

The Divine Service

Second Sunday of Easter

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

153 YEARS OF GATHERING **№** GROWING **№** GOING

Welcome

If Christ is not raised, [Paul] says, our faith is worthless: it is an airy web of lies and self-deception. We are still mired in our own sins, and all our loved ones who have died are utterly lost. The dead are simply left to decompose in the dust of the earth, and the living are left without hope. In that case, we would have only three options: we could delude ourselves with disingenuous fantasies of immortality; or we could distract ourselves with trivial amusements to mask our desperate situation; or we could try to live like the ancient Stoics with brave indifference towards our own death and ultimate nothingness. So the stakes are very high. Paul concludes, "If it is only in this life that we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people the most pitiable" [1 Corinthians 15:19]. [...]

But Paul leaves no doubt that all this is strictly counterfactual. He declares firmly that Christ has now been raised from the dead. And the rolling away of the stone is not just an isolated miracle that proves a doctrinal point about Jesus' own divinity. Rather, the resurrection of the crucified Jesus is a cosmic earthquake that shakes the foundations of reality. Everything is different, everything is made new — not least of all, ourselves. Jesus' rising from the tomb is only the beginning — as Paul puts it, he is the "first-fruits" of a much greater harvest. And we are that harvest. His resurrection catches us up into the new life that he has loosed upon the world. [...]

Let me spell this out a little more fully. The early Christians were not just saying that Jesus' death and resurrection offered forgiveness of sins and the prospect that our individual souls could go to heaven when we die. They were saying that God was remaking the world, unseating the violent powers that have ruled over us and undoing the power of death. Jeremy Begbie puts it like this: "The Gospel [...] tells of a seismic disturbance

Pe give glory to you, Lord, who raised up your cross to span the jaws of death like a bridge by which souls might pass from the region of the dead to the land of the living.

We give glory to you who put on the body of a mortal and made it the source of life for every mortal.

You are incontestably alive.

Your murderers sowed your living body in the earth as farmers sow grain, but it sprang up and yielded an abundant harvest of all those raised from the dead.

Amen.

EPHREM THE SYRIAN

affecting every atom of creation. The world is and will be a different place because of what has happened in Jesus." So, we are now living in the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it (Psalm 118:24). [...] When the Psalm declares "This is the day the Lord has made," it is announcing the eighth day of creation, the beginning of a whole new world.

RICHARD HAYS, "LIVING THE RESURRECTION IN A TIME OF VIOLENCE AND DESPAIR," ABC RELIGION & ETHICS, APRIL 4, 2021

WE ARE VERY HAPPY YOU ARE HERE TODAY!

At Trinity, we use the *Lutheran Service Book* to lead us through worship. To help guide you during the service, below are some helpful tips.

- P indicates sections spoken by the pastor. C indicates responses by the congregation and will be in **bold print**.
- The *red italicized text* in the bulletin

indicates when the congregation should stand or sit. If you aren't able to sit or stand, we understand. The important thing is that you're here!

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

At Trinity we want families and children to feel at home.

- First, please relax and enjoy your time here. Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't be embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at Trinity.
- Kid's worship bags (appropriate for kids ages 3 10) are available each Sunday at the back of the Sanctuary. Kids are invited to take a worship bag into the service with them (please put used bags in the return basket after service).
- To make it a bit easier on your family, please dare to sit toward the front where your children can easily see the front of the church, note the colors, watch the pastor, and embrace the

- action at the altar. What Jesus does here promises to engage them.
- As we go, softly explain the Liturgy to your child, encouraging them to chime in on their parts: Amen! Lord have mercy! And with your spirit! I believe! Our Father! All of that belongs to them too.
- Be sure to sing and say and pray your parts too as you stand and sit. Your children learn by following your lead.
- If you and your child must leave, please hurry back. We want you and your children here very much.
- If you need a little help, just ask. There are lots of folks here who will lend a hand.

Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus' words, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16).

We know that your children are a gift to the Church, so we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help, and bless you all. Welcome to Trinity!

