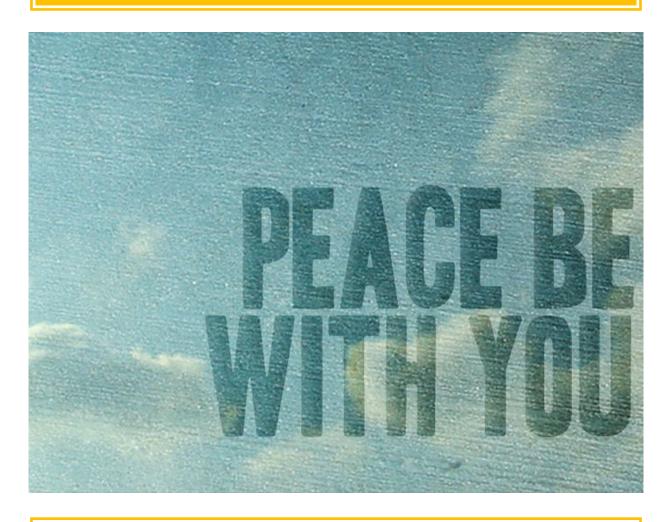
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



Sunday, April 15, 2018 Third Sunday of Easter PRELUDE: Behold What Manner of Love (Patricia Van Tine)

WELCOME

LITANY

Look, the stone is rolled away!

The blood-stained cloth has been set aside!

The tomb is filled with light!

The cross stands empty against the sky!

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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GATHERING HYMN: Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing (ELW 389)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The One who calls us to repent, hears us. In trust that our Creator knows us through and through, let us open our hearts to the healing of God's forgiveness.

Good and gracious God,

we are creatures of dust, ignorant of your revelation, misunderstanding your life, death, and resurrection among us, needing forgiveness. We repent of our failure to give as you have given to us. We beg your mercy for our fallen world. We seek your Word, that we may live with the faith of Jesus. Be our solace in this life and always. We ask this as your own children, holy and incomplete. Forgive us and lead us.

Amen.

In the name of God, the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, your plea for absolution has been heard. God's promises are sure: your sins are forgiven.

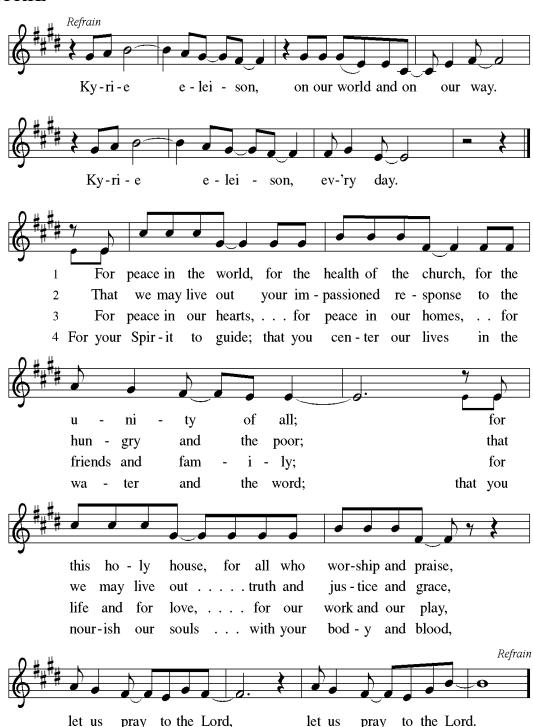
Thanks be to God.

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



CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray together.

Almighty God, your power makes the lame walk and the dead rise to new life. We give you thanks for the love poured into our world through Christ Jesus, who opened our minds to understand what you have made, whose appearance among his followers brings peace, and who creates faith through touch and taste. Show us Jesus, even now, through the mystery of your threefold presence, one God, abiding now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

A reading from Acts.

¹²Peter 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. 18 In 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."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 4

The psalm for the day is spoken responsively.

Answer 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 dishon- | or 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 up- on 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.

You 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 READING: 1 John 3:1-7

A reading from 1 John.

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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

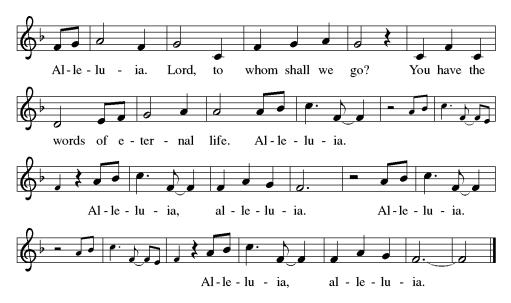
⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

^{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.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

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

NICENE CREED

The assembly stands to proclaim the Nicene 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

Reioicing 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, we pray for the church and its many expressions. Strengthen the National Youth Gathering planning team. Prepare the hearts and minds of the youth and adults who will experience your love this summer. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Creating God, you gave us dominion over every living creature. Grant us wisdom to use our power to develop sustainable farming and housing practices. Slow down our rush to consume. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Merciful God, walk with all refugees who leave their homes to move to safety. Protect them on their journey. Greet them with hospitality. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Compassionate God, you heal us. For all who have not been granted the healing they desire and for all who cannot access the care they need, send social workers, doctors, parish nurses, and other caregivers. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God our provider, you call us to give generously. Bless the finance and stewardship teams of this congregation. Make us joyful givers of the time, talents, and treasures you have first given us. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of our ancestors, in you we have our beginning and our end. We remember all the faithful departed. Enfold in a shield of peace all those who mourn. Hold them in your love. 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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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 your offerings provide towards the church's mission.

OFFERING: Agnus Dei (Michael W. Smith)

OFFERTORY HYMN: Come to the Table (ELW 481)

The assembly stands and sings the offertory hymn as the gifts are brought forward.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

Lord God, we offer to you only a portion of what you have given us. All that we have is from your creative hand. All that we can give away we do through Jesus' love. All our renewal comes from the Holy Spirit's wisdom. Deal graciously with these gifts so that others may have joy in Jesus' name.

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;

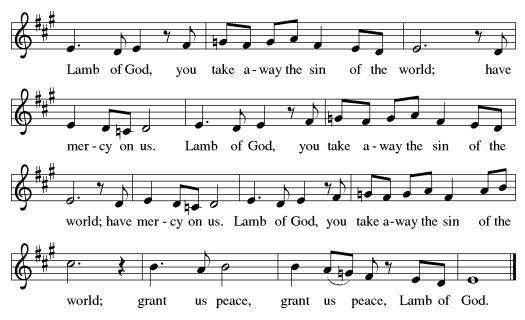
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation,

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. During distribution, 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: *Hallelujah* (Leonard Cohen)

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 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.

BLESSING

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

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (ELW 674)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Step By Step* (David Strasser)

Readings for Next Sunday, April 22, 2018—Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

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Serving the Church

THIS WEEK — April 15, 2018

NEXT WEEK — April 22, 2018

Lector: Laura Buckner **Lector:** Terri Rittenburg

Communion Communion

Assistant: OPEN Assistant: OPEN

Ushers: Lindsay and Lily Conyers **Ushers:** Trey and Jason Sherwood

Greeters: Sharon Leder Greeters: Barb Rouse

Iris Brunett Georgia Mitchell

Nursery: Kate Jablin Nursery: MacKenzie Muhsman

Stewards: Diahann Jablin **Stewards:** Diahann Jablin

Altar Guild: Judi Weatherwax Altar Guild: Judi Weatherwax

Fellowship: OPEN Fellowship: OPEN

Flowers: Doris Eyestone family in Flowers: OPEN

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