



## Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

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Masks are welcomed,  
but no longer required.  
Vaccinations are highly  
recommended.

Please maintain  
appropriate distancing  
between households and  
use hand sanitizer.

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All are invited to join us at  
the Lord's table for Holy  
Communion.

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Our AED machine is  
mounted on the wall in  
the stairway near the  
baptismal font.

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Please silence your  
cell phone.



Trinity Lutheran Church  
is recognized by  
Reconciling Works as a  
"Reconciling in Christ"  
Congregation which  
welcomes all LGBTQ+  
persons into all facets of  
congregational life.

# RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD EASTER SUNDAY THE HOLY EUCHARIST AT 10:00 AM APRIL 17, 2022

*"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 Mary Magdalene, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

**P** Presiding Minister    **A** Assisting Minister    **C** Congregation

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

*Festive Trumpet Tune*

David German

*Please stand as you are able and face the font.*

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- P** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,...now and forever.
- C** Amen

*Please face the processional cross at the rear of the nave.*

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

365 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

## GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** And also with you.

# HYMN OF PRAISE



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



**B** 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ Let us pray. God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☑ **Amen**

*Be seated.*

## FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

*Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, sums up 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.*

*After the reading:*

- ☐ Word of God, word of life.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 118

*Italic text*– Everyone; Standard text – High Voices; **Bold text** – Low Voices

*This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

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

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

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

**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**

**"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

**Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

*This 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.*

*After the reading:*

- A** Word of God, word of life.
- C** Thanks be to God.

**TEACHING TIME FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GOSPEL HYMN** - O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing - Stanzas 1 and 2; see page 5

**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** John 20:1-18

*This morning began with confusion: the stone was moved and the tomb was empty. Disciples arrive, then angels, and finally Jesus himself. Out of the confusion, hope emerges, and a weeping woman becomes the first to confess her faith in the risen Lord.*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to John.
- C** Glory to you, O Lord.

*After the reading:*

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

**GOSPEL HYMN** - O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing - Stanzas 3-5; see page 5

# GOSPEL HYMN - O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing  
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,  
3 When Mar - y's heart was filled with gloom  
4 "Why do you weep?" his ques - tion came.  
5 No long - er weep - ing, an - guish - bent,



with heav'n - ly hosts to Christ our king:  
a faith - ful wom - an went her way  
and she stood weep - ing near the tomb,  
"Whose is the bod - y you would claim?"  
but with re - joic - ing Mar - y went,



to - day the grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!  
to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!  
a strang - er spoke, she knew not whom. Al - le - lu - ia!  
And then, at last, he spoke her name. Al - le - lu - ia!  
by Christ as first a - pos - tle sent. Al - le - lu - ia!

*After the final stanza*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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*Be seated.*

## SERMON

*Please stand as you are able.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

364 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!

MFURAHINI, HALELUYA

## 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 INTERCESSION

**A** On this day of resurrection joy, let us offer our prayers for ourselves,  
our neighbors, and our world.

*After a brief silence each petition concludes:*

**A** Merciful God,  
**C** receive our prayer.

*After the final petition:*

**P** We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts,  
trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy.

**C** Amen

## PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** **And also with you.**

*Please greet one another from a distance and then be seated.*

## THE OFFERTORY

*Ich bin die Auferstehung (I Am the Resurrection)*

Gallus Dressler

The Trinity Choir

*Ich bin die Auferstehung and das Leben,  
Wer an mich glaubet, der wird leben,  
ob er gleich stürbe,  
Und wer da lebet und glaubet an mich,  
der wird nimmermehr sterben.*