COMMUNING WITH GOD AND WITH ANOTHER

The Lord's Supper is joyfully received here today. The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod believes and confesses that in this meal the Lord Jesus Christ delivers His true Body and Blood into our mouths. His gift of Body and Blood, given in, with, and under the bread and wine, forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, and unites us with each other. If you are a baptized Christian who has been instructed in this biblical teaching of the Lord's Supper, and if you agree with our confession of faith, you are encouraged to commune today. If you have questions or concerns, please speak with Pastor before the service. (Please note: The white wine is non-alcoholic).

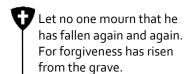
OPENING HYMN

LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK 720 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight (Stand for last verse)

INVOCATION 1 Kings 8:27-30; Matthew 18:20, 28:18-20

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.



JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

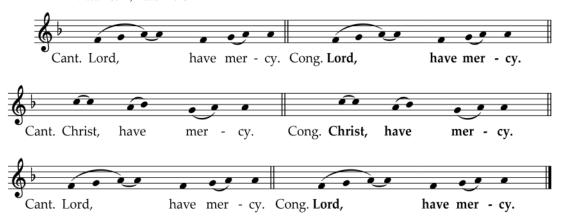
CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION 1 John 1:8-9; John 20:19-23; Matthew 16:19

- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

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

KYRIE Mark 10:47; Luke 17:13





SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY 2 Timothy 4:22

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And with your spirit.
- P Let us pray.

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.

Sitting

FIRST READING Acts 4:32-35

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. And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 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 and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



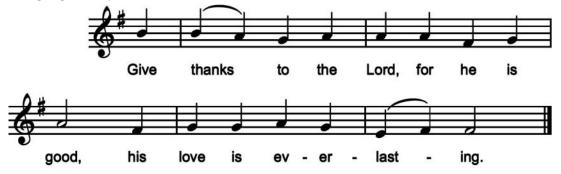
When Jesus emerged from the tomb, justice, spirituality, relationship, and beauty rose with him.

N.T. WRIGHT, SIMPLY CHRISTIAN, P. 116

PSALM Psalm 118

Cantor/Choir sings the antiphon the first time.

Congregation joins in the second time. Psalm 118:1



Let the house of Israel say,
"His mercy endures forever."
Let the house of Aaron say,
"His mercy endures forever."
Let those who fear the LORD say,
"His mercy endures forever." v. 2-4

Antiphon

I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me.
My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior.
The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just. v. 13-15
Antiphon

EPISTLE 1 John 1:1-4

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— 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— 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. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Standing

ALLELUIA

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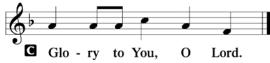
Congregation joins in the second time.



- **P** We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. *Romans 6:9*
- C Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (as sung above)

HOLY GOSPEL John 20:19-31

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



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." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of

anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

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

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." 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." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Sitting

HYMN OF THE DAY

LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK 470 O Sons and Daughters of the King

SERMON

Standing



Q: If I were to meet you on a train and ask you, "What is the center of the Christian message?," how would you succinctly put that?

A: I would answer, "I believe in a God who loves humankind so intensely, so totally, that he chose himself to become human. Therefore, I believe in Jesus Christ as fully and truly God, but also totally and unreservedly one of us, fully human." And I would say to you, "The love of God is so great that Christ died for us on the cross. But love is stronger than death, and so the death of Jesus was followed by his resurrection. I am a Christian because I believe in the great love of God that led him to become incarnate, to die, and to rise again." That's my faith. All of this is made immediate to us through the continuing action of the Holy Spirit.

DAVID NEFF, "Q & A: BISHOP KALLISTOS WARE ON THE FULLNESS AND THE CENTER", CHRISTIANITYTODAY, 6 JULY, 2011

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead.

After each portion of the prayer:

- **P** Lord in your mercy.
- C hear our prayer.
- P Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE Matthew 5:22-25; Ephesians 4:1-3

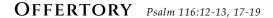
Following the prayers, please greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for worthy reception of the Holy Supper.

