

Trinity Lutheran Church

*“As the Father has sent me,
so I send you.”*



April 12, 2026
2nd Easter

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN:

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (ELW 367)

= 150



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
set heart and will on things a - bove that we
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity,
✠ one God,
who comes through locked doors,
who breathes peace into fearful hearts,
and who meets us even in our doubt. **Amen.**

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

**Gracious Lord,
we confess that we live behind locked doors—
doors of fear,
doors of shame,
doors we build to protect ourselves from others and from you.**

**Like your disciples, we are afraid—
afraid of what others may think,
afraid of what faith might ask of us,
afraid to trust in your resurrection power.**

**We confess that we do not always recognize you among us.
We look for certainty instead of trusting your presence.
We demand proof instead of receiving your peace.**

**Like Thomas, we doubt.
We question your promises.
We struggle to believe without seeing.
And yet, unlike Thomas, we sometimes fail to return,
fail to gather with your people,
fail to open ourselves to your presence.**

Jesus came and stood among them and said,

"Peace be with you."

Beloved in Christ,
the peace of the risen Lord is for you.

Even behind locked doors, Christ comes.
Even in fear, Christ speaks peace.
Even in doubt, Christ offers his wounds in love.

By his death and resurrection,
your sins are forgiven.
By his breath, you are made new.
By his Spirit, you are sent.

CONFESSIONAL HYMN:

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright (ELW 384)

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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!

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.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ²² “Fellow 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 ²³ this 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. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power.

²⁵ For 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;
²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.
²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
²⁸ You 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. ³⁰ Since 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.

³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

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

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

PSALM: Psalm 16

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

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed 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 ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so 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. ⁸ Although 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, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, 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 that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue 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:

Now the Green Blade Rises (ELW 379)

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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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God,
the creator of heaven and earth,
the source of life and love.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
who showed us the heart of God,
who lived among us in humility,
who was crucified and raised,
and who calls us into new life.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who breathes life into the church,
who gathers us in grace,
and who sends us into the world
to love our neighbors and seek justice.

We trust in God's promise:
that love is stronger than death
and mercy will have the final word. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Alive in the risen Christ,
who comes to us through locked doors and speaks peace,
we lift our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

As the reader closes each petition:

God of mercy,

The people respond:

hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O God,
we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy;
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

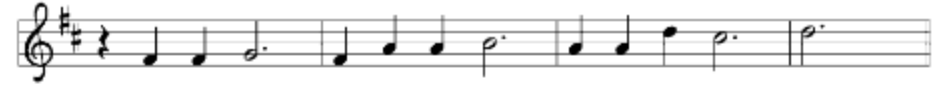
The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. The intention of this greeting is that we are enacting today's gospel, receiving from one another the peace that Christ gave to the disciples. We fill the sanctuary with the life of the Holy Spirit, breathing to one another the meaning of Christ's death and resurrection.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY: *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done* (ELW 366)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

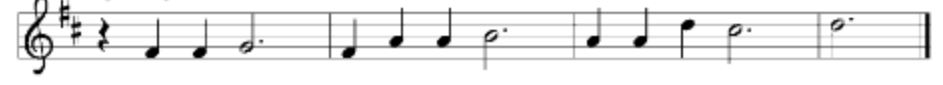


1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
4 Christ closed the yaw - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.**

COMMUNION

All are welcome to join in the gift of Holy Communion.

White grape juice is available and all altar bread is gluten-free.

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.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our lord and savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His 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.

BENEDICTION

Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent Christ, so Christ now sends you.

Go into the world—
not without doubt, but with faith,
not without fear, but with peace,
not alone, but with the Spirit.

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

SENDING HYMN:

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives! (ELW 380)

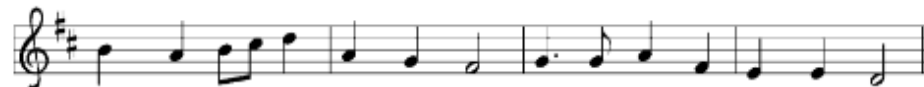
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1 Hal-le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn - ful sigh?
3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;
4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran - somed of the earth.
5 Hal-le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.



from the gloom - y halls of death Christ, the con - quer - or, has gone,
Christ who died our broth - er here lives our broth - er still on high,
joined to Christ, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too;
Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n - ly birth.
Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless - ings on his church be - low.
with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic - tor you shall stand.
Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.
Glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!

DISMISSAL

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

Serving in Worship

TODAY — Apr 12, 2026

Altar Month: Conyers Family

Livestream: Paul Kunkel

Welcome: OPEN

Reader: Eric Nye

Assistant: Eric Nye

Fellowship: Lisa & Stuart Guarneri

NEXT SUNDAY — Apr 19, 2026

Altar Month: Conyers Family

Livestream: OPEN

Welcome: OPEN

Reader: Thom Edgar

Assistant: Thom Edgar

Fellowship: OPEN

Trinity is seeking volunteers to serve in a ministry of welcome. The way we greet one another—especially those visiting for the first time—shapes how people experience Christ among us. Jesus reminds us, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Matthew 25:35), and through this ministry we live out that calling while forming relationships within our community.

You're invited to sign up in the Gruver Room and join in welcoming others in Christ's name.



Sunflower Day School is in their third year at Trinity Lutheran Church and the classroom is thriving! With children ranging from two years to five years, Miss Rachel loves the dynamic of her classroom and the friendships her families are cultivating and nurturing. With her littles learning their ABCs, counting, shapes, and more; her older children are reading, writing, solving great math equations, and so very much more! Our highlight of the week is always on Wednesdays when we get to see the "ladies" after their Bible study! We cherish all our time at Trinity and are so grateful for Pastor Nate, Miss Lisa, and the entire Trinity Family!

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Contact Cards available in your pew!

Trinity Happenings:

Sun, Apr 12:	9:00am 9:00am 10:15am 10:30am	Worship Service Sunday School in Downstairs Youth Rm Fellowship in Gruver Rm Does the Bible say... ...homosexuality is an abomination?
Mon, Apr 13:	9:00am	Becoming
Tue, Apr 14:	6:00pm	Church Council in Gruver Rm
Wed, Apr 14:	10:00am 11:30am	Women's Study in Gruver Rm Campus Cabinet Hours til 1:30pm
Thu, Apr 16:	11:30am	MUGG Campus Lunchtime
Sun, Apr 19:	9:00am 10:15am 10:30am	Worship Service w/ the Band Fellowship in Gruver Rm Confirmation Class