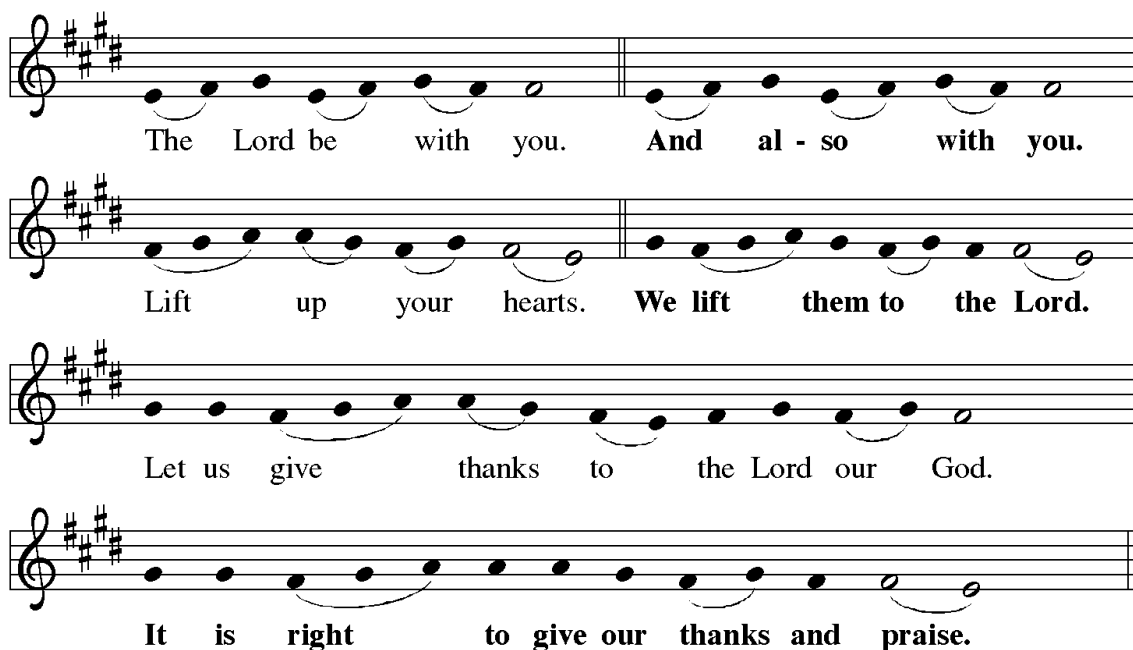
I am the resurrection and the life,  
All who believe in me will live,  
though they are dying,  
And everyone who lives and believes in me,  
they will nevermore perish.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

- A** Let us pray. Living God,  
**C** **you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign,  
and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal,  
and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

## PROPER PREFACE

☐ It is indeed right, ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

- ☐ Blessed are you,...we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
☑ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**  
☐ O God of resurrection....Grace our table with your presence.  
☑ **Come, Holy Spirit.**  
☐ Reveal yourself to us...burning with justice, peace, and love.  
☑ **Come, Holy Spirit.**  
☐ With your holy ones...now and forever.  
☑ **Amen**



## LORD'S PRAYER

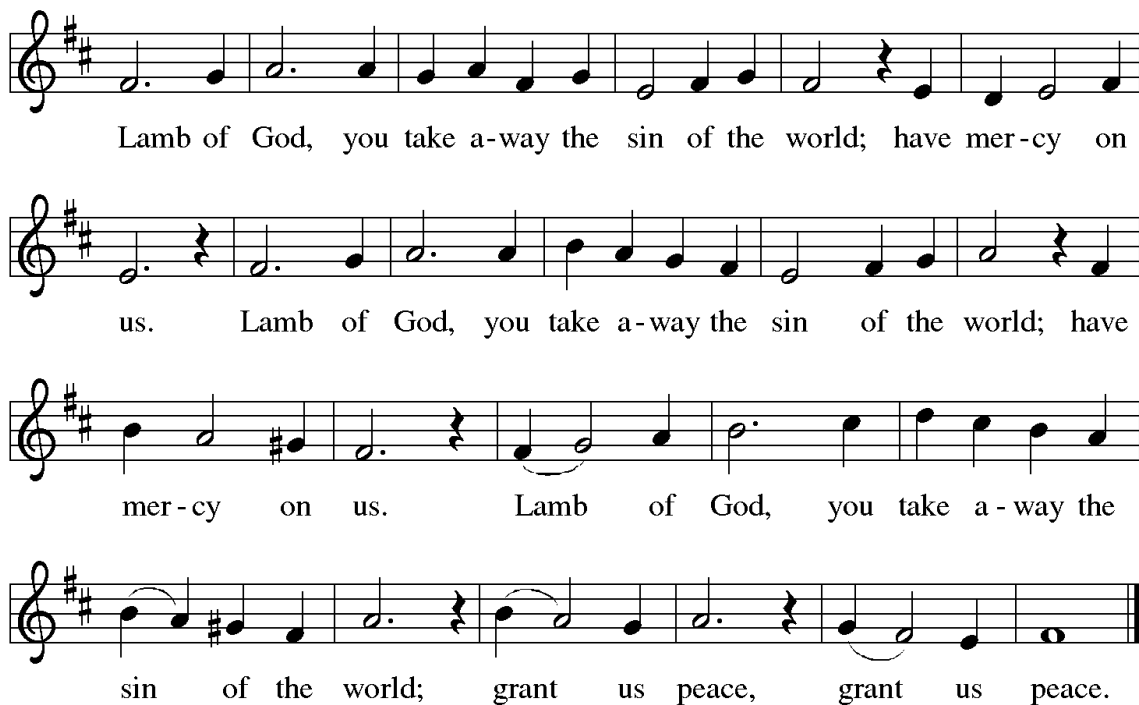
- ☐ Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
- ☑ **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass 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**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- ☐ The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

*Please be seated.*

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION

*Following the direction of the usher, approach the altar, maintaing a safe distance between households. Please ask your server if you need a gluten-free wafer or prefer grape juice. As you return to your seat, place your empty glass in the corner basket. Those not partaking of communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are unable to approach the altar for communion, inform the usher and the sacrament will be brought to you.*

