

Trinity Lutheran Church



April 19, 2026
3rd Easter

PRELUDE: *Easter Hallelujah* (K. Moony/L. Cohan)

WELCOME

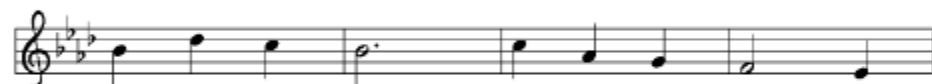
GATHERING HYMN: *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!* (ELW 377)



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent;
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing; O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Friends in Christ,
the risen Jesus walks with you—even when your eyes are weary,
even when your hearts are heavy,
even when you do not recognize God.

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

Gracious Lord,

**we confess that sometimes we are so absorbed
in our own conversations and concerns
that we fail to notice you walking beside us.**

We walk on,

**focused on our doubts, fears, and unanswered questions,
and we forget to pause and create the silent spaces
which would allow you to speak with us and enlighten our journeying.**

Forgive us for the times we have walked past you without recognition.

Stay with us, Lord,

**and open our hearts to your guidance and grace,
that we may see you in the ordinary and the sacred,
in the breaking of bread and in the love we share with others.**

On our road of doubt and sorrow

Jesus draws near

and in the brokenness of bread

God is revealed.

Through that brokenness, life breaks forth.

No longer hidden, but freed and given.

May our eyes no longer be closed to Your grace,
but opened so that Your life is revealed and shared.

Amen.

GREETING

May 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

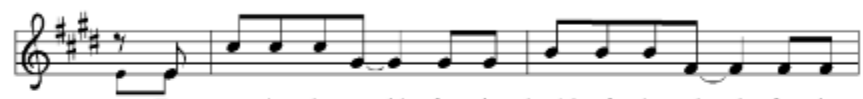
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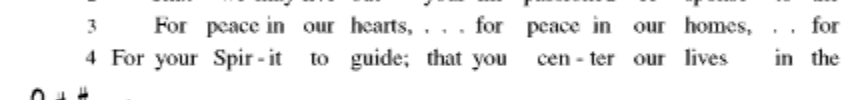
Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



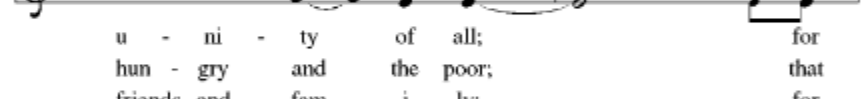
Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



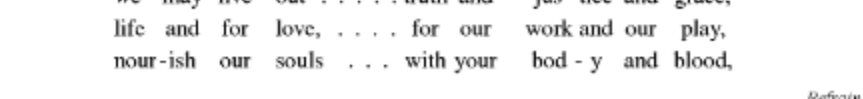
u-ni-ty of all; for
 hun-gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam-i-ly; for
 wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
 life and for love, for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,



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let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

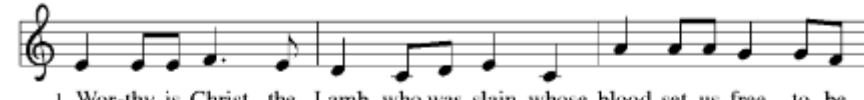
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Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.



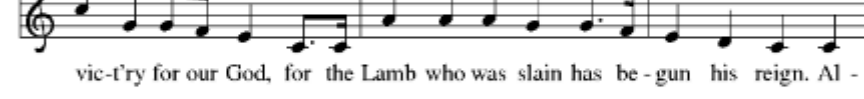
1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



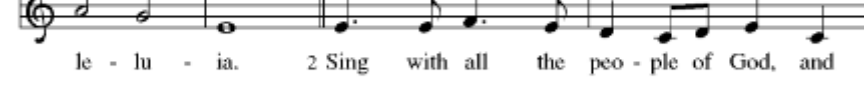
peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and



Refrain
 hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of



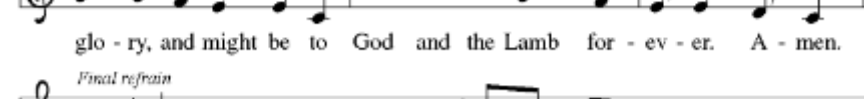
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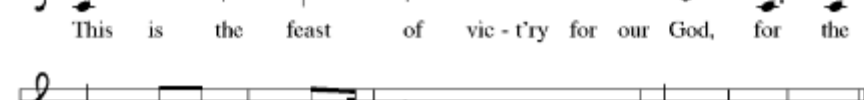
le-lu-ia. 2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and



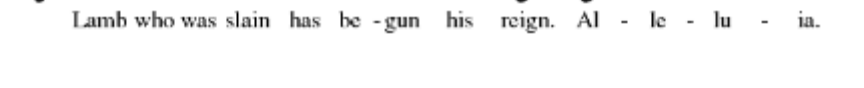
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,



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



Final refrain
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together.

O God,

**Jesus, our risen Lord, was made known to all the disciples
in the breaking of the bread.**

Open the eyes of our hearts

that we may recognize his presence,

and with his disciples cry, “The Lord has risen, indeed!”

**Through Christ, who lives and reigns with you
in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ³⁶ “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?”

³⁸ Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

¹ I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,
and listened to my supplication,

² **for the LORD has given ear to me
whenever I called.**

³ The cords of death entangled me;
the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴ **Then I called upon the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

¹² How shall I repay the LORD
for all the good things God has done for me?

¹³ **I will lift the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.**

¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God’s people.

¹⁵ **Precious in your sight, O LORD,
is the death of your servants.**

¹⁶ O LORD, truly I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁷ **I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the LORD.**

¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all God’s people,

¹⁹ **in the courts of the LORD’s house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23

¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person’s work, live in fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

¹³ Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?”

