



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 19, 2020 - 10:00 AM



### Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

As disciples of Christ seeking peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and include all people into the fullness of God's love. We celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this place. All are invited to join this community as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another. All, without exception, are welcome in this place.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of their 30th Anniversary by David and Donna Potts.

# GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*Stand*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the life beyond all death,  
the joy beyond all sorrow, our everlasting home.

**Amen.**

Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death,  
let us come before God who calls us to repentance.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of life,

**by the resurrection of your Son you make everything new.**

**Newness scares us, and we confess to shutting our doors in fear.**

**We have not listened to voices that challenge us.**

**We have resisted the Holy Spirit moving us in new directions.**

**Our hearts are slow to believe your promises.**

**Forgive us, O God, and renew us to embrace without fear  
the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

People of God: Christ is alive, and death has lost its power.

Through the waters of baptism

you have been born anew by the living word of God.

Know that your sins are forgiven in ✠ Jesus' name

and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you

both now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our king!  
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's mighty stone is rolled away;  
let all the earth rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord,  
the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

#### GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God,  
the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt,  
may we, who have not seen,  
have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Sit*

## WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

A reading from Acts.

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, <sup>22</sup>“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—<sup>23</sup>Jesus, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup>But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,

for the Lord is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

moreover my flesh will live in hope.

<sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

or let your Holy One experience corruption.

<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the ways of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

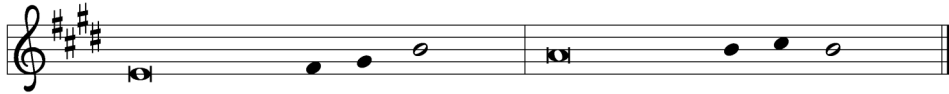
<sup>29</sup>“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that one of his descendants would be put on his throne. <sup>31</sup>Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘This One was not abandoned to Hades, nor did the flesh experience corruption.’

<sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction.**Psalm  
Refrain**Psalm  
Tone*

- <sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take ref- | uge in you;  
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good a- | bove all other."
- <sup>2</sup>**All my delight is in the godly that are | in the land,  
upon those who are noble a- | mong the people.**
- <sup>3</sup>But those who run after | other gods  
shall have their troubles | multiplied.
- <sup>4</sup>**I will not pour out drink offerings | to such gods,  
never take their names up- | on my lips. ☩**
- <sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion | and my cup;  
it is you who up- | hold my lot.
- <sup>6</sup>**My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a | rich inheritance.**
- <sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who | gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night | after night.
- <sup>8</sup>**I have set the LORD al- | ways before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall | not be shaken. ☩**
- <sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;  
my body also shall | rest in hope.
- <sup>10</sup>**For you will not abandon me | to the grave,  
nor let your holy one | see the pit.**
- <sup>11</sup>You will show me the | path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore. ☩

A reading from First Peter.

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God of our Lord Jesus Christ! Who by great mercy has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Although you have not seen Christ, you love Christ; and even though you do not see Christ now, you believe and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDRENS' SERMON

*Peace Be With You*

*Stand as able*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the twentieth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As Abba God has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

<sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit*

SERMON

*Shalom*

*Stand as able*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**O sons and daughters, let us sing with heav'nly hosts to Christ our king:  
today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia!**

**That Easter morn, at break of day, the faithful women went their way  
to seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia!**

**An angel clad in white they see, who sits and speaks unto the three,  
"Your Lord will go to Galilee." Alleluia!**

**That night the apostles met in fear; among them came their master dear,  
and said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia!**

**When Thomas first the tidings heard, that they had seen the risen Lord,  
he doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!**

**"My pierced side, O Thomas, see, and look upon my hands, my feet;  
not faithless, but believing be." Alleluia!**

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

**How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith has constant been,  
for they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!**

**On this most holy day of days, be laud and jubilee and praise:  
to God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia!**

**Alleluia. alleluia. alleluia.**



NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Praying in our homes while gathered together in the Spirit of Christ, we ask God to bestow peace upon a needy world, using words from today's psalm: Protect us, O God, for we take refuge in you.

*A brief silence.*

Faithful God, we pray for the church around the world. Enter into our countless separate houses with your gift of peace. Guard the health of our bishops, pastors, deacons, teachers, and musicians. As Christians around the globe are united in their suffering through the coronavirus, so unite us also in the hope of life in the Risen Christ.

