

# Trinity Lutheran Church

April 7, 2024  
Second Sunday of Easter



# WELCOME

## LITANY

Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:  
Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave!  
**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Sin and death shall reign no more!  
**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Let this place resound with joy!  
**Christ is risen! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

## GATHERING HYMN:

### *Now the Green Blade Rises (ELW 379)*



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

## CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say that we have no sin,  
we deceive ourselves,  
and the truth is not in us.  
But if we confess our sins,  
God who is faithful and just  
will forgive us our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We pray together,  
**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.**

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

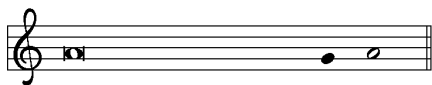
We have an advocate with God—  
Jesus Christ, the righteous one—  
who offered his life in love  
to save the world from sin.

This is the good news of the gospel:  
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## 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.**

# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



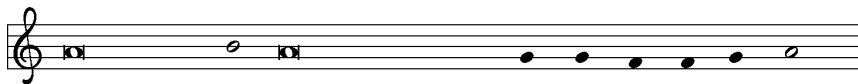
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



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

All



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.

*Refrain*



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.

*Final refrain*



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

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.**

**Enable us to hear with our ears,  
to see with our eyes,  
and to touch with our hands  
your Word of life—Jesus Christ—  
our Lord and our God. Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

<sup>32</sup>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. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>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. <sup>35</sup>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

<sup>1</sup>How good and how pleasant it is,  
when kindred live together in unity!

<sup>2</sup>**It is like fine oil upon the head,  
flowing down upon the beard,  
upon the beard of Aaron,  
flowing down upon the collar of his  
robe.**

<sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.  
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

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

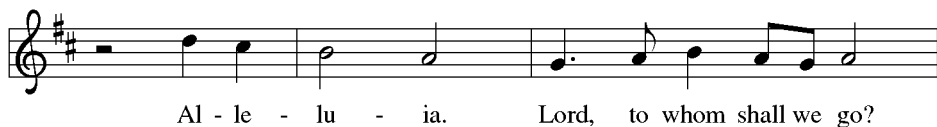
<sup>1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life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

<sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>2:1</sup>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; <sup>2</sup>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



## **GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

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

<sup>26</sup>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."<sup>27</sup> 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."

<sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>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."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>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.**

## **SERMON**



## HYMN OF THE DAY:

### *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright (ELW 384)*



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

## 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 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

Living God, giver of life,  
hear us as we pray, saying,  
Pour out your blessing, O Lord;  
send us your Spirit of peace.

*As the lector closes each petition:*

Pour out your blessing, O Lord;

*The people respond:*

**Send us your Spirit of peace.**

By the blessing of your Spirit,  
help us to live as we pray  
so that the world may come to know  
the gift of life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## PEACE

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OFFERING

*Please place offering in one of the Bulletin Stand offering plates at the end of worship as you leave the church.*

## OFFERTORY: “*Here is Hope*”

**(Lazarus’ sister Martha’s song from  
R. Gardner’s oratorio *Lamb of God* )**

SOLOIST:           Melissa Dickey  
PIANIST:           Lauren Carlisle  
VIOLIN I:           Loree Cox  
VIOLIN II:         Shelby Cox  
VIOLA:             Clara Cox

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.**

## 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.**

### 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.

## 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.

## COMMUNION HYMN:

### *Peace, to Soothe Our Bitter Woes (ELW 381)*



1 Peace, to soothe our bit - ter woes, God in Christ on us be - stows;  
2 Peace with - in the church still dwells in our wel - comes and fare - wells;



Je - sus bought our peace with God with his ho - ly, pre - cious blood;  
and through God's bap - tis - mal pow'r peace sur - rounds our dy - ing hour.



peace in him for sin - ners found is the gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
Peace be with you, full and free, now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

