



Lutheran Church & Christian School



2nd Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023

Redeemed, Restored, & Rejoicing in Jesus!

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AS WE GATHER

We live in a time when banks fail, stocks plummet, missiles are fired and shooters shoot. Our own lives demonstrate our inability to control the things that matter most; bodies age, relationships wax and wane, disappointment and uncertainty are normal. But the resurrection of Jesus Christ changes the trajectory of our lives! Peter, one of the first witnesses to Jesus' resurrection, speaks to us of the dramatic difference the empty tomb makes for you and me. He uses three words to describe the incredible difference Easter makes in our lives: *imperishable, undefiled and unfading!* Rejoice this day to discover, celebrate, and 'try on' Jesus' lasting, certain and beautiful resurrection joy in your life. Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

PRELUDE

MIGHTY TO SAVE (*Words & Music by Reuben Morgan and Ben Fisher © 2006 Hillsong Publishing*)

1. Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing; let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Saviour; the hope of nations.

*Chorus: Saviour, He can move the mountains; my God is mighty to save,
He is mighty to save.
Forever, Author of salvation, He rose and conquered the grave;
Jesus conquered the grave*

2. So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures, and fill my life again.
I give my life to follow, everything I believe in, now I surrender. (*Chorus*)

*Bridge: Shine your light and – let the whole world sing ... see we're singing
For the glory – of the risen King – Jesus.
Shine your light and – let the whole world sing ... see we're singing
For the glory – of the risen King! (Chorus and repeat)*

THE BELLS CALL GOD'S PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

EASTER GREETING

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

LSB 469: 1-3, 6

For this and all subsequent hymns, please see PowerPoint slides or hymnal.

BAPTISM OF GREGORY NICOLAUS WILKS

As every baptism is an opportunity for each of God’s people to recount their own, the congregation is invited to turn to pages 268-271 and rejoice to join with Greg as he acknowledges his faith.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Almighty God, on Easter evening Your Son sent His disciples out with the resurrection news of repentance and forgiveness of sins.

Congregation: Strengthen us by Your Holy Spirit that we may be witnesses to His resurrection within our society and among our family and friends;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE AND BLESSING

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Acts 5:29-42 (Peter and the apostles make the good confession.)*

NOTE: *During the Easter season, the Old Testament readings are replaced with readings from the book of Acts, to display the ongoing effects of the resurrection in the life of the world.*

²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging Him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted Him at His right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him.”

³³ When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴ But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵ And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶ For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷ After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸ So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹ but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!” So they took his advice, ⁴⁰ and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹ Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴² And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING *1 Peter 1:3-9 (Born again to a living hope.)*

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. Though you do not now see Him, you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE

LSB, p. 205



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The musical score is written on four staves. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The first staff contains the Alleluia chorus. The second staff contains the beginning of the verse. The third staff contains the middle of the verse. The fourth staff contains the end of the Alleluia chorus. The lyrics are written below the notes.

READING OF THE EASTER GOSPEL John 20:19-31 (*Jesus appears to the disciples.*)

Pastor: The Gospel, according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

Congregation: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you." ²² And 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 withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, 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 in His hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into His side, I will never believe."

²⁶ Eight days later, His disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, 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; and put out your hand, and place it in My side. Do not disbelieve, 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 believed.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “This Joyful Eastertide”

LSB 482

SERMON “Imperishable, Undefined, Unfading.”

Pastor Tim Knapp

Notes:

HYMN OF RESPONSE “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

LSB 575

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, we live in a world of darkness where many are plagued by shame, abuse, neglect, and hatred. Shine Your light into the dark corners of our hearts that we always walk in fellowship with You. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, we live in a world of death where threats of war, terrorism, disease, and disasters constantly abound. But You are the God of life. In the midst of all this death, bring the hope and comfort of Christ's resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, there are many who do not know the joy of Your light and life and many who refuse to believe the power of Your resurrection unless they can see or experience something profound. Lead them to confess alongside Thomas, "My Lord and my God!" Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord, send healing and care to all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*]. Strengthen them with Your healing hand, and bring them the joy of fellowship we have in the communion of saints. Lord, in Your mercy,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

Additional petitions and praises are offered.

Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

We share the peace of the Lord with those around us.

OFFERING

For those desiring to leave an offering, an offering plate will be placed in the rear of the sanctuary. You may leave your offering as you depart this morning's worship.

