

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

"A family where Christ is Head and the entire congregation are ministers."

Rev. Jonathan Meraz ~ Pastor

Kai Lin ~ Director of Music



ALLELUIA!

CHRIST IS ALIVE!

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A Special Welcome to those who are worshipping with us for the first time. No matter who we are or where we come from, we all have this in common: God has chosen us in Christ to be His own. We hope you feel welcome and that your experience here is meaningful and will be lasting. **All members and guests are asked to fill out the Welcome Book** and join us in the Welcome Center after the service for fellowship.

Surge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone.

PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED FOR – Richard Ball, Ben Berteau, Louise Brodeur, Sarah Capehart, JoNell Chadwick, Anne Combes, Howard Copeland, Jacque Czynski, Victor Duarte, Charlotte Gunther, Gerry Harger, Kristen Helgeson, Jean Ingmire, Terry Ingmire, Doris Lass, Paul Lass, Susan Lass, Ida “Reggie” Licht, Sam Locklear, Emma McKenzie, Brenda Pendry, Viola Person, Erika Straddeck, Bettie Terrell, Marilyn Vaughan, Shirley Whitson and Ben Wolvin.

LIFTING UP OUR DEPLOYED MILITARY IN PRAYER – Ian Bugbee

The flowers gracing our altar today are given to the glory of God by
Helen Everett and family in memory of Esther Sontag.

Today's Worship Participants

Greeter	xxxxx/xxxxx
Usher	Linda Blaker & Julie Meraz/Bill Gregory & Justin Malone
Acolytes	xxxxx/xxxxx
Lector	xxxxx/Linda Blaker
Host/ess	Linda Blaker/Linda Blaker
Children's Sermon	Sharyn Leiding

Participants for Next Sunday

Greeter	xxxxx
Usher	Bud Hubert and Doug Sulak
Acolytes	xxxxx
Lector	xxxxx
Communion Assistant	xxxxx
Host/ess	xxxxx
Children's Sermon	Chaplain Prince

OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Pastor and Julie's
514 Three Oak Drive, Chesapeake, VA

We thought you might like to come see where the Meraz's hang out when we're not at church.
So please come and enjoy some refreshments and fellowship with us.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Processional Hymn

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

LSB 490



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -
2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is
3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus
4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,
liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,
sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er
Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is
Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I
Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will



scenes will then com - mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.

5 Jesus lives! And now is death
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath
When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:
Jesus is my confidence!

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Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, 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.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 105:1–5, 8; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2–3

C Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk,
that by it you may grow up to sal- | vation—*
if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.
Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;*
make known his deeds among the | peoples!
Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him;*
tell of all his | wondrous works!
Glory in his | holy name;*
let the hearts of those who seek the | LORD rejoice!
Seek the LORD | and his strength;*
seek his presence con- | tinually!
Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*
his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered.

He remembers his covenant for- | ever,*
the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk,
that by it you may grow up to sal- | vation—*
if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

Kyrie

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

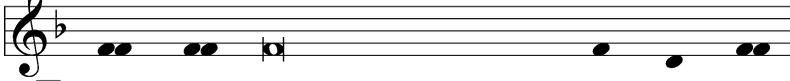
P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria in Excelsis



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

C Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord’s resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 5:29–42

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

³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But 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. ³⁵And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For 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. ³⁷After 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. ³⁸So 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; ³⁹but 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, ⁴⁰and 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. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6

C Christ has risen | from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor,
He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;*
he has put all things un- | der his feet.

Epistle

1 Peter 1:3–9

³Blessed 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, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so 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. ⁸Though 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, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Procession

Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear

LSB 908 sts. 1-2



1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through Your
2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants



Word to me draw near; Let me Your Word e'er pure re -
heal - ing from my sin; Your Word has pow'r to guide and



tain; Let me Your child and heir re - main.
bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.

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Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

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



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On 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." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.

²⁵So 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."

²⁶Eight 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." ²⁷Then 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." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but 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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Gospel Recession *Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear*

LSB 908 st. 3

A three-line musical score for a three-part setting. Each line is on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes.

3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the
Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or
be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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Sit

Children's Message





1 O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, The faith - ful
 3 An an - gel clad in white they see, Who sits and
 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them
 5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!
 wom - en went their way To seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
 speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."
 came their mas - ter dear And said, "My peace be with you here."
 seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,
 And look upon My hands, My feet;
 Not faithless but believing be."
 Alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;
 He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
 Alleluia!

8 How blest are they who have not seen
 And yet whose faith has constant been,
 For they eternal life shall win.
 Alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days
 Be laud and jubilee and praise:
 To God your hearts and voices raise.
 Alleluia!

