Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday, April 8, 2018
Second Sunday of Easter

Welcome to Trinity!

- Nursery attendants are available for children ages 5 years and younger. If you arrive and no one is in the nursery, please ask an usher to get the attendant.
- Pew pads are located at the end of each pew. Please sign in and pass them down to the end of the row, then return them to the center aisle.
- Prayer request cards are in the pew racks. Please hand to an usher during the hymn following the sermon.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

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

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Redeeming God,
You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood, yet we still struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us; forgive us. Enter into our lives and cast out our fear so that we may come to trust in you and have life in Jesus' name.
Amen.

We have an advocate with God — Jesus Christ, the righteous one — who offered his life in love to save the world from sin. This is the good news of the gospel: in ✠ Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

GATHERING HYMN: *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* (ELW 367)

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.

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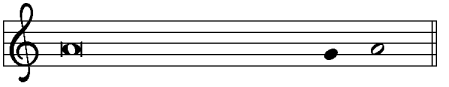
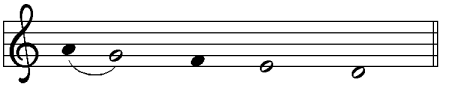


In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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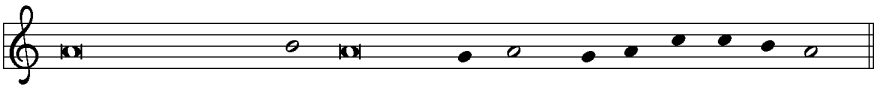
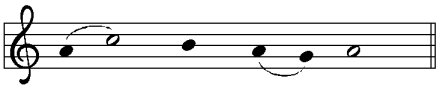


For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



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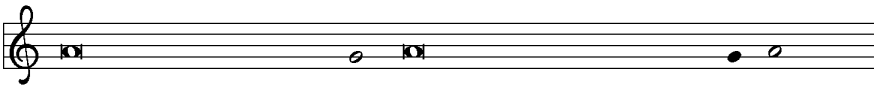
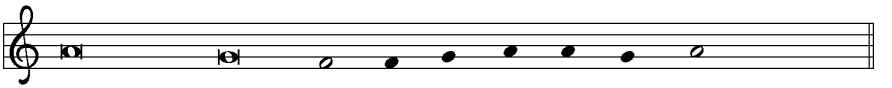
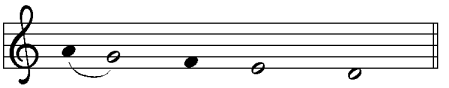


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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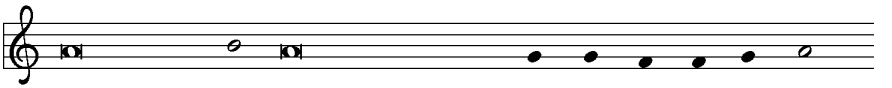
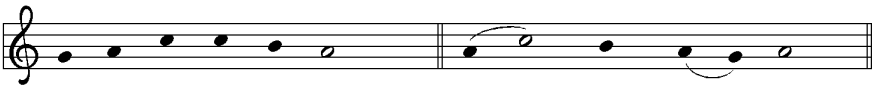
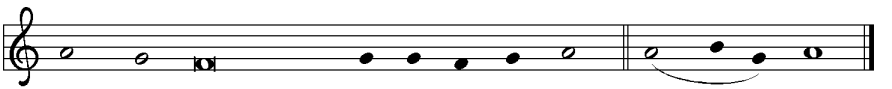


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

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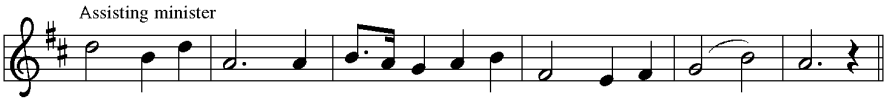
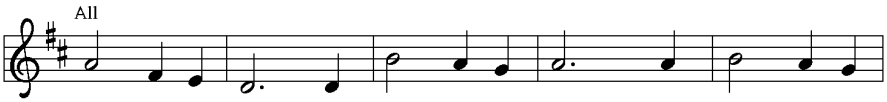
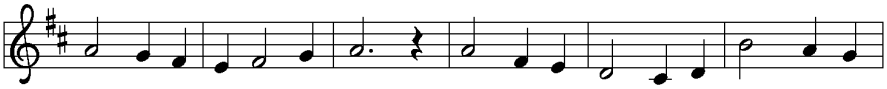
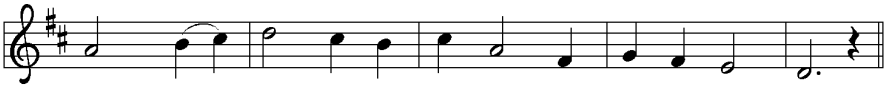
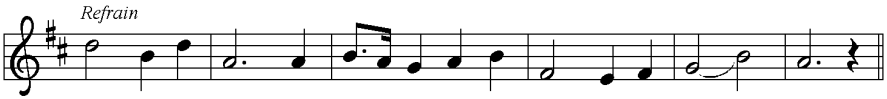
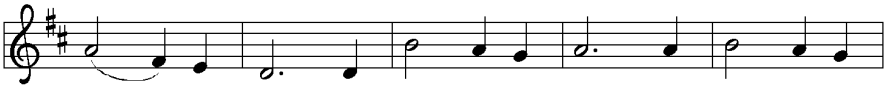