OFFERTORY “I Will Rise” (Words & Music by Louie Giglio, Christ Tomlin, Matt Maher & Jesse Reeves © 2008 Vamos Publishing | worshiptogether.com songs | sixsteps Music | Thankyou Music | spiritandson.com)

1. Solo

*Pre-Chorus: Jesus has overcome, and the grave is over-whelmed.
The vic-to-ry is won. He is risen from the dead.*

*Chorus: I will rise when He calls my name; no more sorrow no more pain.
I will rise on eagle’s wings, before my God, fall on my knees, and rise,
I will rise.*

2. There’s a day that’s drawing near when this darkness breaks to light.
And the shadows disappear, and my faith shall be my eyes.
(Pre & Chorus)

*Bridge: And I will hear the voice of many angels sing worthy is the Lamb.
And I hear the cry of ev’ry longing heart worthy is the Lamb.
(Repeat)*

Worthy is the Lamb. (Chorus & repeat)

I will rise. I will rise.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

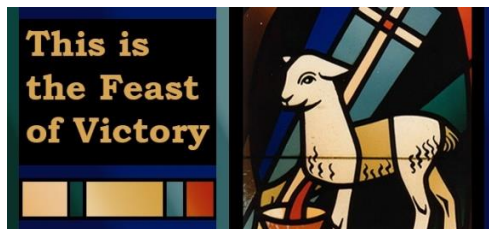
Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*

Congregation: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

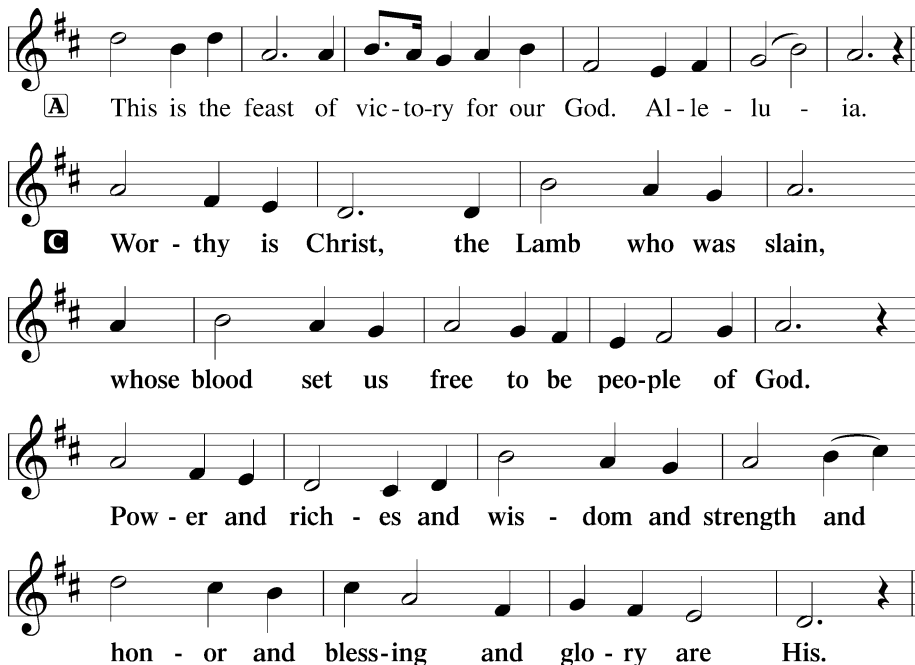
PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. Most especially are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with the women at the tomb, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



THIS IS THE FEAST

LSB p. 171



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

C 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.

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

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;
1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

Congregation: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. *Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9–13)

Please see PowerPoint or back of the hymnal.

PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

LSB 550

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

For those desiring to receive the LORD'S SUPPER today, please refer to the laminated card in the pew racks. Those not receiving Communion are still invited to come forward for a blessing. At the Communion rail, simply bow your head to receive a blessing.

At the time of Communion, please follow the direction of the ushers. For those receiving the individual cups, a non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center of each tray. Following the passing of the individual cups, the common cup is offered for those who wish to commune in that manner.

All who are communing are encouraged to review the Sacrament of the Altar on pp. 326-327, and the Questions on pp. 329-330, in the front of the hymnal. Once again, we thank God for all who worship here today.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"O Sons and Daughters of the King"

LSB 470

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, in the Meal, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage, that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Congregation: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “The Day of Resurrection” *LSB 478, St. 1-2, 4*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING “The Lord, My God, Be Praised” *LSB 794, St. 1*

♪ The Lord, my God, be praised, my light, my life from heaven;
My maker, who to me has soul and body given;
My Father, who will shield and keep me day by day
And make each moment yield new blessings on my way. Amen! ♪

DISMISSAL & POSTLUDE

Pastor: Redeemed and restored,
Congregation: We are rejoicing in Jesus.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

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Trinity Calendar for April 16—April 23, 2023