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OFFERING

JOYFUL CHORUS (10:30 am) Beautiful Savior medley

Please take a moment to fill out our guest book found at the far end of the pew.

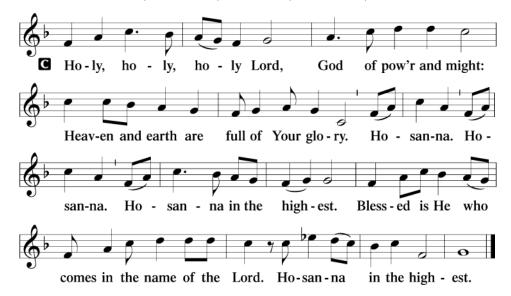




PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And with your spirit.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P 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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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 Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, 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 saying:

SANCTUS Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Mark 11:9-10; Revelation 4:8, 5:13



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

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 WORDS OF OUR LORD Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

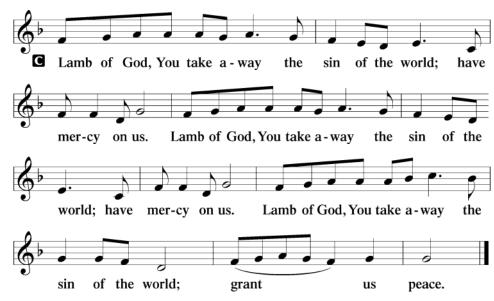
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI John 20:19

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.





Sitting

DISTRIBUTION

LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK 680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK 588 Jesus Loves Me LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK 605 Father Welcomes LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK 729 I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

Prayer after Reception of Holy Communion

Dear Lord Jesus, we thank and praise You that You have again refreshed us with the gift of Your holy Body and Blood in this comforting sacrament. Bless our participation that we may depart from Your presence with peace and joy in the knowledge that we are reconciled to God. We ask this in Your name. Amen.

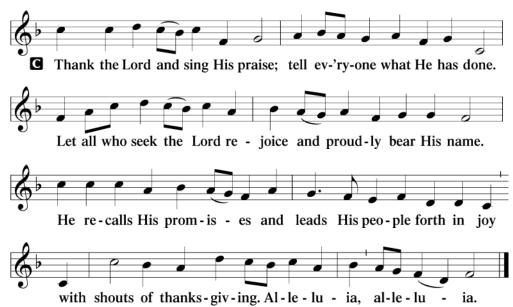
Standing

DISMISSAL

- **P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Go

 → in peace.
- C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



We indeed close the doors, but Christ still visits us and appears to us all, both invisibly as God and visibly in the body. He allows us to touch his holy flesh and gives it to us. For through the grace of God we are admitted to partake of the blessed [Lord's Supper], receiving Christ into our hands, to the intent that we may firmly believe that he did in truth raise up the temple of his body. [...]

Participation in the divine mysteries, in addition to filling us with divine blessedness, is a true confession and memorial of Christ's dying and rising again for us and for our sake. Let us, therefore, after touching Christ's body, avoid all unbelief in him as utter ruin and rather be found well grounded in the full assurance of faith.

CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, *COMMENTARY ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN* 12:1, IN *ACCS: NEW TESTAMENT* IVB, P. 369



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26

- C Amen.

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CLOSING HYMN

LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK 411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Comfort, health and recovery

Carol Baffa

Zach Fricke (Grandson of Tom & Annamarie Sansom)

Chase Griffin (Family friend of Tim Mahnke)

Irene Hunter

Jordan Kovitz

Carolyn Krich

Daria Millar (Friend of Carol Nolan)

Sandy Oertel (Mother of Janet Westberg)

Rick Payne

Ceil Rieker

Expectant Mothers

Maddie Drafall

Birthdays

Joyce Manke 4/8
Timothy Kahl 4/9
Richard Boesch 4/10
Beverly Kujala 4/11
Mabel Tasnadi 4/11
Renate Schoenauer 4/12
Sandy Phelps 4/12

Prayers for Persecuted Christians

China, Colombia, Maldives, Syria

Prayers for Partner Churches

The Lutheran Church of Uruguay

Trinity's prayer chain is always available to pray for you and those you know and love. Call or email the church office with any prayer requests.