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Sermon

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

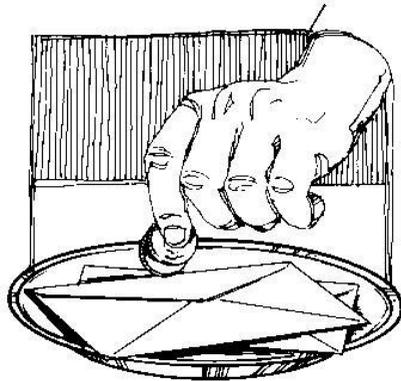
P: Lord, in your mercy....

C: ...hear our prayer.

Sit

Offering

Stand



Offertory



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Benediction

P 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.



C A - men.

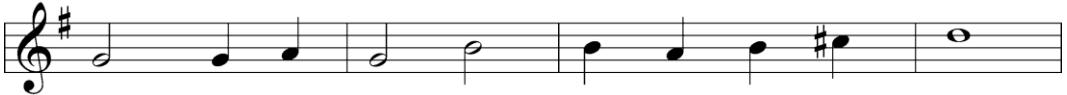
Recessional Hymn

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

LSB 917



1 Sav - ior, a - gain to Thy dear name we raise
 2 Grant us Thy peace up - on our home - ward way;
 3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
 4 Grant us Thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,



With one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
 With Thee be - gan, with Thee shall end, the day.
 Turn Thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.
 Our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife;



Once more we bless Thee ere our wor - ship cease,
 Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
 From harm and dan - ger keep Thy chil - dren free;
 Then, when Thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



Then, low - ly bend - ing, wait Thy word of peace.
 That in this house have called up - on Thy name.
 For dark and light are both a - like to Thee.
 Call us, O Lord, to Thine e - ter - nal peace.

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Sharing the Peace of Christ

Following the service, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Postlude

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Lutheran Confessions Study Group will resume meeting on Wednesday, April 26th, at 6:30 pm. We meet in the Welcome Center. Please join us to learn more about how the *Lutheran Confessions* will instruct, inspire, and educate all who use it and us learn what it means to be, and to remain, a genuinely confessing Lutheran Christian.



The Board of Worship is looking for volunteers to assist in the Worship Service on Sundays. If you are interested in being a Greeter, Usher, Lector or Communion Assistant, please sign up on the Volunteer Board in the Welcome Center or speak with Janice Gwin.

April 30th is a fifth Sunday and therefore will only be ONE SERVICE at 10:00 am with Sunday School and Adult Bible Class at 9:00 am. Please note there will NOT be a potluck dinner following the Service, instead we will have a ...

VOTERS' ASSEMBLY - We will have a Voters' Assembly Meeting on Sunday April 30th following the 10:00 am service. Please make plans now to attend!!! We plan to have information concerning *Norfolk Christian Schools* interest in leasing some of our classrooms as well as information from the survey concerning the possibility of ONE Worship service on Sunday mornings. There will be a report from the bylaws committee and a few other business items. Stay informed and be a part of the decisions made here at Trinity. We hope to see you there!

LWML NEWS - Our END OF YEAR LUNCHEON will be held on May 6th at 11:30 am at Lynnhaven Fish House. A sign-up sheet can be found on the LWML board! Please join us!

YOUTH NEWS - The next Preteen Fun Nights will be held on **Friday, May 12th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** We meet in Belvedere Hall. It is an evening of games, fun, snacks, Bible object lesson, crafts and more fun! Come and join us!!!

Operation Barnabas Night - May 18th from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm, **All are invited!** Please join us for hamburgers and hot dogs on the lawn and bring a side dish to share as we come together in fellowship!

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday, April 23 rd	Second Sunday of Easter Worship Service	8:30 & 11:00 am
	Sunday School	9:45 am
	Adult Bible Class	10:00 am
Monday, April 24 th	Bowling League	6:30 pm
Wednesday, April 26 th	<i>Lutheran Confessions</i> Bible Study	6:30 pm
	Choir Practice	7:30 pm
Thursday, April 27 th	Ladies Weekly Bible Study	11:30 am
Saturday, April 29 th	Special Ministries @ Foodbank	9:00 am
Sunday, April 30 th	Third Sunday of Easter Sunday School	9:00 am
	Adult Bible Class	9:00 am
	Communion Worship Service	10:00 am
	Voters' Assembly Meeting	11:00 am

Scriptures for April 30th

Acts 2:14, 36-41 ~ 1 Peter 1:17-25 ~ Luke 24:13-35

Sunday, April 16, 2017
Worship Attendance – 140
General Offerings - \$9,651.00