# BLESSING

This is the ✚ blessing of the Lord:  
life forevermore.  
**Alleluia!**

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



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan



where thy bod - y lay.  
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

# DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Serving in Worship

**TODAY: April 7, 2020**

**Altar:** OPEN

**Reader:** Lisa Guarnieri

**Communion Assistant:**

Stuart Guarnieri

**Fellowship:** OPEN

**NEXT SUNDAY: April 14, 2024**

**Altar:** OPEN

**Reader:** Abby Haff

**Communion Assistant:**

Abby Haff

**Fellowship:** OPEN

## Trinity Happenings:

Sun, Apr 7:	9:00am	Worship Service
	9:00am	Sunday School behind Gruver Room
	10:15am	Fellowship in Gruver Room
<b>Mon, Apr 8:</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b><i>Becoming</i> in Gruver Room</b>
Tue, Apr 9:	7:00pm	Church Council Meeting
<b>Wed, Apr 10:</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Women's Study in Gruver Room</b>
Thu, Apr 11:	11:45am	MUGG Campus Meeting @ Rendezvous Café
<b>Sun, Apr 14:</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	<b>10:15am</b>	<b>Fellowship in Gruver Room</b>
Mon, Apr 15:	9:00am	<i>Becoming</i> in Gruver Room
	5:00pm	TheologyPUB @ Coal Creek Downtown
<b>Wed, Apr 17:</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Women's Study in Gruver Room</b>
	<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>Ministerial Association in Gruver Room</b>
	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Wednesday Supper in Gruver Room</b>
	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Wednesday Worship in Gruver Room</b>
Thu, Apr 18:	11:45am	MUGG Campus Meeting @ Rendezvous Café
<b>Sun, Apr 21:</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Worship Service w/ Band</b>
	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Sunday School behind Gruver Room</b>
	<b>10:15am</b>	<b>Fellowship in Gruver Rm</b>
	<b>10:20am</b>	<b>Anniversary Planning behind Gruver Room</b>

# Sign Up In the Gruver Room

*EASY Communion directions (alongside some Altar Guild humor!) are posted on the Sacristy cabinet doors. Traditionally, volunteers check a key out from Lisa in the Office to serve for a month. Can't quite manage that much time? Talk to Lisa about subbing for you!*

## Altar guild

**The Altar needs to be prepared EVERY SUNDAY!**



**EVERY SUNDAY**  
Trinity needs  
someone to put  
out treats,  
make a second  
pot of coffee,  
and tidy up.

**We need a Reader and  
a Communion Assistant  
EVERY SINGLE SUNDAY!**

## Worship service

**"LET THEM BRING ME TO YOUR HOLY HILL AND TO YOUR DWELLING.  
...I WILL GO TO THE ALTAR OF GOD, TO GOD MY EXCEEDING JOY."**

**QUESTIONS ABOUT GIVING?** If you ever have any questions about your financial gifts to Trinity, please contact Trinity's financial secretary, Alison Shaver, at [alebada@uwyo.edu](mailto:alebada@uwyo.edu). If you need an up-to-date statement of giving, please contact the church office.

**2024 Year-To-Date as of February 29**

**Income - \$34,966.27**

**Expenses - \$34,336.85**



**TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

107 South 7th ✝ Laramie, WY 82070 ✝ [www.telclaramie.com](http://www.telclaramie.com)

**Office:** (307) 745-4222 ✝ [telcofficermanager@gmail.com](mailto:telcofficermanager@gmail.com)

**Pastor Nate:** (307) 231-5371 ✝ [pastornate3421@gmail.com](mailto:pastornate3421@gmail.com)

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE OR NEED A VISIT FROM PASTOR NATE PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL!**

*Congregation President* ..... **Adam Huck**  
*Pastor* ..... **Pastor Nathan Keith**  
*Accompanist* ..... **Soyeon Kang**  
*Financial Secretary* ..... **Alison Lebeda**  
*Financial Director* ..... **Linda Lebeda**  
*In the Office* ..... **Lisa Guarnieri**