



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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We want to be a congregation who continues:
Trusting God
Loving and Connecting with God and one another
Reaching out to all God's children

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 14, 2024 10:15 AM

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Mission – To Share Christ in Word and Deed
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WE WELCOME ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE THIS DAY!

- If you are visiting with us, we are honored by your presence. If you are seeking a church home, please contact the Pastor.
 - Holy Communion is celebrated in this morning's worship. All are welcome to the table. Young children should follow the practice of their home congregation.
 - The Worship Service will be available on You Tube and the Website after the service.
 - Congregational responses are in bold.
- * *Please stand*

Welcome, Announcements, Opening Prayer

GATHERING

Prelude

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (ELW #392)

***Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father, and of the  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name

of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

***Gathering Hymn**

Children of the Heavenly Father (ELW #781)

***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:** We pray together: **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.**

First Lesson – 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.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4 (Read 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.

4Tremble, 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.

6Many 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.

8In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.

Second Lesson – 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. **2**Beloved, 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. **3**And 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. **5**You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. **6**No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. **7**Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation –

Celtic Alleluia



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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes on both staves.

*The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel:** Luke 24: 36b-48

^{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."

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

Sermon

Time of Silence: *At our best Trinity is passionate about God. We respond to God's love becoming still, closing our eyes and opening our heart spaces to God's presence.*

***Hymn**

He is Our Peace (CCLI #2823825)

1 He is our peace
Who has broken down ev'ry wall
He is our peace He is our peace

2 Cast all your cares on Him
For He cares for you
He is our peace He is our peace

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***Apostles' Creed**

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 power of 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 the Church** - *(Each petition ends with "God of grace,". The Congregation responds "hear our prayer.")*

***Sign of Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.** *(If you are joining us on Facebook, please share Christ's peace with one another in the comments.)*

MEAL

You are invited to come forward for the traditional distribution of Communion or if you prefer, take a prepackaged kit available from the Usher and remain seated. The Pastor will give instructions to you prior to communing the Assistants.

*Offertory

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

Amen.

*Dialogue

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.

*Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho-san-na in the high - est.

***Words of Institution**

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, Jesus 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.

***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.

Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

Pew Communion: *Those who wish to commune from their seats using the prepackaged kits please open them now. Take and eat and drink, the body and blood of Christ given and shed for you.*

Assistants Commune

Communion

The body of Christ given for you.
The blood of Christ shed for you.

Communion Hymns:

We Come to the Hungry Feast (ELW #479)

With High Delight Let Us Unite (ELW #368)

Blessed Assurance (ELW #638)

***Table Blessing**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

***Post Communion Prayer**

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

SENDING

Benediction

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always. **Amen.**

***Sending Hymn**

I Know That My Redeemer Lives (ELW #619)

***Sending for Service**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

We thank Matt Cessna for being our musician this morning.

SERVING TRINITY TODAY

Director of Music – Sandra Wingert

Assisting Minister – Dave Wolfe

Communion Assistants – Donna Wolfe and Mary Thomas

Communion Cups – Josie Thomas

Singers – Matt Cessna and Hannah Ruffner

Usher – Rob Marsh

Greeter – Sally Funk

IT Ministry – IT Team

Communion Preparer – Donna Wolfe and Sue Wunderlich

TODAY WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Gust Barbuzanes, Don Berger, Marie Dean, Sue Deardorff, Terry and Laura Ellis, Shirley Freeman, Charles and Nancy Freshman, Sally Funk, Dick Gardenhour, Erma Horn, Jake Johns, Roger Johns, Tracy Loucks, Gary Louder, Doug McCullough, Don Swart, Bud and Donna Wolfe.. *The prayer list will be purged at the end of the month. If you wish a name to be retained (other than homebound members) please call or email the office – 717-597-9348/ tlcsecoffice@gmail.com.*

Each week we also remember four members and friends of our congregation: Ed and Nancy Osbaugh; Kristofer, Maddy, Evalyn, Rhett and Wyatt Palmer; Leah Porto; Dot Potter.