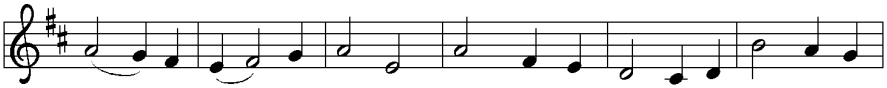


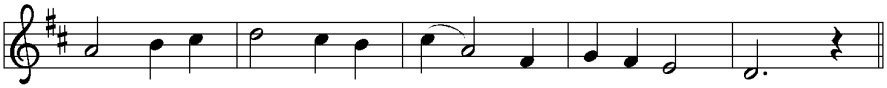


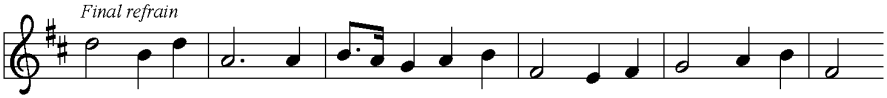


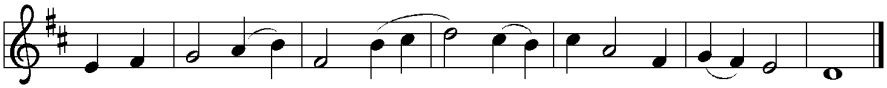












PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray together.
Breathe in this place, O Lord, by the power of your Holy Spirit, to open our minds, unlock our hearts, and enliven our faith so that we may welcome the risen one among us. Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

A reading from Acts.

32 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. 33 With
great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great
grace was upon them all. 34 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. 35 They laid it at the
apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 133

The psalm is spoken responsively.

1 How good and how pleas- | ant it is,
when kindred live togeth- | er in unity!
2 **It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up- | on the beard,**
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar | of his robe.
3 It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the | hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life for- | evermore.

SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1--2:2

A reading from 1 John.

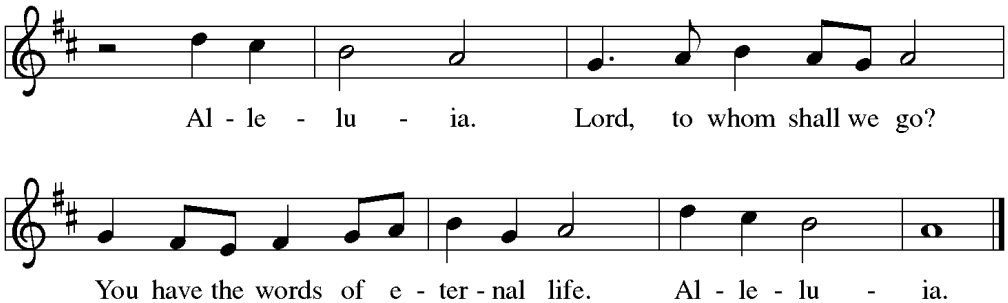
1 We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen
with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of
life— 2 this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the
eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— 3 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. 4 We are writing these things so that our joy may be
complete.
5 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. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are

walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; [7]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. [8]If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is
not in us. [9]If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and
cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [10]If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar,
and his word is not in us.
[2:1]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; [2]and he is the
atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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

[24]But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus
came. [25]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."
[26]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." [27]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.” [28]Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” [29]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.”