Sunday	9:00 am	Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Sunday Worship w/ Holy Communion
Monday		
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Men's Wings Bible Study: <i>"Gospel of John"</i>
Wednesday	8:45 am	TCS Chapel
	5:30 pm	Congregational Convocation w/ Dinner
Thursday	10:00 am	Bible Study: <i>"Book of Matthew"</i>
Friday		
Saturday	8:00 am	Men of Christ Bible Study: <i>"The Truth Project"</i>
Sunday	9:00 am	Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion

ATTENDANCE 4-9-23: Sunrise: 34; Easter Worship: 117

Families of the week: *The Stack, the Stanley and the Stewart families*

Birthdays:

- 18 April—Susan Abert
- 19 April—Brett Martel

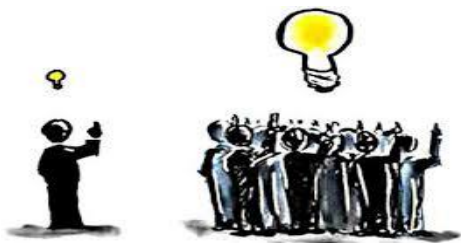
Anniversaries:

- 16 April—Tim & Sarah Dresser



The flowers this morning are given to
The glory of God.

After much thought and prayer, as you have probably heard, I will be stepping down from the Administrative Assistant position as of June 9th. I have truly been blessed and have appreciated the chance to learn so much in this job. However, for personal reasons, I am now choosing to end my time of service in this capacity for Trinity. I have truly felt loved and appreciated in this job and I thank you all for being so kind and generous to me. It is with a heavy heart that I leave this position. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your love and caring.



CONGREGATIONAL CONVOCATION

Let us join together for food and fellowship to discuss Congregational Ministry and Care. The meeting will be led by Pastor Harkey and Head Elder Rich Randall. Come share your ideas

about what Trinity is doing well and what we can improve.

When: Wed April 19 @ 5:30 for dinner and directly following, a Scripturally led "Meeting of the Minds" ☺



We have expended our Capital Improvement Funds. We are in need of replenishing the bucket. We need the funds to complete

the new Network project. And in light of the continued violence against schools and businesses in the past few months especially, we also **NEED** to make improvements to our Safety and Security Systems. This is a critical need. If you feel led to contribute to the upgrading and continuation of these projects, please place your contributions in one of the small manila envelopes on the Narthex Table labeled "Capital Improvements" and place it in the offering plate or give it to Larry Miller or Miriam Harkey. Thank you for all your prayers, concern and care. You are much appreciated and a vital part to the ongoing Ministry here at Trinity. Thank you so much.



Pregnancy Resource Center
of the Monadnock Region

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Monadnock Region**

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*A Life affirming ministry that shares the love and truth of Jesus Christ with
our community offering free pregnancy related resources with compassion and respect.*

* With the growing numbers of clients coming we are in need of volunteers. Our hours are Monday –Thursday, 11:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*Our ultrasounds are now expanded to three days a week (Monday, Tuesdays and Thursdays).

*The PRC has been invited to the Monadnock Region Community Health Fair being held at the Best Western on Saturday, April 20, 2023, 11:00 am thru 7:00 pm. Come visit us at our booth and meet some of our volunteers and staff. *Please pray for our medical director candidates.

*We thank you all for your continued prayers and support.



Project items to be taken to the LWML Convention in June in Milwaukee for MOST Ministries and Phil's Friends:

- We will be collecting gently used eyeglasses to be paired up with the eyeglass cases we made. Collection box on LWML Table in the Narthex
- The witness puppets and bracelets that have already been made.
- Any sewing projects you took home to finish up from the last work day.
- Fleece blankets: Please consider donating fleece (2 yard pieces; 2 pieces needed per blanket) and consider coming to the next 2 LWML work days, May 13 and June 10 at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall to tie the blankets. No experience or expertise needed. Good times of fellowship and friendship.
- Mites will be sent off to District first week of June. Remember to bring yours in.
- Thank you to everyone who has helped and contributed up to now.

Trinity Christian School News

Hannaford Helps Schools! NOW THROUGH MAY 27, 2023

Do you shop at Hannaford? If so, please consider donating your Hannaford School Dollars to support Trinity Christian School! New this year is a downloadable App and an online Redemption Hub in addition to the School Dollars Tower you are used to seeing in the store, which makes it so much easier to donate. Flyers on the Narthex back table.



Trinity Christian School PTFA will be hosting a 5K run on June 3. To view the details and support the cause individually or corporately, there are copies on the Narthex Table. See Miriam if you need

more. Thank you from the PTFA for considering supporting this cause, which helps to fund many purchases and events for the school, the teachers and the students.