*After all have received Communion, please stand as you are able.*

## **TABLE BLESSING**

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**C** Amen

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

- A** We give you thanks, generous God,  
for in this bread and cup  
we have tasted the new heaven and earth  
where hunger and thirst are no more.  
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,  
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.  
**C** Amen

## **BLESSING**

- P** God, the Author of life,  
Christ, the living Cornerstone,  
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,  
✠ bless you now and forever.  
**C** Amen

## **SENDING HYMN**

366 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

VICTORY

## **DISMISSAL**

- A** Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**C** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!  
**A** Go in peace. Tell what God has done.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## **POSTLUDE**

*"Carillon" from 24 Pièces en style libre*

Louis Vierne

## Leaders in Today's Liturgy

**Presiding and Preaching:** Pr. Fred S. Opalinski

**Assisting Minister:** Dcs. Deborah Graf

**Minister of Music:** Karen S. Eddinger

**Crucifer:** Andrew Smith

**Torchbearers:** Danielle Smith and Abbie Smith

**Djembe:** David Himes

**Greeter:** Annie Harlin

**Ushers:** Anita Dolak, Raye Watson, Jen Mazur and Avery Mazur

**Communion Assistants:** Steve Welz, Steve and Erica Hofmann

**Altar Guild:** Bernadette Ilgen, Jacinda Motley, Josh Motley, Linda Motley, Charlene Norton, Robin Oberholtzer and Beth Welz

**Today's altar flowers** are sponsored by Vickie & Ralph Unruh to the Glory of God in celebration of 52 years of marriage

**Today's broadcast** is sponsored by Darryl S. Jeffries in loving memory of his parents

## In Our Prayers this Week

**Those who are sick or in need of healing:** David Strobel, Darryl Jeffries, Chris Mountz, Nancy Nagle, and Nathan Hudson (son-in-law of Anita Dolak)

**Ongoing prayer requests for friends and members of Trinity:** Tom Shultz, Linda Motley, Grete Furrow, Luther Routté, Dick Evans, Walter Schur, Ed Harlin, the Sawyer family, Darlene Lupo and Jacob Unger (family of Dar Unger), Barbara & David Regar (friends of Barbara Ketchum), Doris (friend of Pat McMahan), David Unruh (brother of Ralph Unruh), Tina Koch (friend of Jenn Smith), Cindy Marsh (Anita Dolak's classmate), Celia Cosentino (friend of Jane Zobian), Mark Kummerer (son of Larry Kummerer), and Rich Stewart (friend of Ginny Biniek)

**Homebound members:** Karin Flatt, Joan Goncher, Sarah Rothermel, Betty & Karl Leuffen, Walter Schur, Noreen Showalter, and Tom Shultz

**Trinity households:** Charles & Susan Randazzo; Ralph & Pamela Reeves; Jane Rehr; Robert Reimer; and Tom & Amy Reinsel

## Many Thanks to Our Church Helpers

We are blessed to have many volunteer helpers who cleaned, decorated and renovated. Thank you to all who tidied the courtyard garden, volunteered in the church office, spruced up our property, decorated the church, prepared and shared music, and renovated the church kitchen. Your faithful work sustains our worship and nurtures our ministries.

## This Week's Calendar

### Sunday, April 17: Easter Sunday

Second week of Family Promise food hosting

10:00 AM: Worship (Nave)

11:15 AM: Egg Hunt for Children (courtyard)

2:30 PM: Common Ground Worship and  
Meal Takeaway

### Monday, April 18

Church office is closed

### Tuesday, April 19

9:30 AM: Full Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, April 20

7:30 PM: Choir Rehearsal (Church Balcony)

### Sunday, April 24: Second Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM: Sunday Forum:  
"The Stories of Dreamers"

10:00 AM: Worship (Nave)

2:30 PM: Common Ground Worship  
and Meal Takeaway

## Broadcast Schedule for April

All of our programs listed below can be watched on Comcast Channel 190, Reading Hospital Channel 80, online at [www.trinityreading.org](http://www.trinityreading.org), on our YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/trinitylutheranchurch](http://www.youtube.com/trinitylutheranchurch). Trinity's Sunday morning worship is also live streamed via Facebook and YouTube. You may log on to either platform on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM and worship at the same time as the in-person congregation.

### Sundays

6:00 PM: First Friday: Sunni Islam

6:30 PM: Music from Trinity:

Jocelyn Crosby, flute and  
Doug Wimer, piano

7:00 PM: Trinity Worship Service

### Wednesdays

4:00 PM: Trinity Worship

5:00 PM: Music from Trinity:

Jocelyn Crosby, flute and  
Doug Wimer, piano

5:30 PM: First Friday: Sunni Islam

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