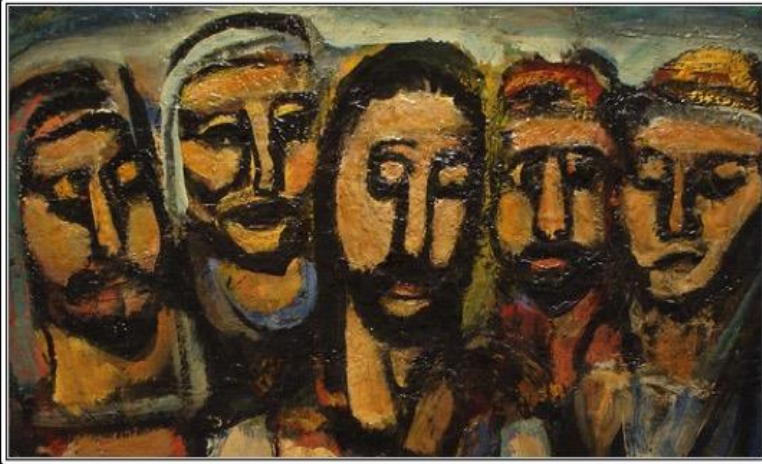




Lutheran Church & Christian School



“OF ONE HEART AND SOUL”

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

Redeemed, Restored, & Rejoicing in Jesus!

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Mission Statement

[Who We Are]

Leading with the Gospel, we at Trinity Lutheran Church and School strive to:

**HUMBLY AND KNOWINGLY FOLLOW JESUS,
SEEKING JOY THROUGH HIM IN WORSHIP,
TEACHING, AND PRAYER.**



Vision Statement

[Who We Endeavor to Be]

Leading with the Gospel, we at Trinity Lutheran Church and School endeavor to:

**LIVE [up] BY FAITH, BE KNOWN [out] BY
CHRIST'S LOVE, and REJOICE [in] HIS
FORGIVENESS.**

"Redeemed and restored, we are rejoicing in Jesus!"

AS WE GATHER

During the next few Sundays of Easter, we come to rejoice in the lasting effects of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. One of those effects is the fellowship we share as the Body of Christ. Yes, pray for the peace and blessing of those who share in Jesus' name. At every opportunity greet your sisters and brothers as the "no mere mortals" (C.S. Lewis) they are, those for whom Christ died and rose again. Where, in his first letter, John brings us to a deeper appreciation for fellowship in Christ's name. Rejoice in this, and the true character of Christian love, faith and good works. Founded on Christ, our life together is ever expanding to bring others in. He is risen, indeed!

PRELUDE

PRESERVICE MUSIC "Christ Is Risen" (Words & Music by Matt Maher & Mia Fieldes © 2009 spiritandsong.com | Thankyou Music | Be Essential Songs | Tempo Music)

♪ *Christ is risen from the dead, trampling over death by death;
Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave.
Christ is risen from the dead; we are one with Him again.
Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave.* ♪

THE BELLS CALL GOD'S PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

✠ PREPARATION ✠

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠ the love of God the Father,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be and abide with you all.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: The Lord is risen!

Congregation: The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND GOD'S WORD OF FORGIVENESS *1 John 1:6–10*

Pastor: St. John writes that if we say we have fellowship with the Father while we walk in darkness,

Congregation: we lie and do not practice the truth.

Pastor: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,

Congregation: and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Pastor: Furthermore, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Congregation: But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Most merciful God,

Congregation: We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son Jesus Christ to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Therefore, as a fellow-redeemed with you in Jesus, and as His called and ordained servant in this place, I rejoice to proclaim His Good News: your sins are forgiven you, in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Congregation: Amen.

✂ WORD ✂

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Pastor: The stone has been rolled away! Alleluia!

Congregation: The crucified One is risen! Alleluia!

Pastor: He has conquered death by the cross!

Congregation: He has come out of the tomb!

Pastor: Easter proves it: His every word and His every deed are absolute truth.

Congregation: Every promise He has made He will fulfill.

Pastor: He will restore His broken people.

Congregation: He will raise us and make us whole again.

Pastor: For Christ is risen!

Congregation: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

OPENING HYMN "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

LSB 469

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Almighty God, You have forged an eternal fellowship with Your people by way of the Cross and the empty Tomb. Grant that we who now celebrate that life with You by grace through faith in Your Son, may seek to confess with our lips and our lives our love for each other; even as You dwell together in unity with Your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

FIRST READING*Acts 4:32–35* (The Word of the Lord grows.)

[Note that during the Easter season, the Old Testament reading is replaced with readings from the book of Acts. This demonstrates the ongoing growth and power of the blessed hope of Jesus' resurrection from the dead – the very heart of the Gospel!]

³² Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³ And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵ and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 John 1:1–2:14* (Fellowship with God the Father and with one another.)

¹ That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ² the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³ that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

² 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. ² He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

³ And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. ⁴ Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, ⁵ but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: ⁶ whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

⁷ Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard. ⁸ At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. ⁹ Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. ¹⁰ Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. ¹¹ But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

¹² I am writing to you, little children,
because your sins are forgiven for his name's sake.

¹³ I am writing to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.

I am writing to you, young men,
because you have overcome the evil one.

I write to you, children,
because you know the Father.

¹⁴ I write to you, fathers,
because you know him who is from the beginning.

I write to you, young men,
because you are strong,
and the word of God abides in you,
and you have overcome the evil one.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB, p. 173

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 20:24–31* (Jesus appears to a troubled Thomas.)

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

Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with [the disciples] 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.

APOSTLES' CREED *(Please see PowerPoint or back of hymnal.)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND BLESSING

HYMN OF THE DAY “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

LSB 649

SERMON *“Our Fellowship in Christ”*

Notes:

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, **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, **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, **HEAR OUR PRAYER.**

Special petitions and praises are now offered.

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

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY “We Are Called to Stand Together” *LSB 828, St. 1, 3, 5*

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.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

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 sacrificial Lamb, who was offered 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*

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.**

AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God)

LSB 962

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

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

LSB 633

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 “Resurrection Hymn (See What a Morning)” *(Words & Music by Stuart Townend & Keith Getty © 2003 Thankyou Music)*

See, what a morning, gloriously bright, with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light, as the angels announce Christ is risen!
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping, “Where is He laid?” as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name; it's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years, speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
Will sound till He appears, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days, through the Spirit who clothes faith with
certainty,
Honour and blessing, glory and praise to the King crowned with pow'r and authority!
And we are raised with Him, death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered;
And we shall reign with Him, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

DISMISSAL & POSTLUDE

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

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The altar flowers today
Are given by John Hartman
In memory of Jack Hartman

Trinity Calendar for Apr 7-Apr 14, 2023

Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service w/Holy Communion
Monday	6:00 am	Community Breakfast Cooking
	6:30 pm	<i>Executive Team Meeting</i>
Tuesday	5:00 pm	Men's Wings Bible Study: Movie presentation: "Break Every Chain"
Wednesday	8:45 am	TCS Chapel
Thursday	10:00 am	Bible Study: "Character Studies in the Old Testament"
Friday		
Saturday	8:00 am	Men of Christ Bible Study: Men of Christ Bible Study: "The Chosen: Bible Roundtable"
	9-11:00 am	LWML Mission Projects Work Day
Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion

ATTENDANCE 3-31: 174 (25 + 149)

Families of the week: *The Denzler, Derjue and Dodson families*

Birthdays:

- 7 Apr—Cameron Brown
- 8-Apr—Arlene Tompson
- 9 Apr—Tommy Randall
- 9 Apr—Megan Geer

Anniversaries:

- 13 Apr—Bob and Marlene Dabrowski
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Cindy Cote and the family of Katy Traquair would like to share this announcement with the congregation:

My sisters and I would like to thank everyone for their kind words, prayers, cards, and cookies following the loss of our mother. I have shared all the cards I received with both my sisters. The outpouring of support has helped us so much during this time. I would also like to thank all those who sent cards to my mom in the past few months. She would share them with us each time we visited and had them on display in her apartment. It meant a lot to her that so many were thinking of her. Thank you and may the Lord bless you as you have blessed us.

Cindy Cote

-Also:-

An Announcement from Ben and Scarlett Tino:

Scarlett and I would like to thank the ladies of Trinity Lutheran for inviting us to be the guest speakers to their morning breakfast on Saturday, March 9th. We greatly appreciated this invitation. We first enjoyed a hearty breakfast spread put on by the men's group, then we talked about how God is using us to share His love in Guatemala. We look forward to another visit in August where we will be joining you all on a Sunday morning.

God's blessings,
Ben, Scarlett, and Jaakko

We Were Born to Serve

Service to others is a great way to show the love of Christ. Occasionally someone would like to come to church but needs a ride on a one-time or regular basis. If you would be willing to provide this service for a fellow parishioner, it would be such a blessing to that person. Please inform Mitch in the Church Office if you feel called to help in this way. Currently looking for someone who lives in the central/west Keene area. Must be a woman or couple.



TLC will be hosting a blood drive on Friday, April 26, from 9-1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Details are posted in the Narthex below the Red Cross banner, or you can speak with Mitch after service or by contacting the Church Office. Church emails will also include links for info and sign-up. Your participation may save a life. Every two seconds in the U.S., someone needs blood.

Remember:
"There Is Power in the Blood!"

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