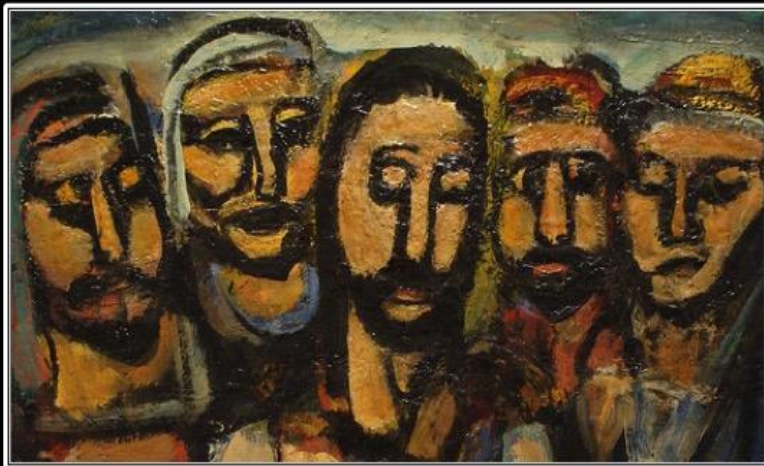




Lutheran Church & Christian School



“OF ONE HEART AND SOUL”

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 14, 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 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 "As For Me" (Words & Music by Pat Barrett | Chris Tomlin | Jason Ingram ©2021 Capitol CMG Genesis | Capitol CMG Paragon | Housefires Sounds | S. D. G. Publishing | Vamos Publishing | Ingram Tunes | So Essential Tunes)

1. Solo

*Chorus: As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord
We will sing of Your love forevermore
As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord, serve the Lord*

2. Your word alone, a lamp to my feet

A light to my path as You're leading me

Your ways, oh Lord, are higher than mine, to You I lift my eyes (*Chorus*)

*Bridge: Open up every door
Write it on every wall
Sing it in every room (Repeat)*

Chorus

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 1:8-9*

Pastor: St. John writes, "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 “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” *LSB 487, St. 1-2, 5*

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 3:11-21* (The Word of the Lord grows.)

[Note that during the Easter season, the Old Testament readings are 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!]

¹¹ While he (the now-healed lame beggar) clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. ¹² And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?"

¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him. ¹⁴ But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And His name—by faith in His name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. ¹⁷ And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He thus fulfilled. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰ that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹ whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets long ago."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 John 2:15-29* (Fellowship while living *in* the world.)

¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

¹⁸ Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour. ¹⁹ They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us. ²⁰ But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge. ²¹ I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth. ²² Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. ²³ No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also. ²⁴ Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father. ²⁵ And this is the promise that he made to us—eternal life.

²⁶ I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you. ²⁷ But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, abide in him.

²⁸ And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. ²⁹ If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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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 *Luke 24:36-49 (Jesus appears to His disciples.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

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

³⁶ As they were talking about these things, Jesus Himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?" ³⁹ See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. ⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and He took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴ Then 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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of My Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

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 "Jesus Shall Reign"

LSB 832, St. 1-3, 5

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

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.

MUSICAL OFFERING "Ancient Words" (Words & Music by Lynn DeShazo © 2001 Integrity's Hosanna! Music)

1. Solo
2. Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope
In this world where'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

*Chorus: Ancient words forever true, changing me, changing you,
We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.*

3. Holy words of our faith, handed down to this age,
Came to us through came to us through sacrifice,
O heed the faithful words of Christ.
4. Martyr's blood stains each page, they have died for this faith;
Hear them cry through the years; heed these word and hold them dear.

Chorus & Repeat

✠ 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

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25; Matthew 8:8 (paraphrased)*

Pastor: Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof;
Congregation: **but only say the word, and your servant will be healed.**

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.

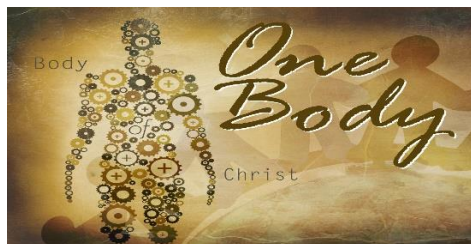
At the time of Communion, please follow the direction of the ushers. For those receiving the individual cups, a non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center of each tray. Following the passing of the individual cups, the common cup is offered for those who wish to commune in that manner.

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

“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”

LSB 680



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 "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" *LSB 655*

DISMISSAL & POSTLUDE

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

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The altar flowers today
Are given by Bob and Marlene Dabrowski
In honor of their Anniversary

Trinity Calendar for Apr 14-Apr 21, 2024

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| Sunday | 9:00 am | Adult Bible Study and Sunday School |
| | 10:30 am | Worship Service w/Holy Communion |
| Monday | | |
| Tuesday | 3-7:00 pm | <i>NLSA Certification Team Potluck Dinner</i> |
| Wednesday | 8:45 am | TCS Chapel |
| Thursday | 10:00 am | Bible Study: "Character Studies in the Old Testament" |
| Friday | 1-2:00 pm | TCS Kindergarten Poetry Recital (Sanctuary) |
| Saturday | 8:00 am | Men of Christ Bible Study: Men of Christ Bible Study: "The Chosen: Bible Roundtable" |
| Sunday | 9:00 am | Adult Bible Study & Sunday School |
| | 10:30 am | Worship w/ Holy Communion |
| | 11:45 am | <i>Bi-annual Voters Meeting (Sanctuary)</i> |

ATTENDANCE 4-7: 80

Families of the week: *The Donabedian, Dresser and Dunn families*

Birthdays:

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

Anniversaries:

- 14 Apr—Tim and Sarah Dresser



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.

Although the greatest need is for donors, there are other ways you can serve, as well. 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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