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

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

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done* (ELW 366)

APOSTLES’ CREED

The assembly stands to proclaim the Apostles’ 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

Rejoicing in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we pray for the witness of the church, the wholeness of creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you speak peace in the presence of fear. Give us courage to testify to your grace with our lives. Embolden prophets, preachers, and teachers to speak your truth. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Holy God, you create peace in the midst of chaos. Where storms rage and winds howl, bring calm. Protect people and animals from the dangers of weather. Restore damaged lands and homes. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Holy God, you are peace in a violent world. Heal neighborhoods ravaged by crime. Reconcile political factions at war. Build relationships where suspicion keeps us apart, and bring us to the day of unity. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Holy God, you bring peace to a hurting world. Fill the stomachs of the hungry. Bind up the shattered. Give rest to the weary and hope to the disillusioned. Restore the sick. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Holy God, you breathe your Spirit of peace into us. Enlivened by the Spirit, equip us to bring new life to all we meet in our work and in our play. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Holy God, you are our peace in this world and the next. Comfort all who mourn. Hold them in your tender care. Bring us all around the table as we share the heavenly banquet. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We entrust all our prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them by the power of the Holy

Spirit and the love of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief announcements will be made by the pastor and thanks given for what our offerings provide towards the church's mission.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* (ELW 184)

The assembly stands for the presentation of the gifts.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.
Holy God, we give you thanks and praise for light and life and love, and above all, the presence of the living Lord among us. By your Spirit who breathes within us, strengthen our faith, use our gifts, and work in our lives to bear witness to the resurrection of Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray.
Amen.

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.

PREFACE

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

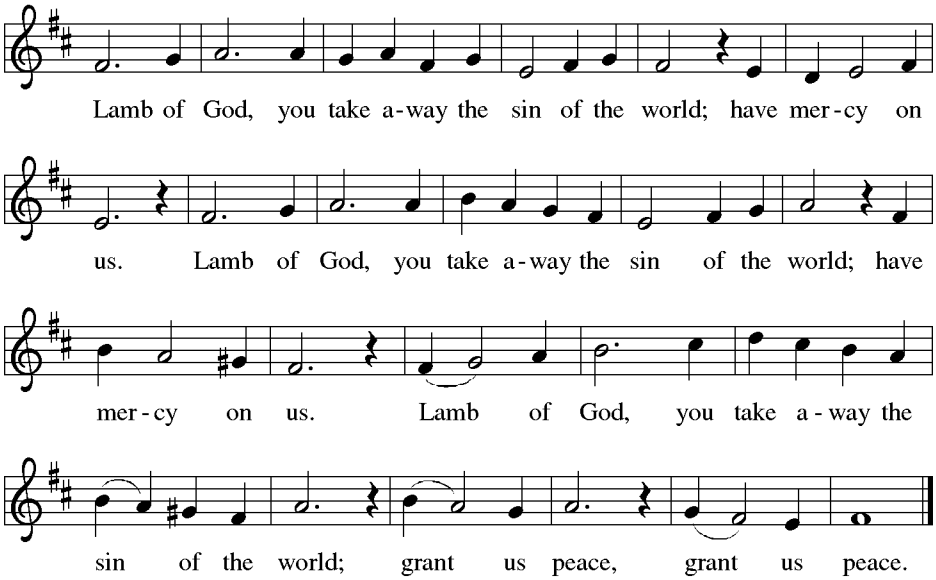
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

The assembly is seated.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION

White grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond
Amen.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

***Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!* (ELW 382)**
***Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!* (ELW 369)**
***Now the Green Blade Rises* (ELW 379)**

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The assembly stands to receive the blessing.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.
Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, keep you in his light and truth and love now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *Thine Is the Glory* (ELW 376)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Readings for Next Sunday, April 15, 2018 — Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

*****Find the weekly lectionary readings and more at www.textweek.com**

Serving the Church

THIS WEEK — April 8, 2018		NEXT WEEK — April 8, 2018	
Lector:	Sharon Leder	**Lector:**	Laura Buckner
Communion Assistant:	**OPEN**	**Communion Assistant:**	**OPEN**
Ushers:	Mike Nutter Maia Anderson	**Ushers:**	Lindsay and Lily Conyers
Greeters:	Ray & Molly Bredehoft Family	**Greeters:**	Sharon Leder Iris Brunett
Nursery:	Marygrace Buckner	**Nursery:**	Kate Jablin
Stewards:	Diahann Jablin	**Stewards:**	Diahann Jablin
Altar Guild:	Judi Weatherwax	**Altar Guild:**	Judi Weatherwax
Fellowship:	Molly Bredehoft	**Fellowship:**	**OPEN**
Flowers:	**OPEN**	**Flowers:**	**OPEN**

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