday, April 7, 2023:	68	
Online views:	70	
Sunday, April 9, 2023:		
Online views:	150	
Next week's Lessons: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 1Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35		

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Preacher / Presider	Pastor Martin Otto Zimmann		
Organist	Barb Woods		
	10 AM		
Ushers	Jean Druckenbrod Jim Druckenbrod		
Acolyte	Tommy Barra		
Lector	Janelle Barkman		
Communion Asst.	Kathy Ashway Ruth Cramer		
Communion Prep	Dave Etter Louisa Etter		
Livestream Team	Jason Brown		
Nursery	Linda Hins		

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IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

We Pray For

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Family & Friends of Betty Salmon Family & Friends of Larry Royce Family & Friends of Pat Spare Jim Cistone Barbara Bankert Bob Kitzmiller Jerry Bitner Doug Price Betty Leonard Jerry Crist Ray Guldin Connie Renshaw Richard & Gloria McCauley Bernice Conner Bob Shannon Doris Krieble Sue Freeman Shirley Shilling Deb Hutsler Sue Lensbower Thomas Clarke Brenda Zullinger Marlene Fisher Mary Royce Donna Shetter Phyllis Dusman Floss Sterner Michele Phillips Curt Stambaugh Cheryl Kelly Cameron

MEMBERS

Dennis & Jeaneen Alleman

John Alleman

Kathy Ashway

Tim, Erin, Benjamin, & Caleb Atherton

**Names may be added / removed by calling the church office. **Names will normally be removed after <u>4 weeks.</u>

OFFERING

Budgeted amount needed: <u>\$8,072.12</u> 04.09.23: <u>\$10, 697</u> Thank You!

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY & NNOUNCEMENTS



SEWING GROUP April 27, 2022 @ 11 AM

@Jean D.'s home. For more info call/email the church office.



DISCOUNT CARDS

SpiriTrust auxiliary will sell the business discount cards for a discounted price of \$2 instead of \$5. They make great Easter gifts. Contact Sharon Emmons at <u>mysunni@comcast.net</u> / or 717-264-3977. The sale benefits Luther Ridge Community--residents.



All Saints **CONFIRMATION CAMP Camp** Nawakwa June 11-16, 2023

Confirmation students are invited to attend the All Saints Confirmation Camp at Nawakwa this summer.

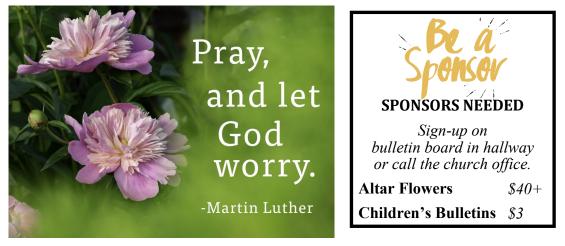
The cost is \$435 per child, which

Trinity will pay. There is no cost to you!

If interested, contact Ruth Cramer or the church office prior to May 1st.

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

Today - 04/16	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages - Library
	9:00 AM	Confirmation - Cloud 9
	9:00 AM	Scripture & Coffee - Lounge
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
	11:15 AM	Stewardship Meal - Social Hall
		2 nd Sunday of Easter
Monday - 04/17	7-8:30 PM	Boy Troop - Scout Room
Tuesday - 04/18	6:30-8:30 PM	Girl Troop Committee Mtg - Scout Room
Wednesday - 04/19	5:30 PM	Yoga - Social Hall
	7:00 PM	Choir - Sanctuary
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Thursday - 04/20	6:30-8 PM	Girl Scouts - Scout Room & Library
	7:00 PM	Grief Share - Lounge
Friday - 04/21	12:00 PM	Newsletter Deadline
	6-8 PM	Cub Scouts - Scout Room
	8-10 PM	Girl Troop - Scout Room
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Saturday - 04/22		Earth Day
Sunday - 04/23	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages - Library
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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"