*A brief silence.*

Protect the church, O God,  
**for we take refuge in you.**

Creating God, we pray for the earth that you have given into our care. As human society is quieted by sickness, give your plants and animals, lands and seas, a time to renew and replenish themselves. Nurture the fields that will supply our food.

*A brief silence.*

Protect the earth, O God,  
**for we take refuge in you.**

Righteous God, we pray for the nations. Give peace to our troubled world. Bless the efforts of the United Nations and the World Health Organization. Strengthen democracies. Bring an end to violence between nations, across borders, within countries, between gangs, and inside homes. Uphold the leaders of our land. Bless our country with integrity in government, attention to the needy, persistence in facing the pandemic, and wisdom in proceeding into an unknown future.

*A brief silence.*

Protect the nations, O God,  
**for we take refuge in you.**

Compassionate God, we pray for all in any need. Comfort the bereaved. Accompany the sick, especially the multitude who have contracted the coronavirus, and those we remember in our hearts. Visit the homes of all who are isolated, and hold the lonely and fearful in your arms. Grant your peace to the millions of unemployed; give them food for today and hope for tomorrow. Help us find a home for refugees. Support medical care workers in their endless and sometimes fruitless tasks of attending to the pandemic patients. Provide needed medical supplies for hospitals.

*A brief silence.*

Protect the needy, O God,  
**for we take refuge in you.**

Gracious God, we pray for children and youth. Shelter them from all sickness. Keep homebound children safe from hunger and abuse. Nurture teenagers with a vision of life beyond this pandemic. Give them assurance as they are separated physically from friends and mentors. Give to all children and youth forbearance beyond their years.

*A brief silence.*

Protect children and youth, O God,  
**for we take refuge in you.**

Loving God, we pray for ourselves. Renew our spirits with the living hope of Christ's resurrection, and hear also the private petitions of our hearts.

*A longer period of silence.*

Protect us, O God,  
**for we take refuge in you.**

Eternal God, we praise you for the lives of all who have died in the faith, especially those we name here before you. Sustained by the promise of healing and resurrection, free us from the fear of death, and bring us at our end with all the saints into the joy of your presence.

*A brief silence.*

Protect your people, O God,  
**for we take refuge in you.**

With bold confidence in your peace which passes human understanding, we offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, now and forever.

**Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Peace be with you.

☒ **Peace be with you.**

*Worshippers are invited to use their phones to text now or make a call later today  
to extend a message of peace to someone you love and care about.*

*Sit*

OFFERING AND INSTRUMENTAL INTERLUDE

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*Stand as able*

OFFERTORY HYMN

*Thine Is the Glory*

#376

(Verse 1)

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.  
Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;  
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!**

Let us pray. Merciful God,

**our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration,  
but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives.  
Feed us again at this table for service in your name,  
in the strength of the risen Christ.**

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things:

you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos,

and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts:

freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile,

wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness:

forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death,

the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us:

renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need.

Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

HYMN

*Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

#389

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

**Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,  
but saving, healing, here and now, and touching ev'ry place and time.**

**In ev'ry insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives where even hope has died.**

**Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call,  
and find the way, the life, the truth, reveled in Jesus, freed for all.**

**Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and ev'ry age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life,  
fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing.

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!  
Gratefully our hearts adore him as his light once more appears;  
bowing down in joy before him, rising up from griefs and tears.**

***Refrain: Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!***

**Christ is risen! All the sadness of our Lenten fast is o'er;  
through the open gates of gladness he returns to life once more;  
death and hell before him bending see him rise, the victor now,  
angels on his steps attending, glory round his wounded brow. *Refrain***

**Christ is risen! All the sorrow that last evening round him lay  
now has found a glorious morrow in the rising of today.  
See the grave its first-fruits giving, springing up from holy ground;  
Christ was dead, but now is living; he was lost, but he is found. *Refrain***

**Christ is risen! Hence-forth never death or hell shall us enthrall.  
We are Christ's, in him forever we have triumphed over all.  
All the doubting and dejection of our trembling hearts have ceased;  
hail the day of resurrection! Let us rise and keep the feast. *Refrain***

## DISMISSAL

Christ is risen, just as he said.  
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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