Weekly Announcements - April 7, 2024

THANK YOU! Many thanks to the *Celebration Ringers, Voices in Praise* and *HIS! Band* for sharing their God-given musical gifts in our worship services this Holy Week and Easter! Also, thank you to the children of the *Joyful Chorus* for your singing today!

NEW EASTER SERMON SERIES Starting April 7th, we will begin a sermon series on the biblical book of 1 John entitled "John Unfiltered." By the time the apostle John writes this book, he is an elderly man, giving his direct unfiltered takes on big topics like truth, life, sin, and who Jesus is. Join us for the next five weeks, as we hear John speak to these always relevant issues and show us what it means to be God's Easter people.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY As a companion to our sermon series, we will be exploring the book of 1 John in Sunday Bible study, beginning April 14. The resurrection of Jesus means far more than just a ticket to heaven when we die. It's an invitation right now to God's new world that he has begun in Jesus Christ and given to us in holy baptism. Come join us at 9:15 am as we learn more about how we live resurrection lives as God's Easter people. (We will return to and finish the Gospel of Matthew at the end of May). Note: there is no Bible study today (April 7).

SUNDAY SCHOOL Ages 3 through grade 6 are welcome on Sundays 9:15-10:15 a.m. Join us in the sanctuary for a message from Pastor, sacred music, and Bible stories. We'd love to see you there! Contact Alexa Hatesohl with any questions. **Note: there is no Sunday School today (April 7).**

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. Join the study for a brown bag lunch at 11:45 am. The study begins at 12:30 pm.

BOOK REVIEW GROUP The group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:30 pm, under the balcony. All women are encouraged to join us. Please contact Judy Ladage for more info.

MEN'S BREAKFAST Meets the 2nd Saturday of the month at the Village Inn, Huntley. All men are welcome to attend.



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SERVING THIS SUNDAY

Elders:

Keith Bereolos, Roger Orkfritz (8:00 am) Steven Drescher, Caleb Kittel (10:30 am)

Ushers:

Niko Bereolos (8:00 am) Reuben Velez (10:30 am)

Confirmation Ushers:

Jacob Steinbach (8:00 am) Sam Sneed (10:30 am)

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The altar flowers this week are given to the Glory of God.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office is open Tuesday - Friday from 9:30 am - 2:00 pm. Pastor Hatesohl is available in the office both Tuesday and Friday mornings and by appointment.

STAY CONNECTED

Sign up for our Weekly News email, sent every Friday, by visiting our website and clicking on the link to sign up.

WORSHIP SERVICE BROADCAST

Every service is broadcast live on the internet. You can find it at TrinityHuntley.org/live or on the Trinity home page.

WORSHIP ANEW — A PROGRAM FOR SHUT-INS

A 30-minute Lutheran worship service is televised on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. on Chicago's CW station WPWR channel 50 (Comcast 184) and at 10:30 a.m. on TCT (DirecTV channel 377). A complete list of viewing options is available at **WorshipAnew.org.**

OFFERINGS — MARCH 2024

Operating: \$48,996.00

Joyful Living Campaign: \$770.00

July 2023- June 2024 Budgeted Expenses: \$32,399.25/month*

*Thank you for tending your tithes and offerings!

Calendar for the Week

Sunday ~ April 7, 2024

8:00 am Divine Service

9:15 am No Adult Bible Study or Sunday School Today

10:30 am Divine Service12:00 pm Confirmation

Monday ~ April 8, 2024

Church Office Closed; Pastor's Family Day 10:00 am The Trinity Quilters

Tuesday ~ April 9, 2024

1:00 pm Women's Book Group6:00 pm Celebration Ringers (Bells)7:00 pm Voices in Praise (Choir)

Thursday ~ April 11, 2023

6:00 pm Board of Ministry Directors' Meeting

7:15 pm Elders' Meeting

Saturday ~ April 13, 2024

8:00 am Men's Breakfast (Village Inn, Huntley)