They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?”

¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?”

They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.”

²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?”

³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Day of Arising* (ELW 374)



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 INTERCESSION



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation. Bless the fields that are being prepared for planting, and send favorable weather so that the soil may yield an abundant harvest.

Living Savior, just as you journeyed with the disciples to Emmaus, accompany us on our journey of faith. Teach us your paths as we pray for this congregation. Gather us at your table, that we recognize you in the breaking of the bread.

Healing Savior, your resurrection brings hope to a hurting world. Heal those who are sick, strengthen the weary, give courage to the despairing, and comfort the dying. Unite us in genuine love as we care for one another.

God of resurrection power, enable all who gather here to be nourished and renewed. Form us as a community where sorrow and joy can both be shared. Use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

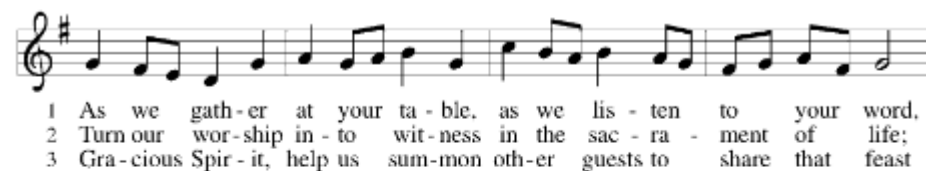
The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

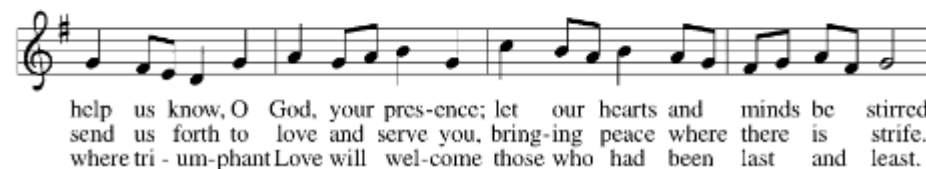
OFFERING

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

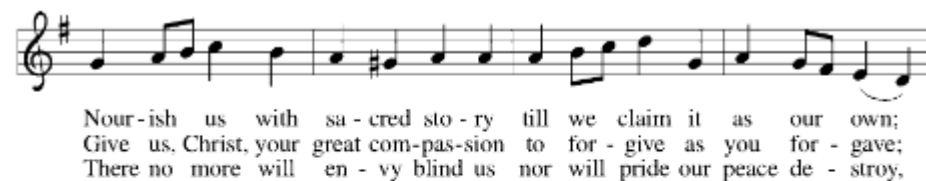
OFFERTORY: *As We Gather at Your Table* (ELW 522)



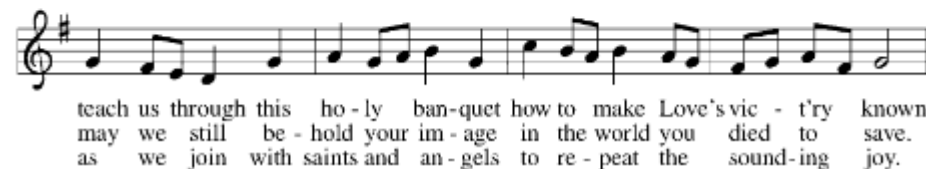
1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;
There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.
may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Almighty God,

**by your grace, accept the fruit of our labor
and the offering of our lives.**

Let us be a sacrifice of thanksgiving

in union with our risen Lord,

who lives and reigns with you forever.. 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 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 do not let us fall 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.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION SONGS:

On the Journey to Emmaus (M. Haugen)

Here Is Bread (ELW 483)

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.

Holy One,

through this meal you have made your home among us

and are making all things new.

Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,

to love our enemies,

and to bring your healing to your world.

In the name of Jesus, Amen.

BLESSING

Now may the grace of ✙ Jesus Christ our risen Lord,

the love of God who raised him from the dead,

and the power of the Holy Spirit who fills the world with new life

bless and keep you.

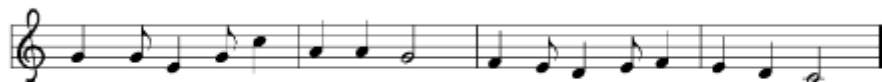
Amen.

SENDING HYMN:

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (ELW 674)



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Refrain
Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: *Awesome God* (R. Mullens)

Serving in Worship

NEXT SUNDAY — Apr 19, 2026

Altar Month: Conyers Family
Livestream: Larry Oolman

Welcome: OPEN

Reader: Thom Edgar

Assistant: Thom Edgar

Fellowship: Denise & Martin Greller

NEXT SUNDAY — Apr 26, 2026

Altar Month: Conyers Family
Livestream: Paul Kunkel

Welcome: OPEN

Reader: OPEN

Assistant: OPEN

Fellowship: OPEN



Trinity Happenings:

Sun, Apr 19:

9:00am
10:15am
10:30am

Worship Service w/ the Band
Fellowship in Gruver Rm
Confirmation Class

Mon, Apr 20:

9:00am

Becoming in Gruver Rm

Tue, Apr 21:

5:30pm

NO TheologyPub

Wed, Apr 22:

10:00am
11:30am

Women's Study in Gruver Rm
Campus Cabinet Hours til 1:30pm



Thu, Apr 23:

11:30am

NO MUGG Campus Lunchtime



Sun, Apr 26:

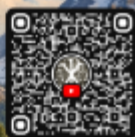
9:00am
9:00am
10:15am

Resurrection Drama Worship Service
Sunday School in Downstairs Youth Rm
Fellowship in Gruver Rm

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Contact Cards available in your pew!

You Belong



Welcome to
TRINITY LUTHERAN



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!