



LUTHERAN CHURCH 1909

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 7, 2024 - 10:00 AM - in the Sanctuary



### 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 memory of her mother on her birthday by Brian and Karen Craig.

## SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister	Susan Crowell
Preaching and Assisting Minister	Patrick Preacher
Organist and Choir Director	Jim Parham
Lector	Jaime Fivecoat
Prayers	Mark Allen
Cantor	John Beckford
Acolyte	Madelyn Fagala Eileen Finnern
Children's Worship Activity Leaders	Debbi Farstad Zerle Hubbard Terry Morgan
Praying for Possibilities	Melissa Kolb
Greeters	Mark Allen Tara Miller Vicki Rubenstein Suzanne Rudisill Sarah Weeks
Ushers	Mike Boliek Carol Elliott Danny Fagala Pattimarie Janssen
Fellowship Hosts	Roger Brown and David Foster
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

*Please stand as able*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
the wellspring of grace,  
our Easter and our joy.

**Amen.**

Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of grace and glory,

**you have brought us through the night of sin  
into the light of Jesus' resurrection.**

**Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.**

**Make us alive in Christ, O God.**

**Make us new as you make all things new.**

**Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin,  
renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness,  
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

Rejoice with all creation around God's throne!

The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin,  
restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace,  
and humbles earthly pride.

Jesus Christ loves you and ✠ frees you from your sins.

To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

**Amen.**

*Refrain****Alleluia! Christ is arisen.******Bright is the dawning of the Lord's day.*****Run, faithful women, to the graveside. Marvel, the stone is rolled away! Hear from the angel "He is risen."****Christ goes before you all the way. *Refrain*****Rise, Magdalena, from your weeping; Christ stands before your very eyes. Quickly return to the disciples; bear the good news: "He is alive." *Refrain*****Gather, disciples in the evening: suddenly Christ your Lord appears "Look, it is I, your wounded Savior. Peace be with you, and so not fear." *Refrain*****Thomas, where were you on that evening? "I'll not believe unless I see." Christ comes again, an ev'ry Lord's day: "Touch me and see; have faith in me." *Refrain***

GREETING

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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



*Refrain*  
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



*Refrain*  
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## WORD

### FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

A reading from Acts.

<sup>32</sup>Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm  
 Refrain*

How good and how pleas-ant it is to  
 live to-geth-er in u - ni - ty.

*Psalm  
 Tone*

<sup>1</sup>How good and how pleas- | ant it is,  
 when kindred live togeth- | er in unity!

<sup>2</sup>**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up- | on the beard,  
 upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar | of his robe. R**

<sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the | hills of Zion.

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life for- | evermore. **R**

A reading from first John.

<sup>1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with Abba God and was revealed to us—<sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with Abba God and with the Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light in whom dwells no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with God while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make God a liar, and God's word is not in us.

<sup>2:1</sup>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 God, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Word of God for the people of God.

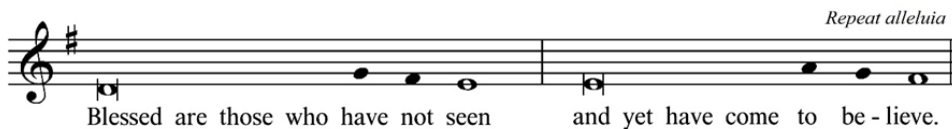
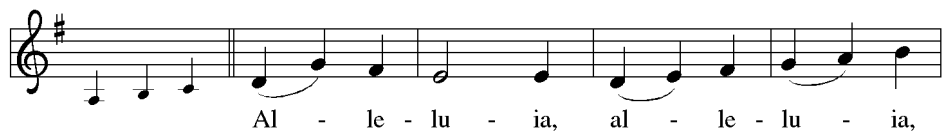
**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*You Will Always Belong*

*Please stand as able*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





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 Temple Authorities, 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 Jesus. <sup>21</sup>He 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 Thomas 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.**

*Please be seated*

SERMON

*Be Like Thomas*

*Please stand as able*

**The risen Christ, who walks on wounded feet  
from garden tomb through darkened city street,  
unlocks the door of grief, despair, and fear,  
and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.**

**The risen Christ, who stands with wounded side,  
breathes out his Spirit on them to abide  
whose faith still wavers, who dare not believe;  
new grace, new strength, new purpose they receive.**

**The risen Christ, who breaks with wounded hand  
the bread for those who fail to understand,  
reveals himself, despite their ling'ring tears,  
enflames their hearts, then quickly disappears.**

**May we Christ's body, walk and serve and stand  
with those oppressed in this and every land,  
till all are blessed and can a blessing be,  
restored in Christ to true humanity.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen, and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

Your church cries out, O God, and you listen. As you drew near to the disciples, draw near to us this day. Breathe on us your Holy Spirit, that our faith is renewed, and we may bear witness to your love. Guide your church in seeking holy answers to the difficult questions posed by the world around us. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your creation cries out, O God, and you listen. Nurture trees, crops, wildflowers, and all growing things. Guide farmers, gardeners, arborists, and others who tend the soil and nurture plants into life. Where natural disasters interrupt life, bring aid, comfort, and recovery, especially this week in Taiwan in the aftermath of a devastating earthquake. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your world cries out, O God, and you listen. Guide police, firefighters, paramedics, and other first responders to work for the well-being of communities and the dignity of every person, so that no one may need to live in fear. Bless those who work difficult and long hours to care for the sick, dying, injured, and at-risk. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your children cry out, O God, and you listen. Hear your people crying out for justice, for an end to racism and oppression based on gender. Safeguard the queer community against bigotry and hateful legislation. We long for a world where all are fed and safe. Encourage local congregations, community leaders, and advocates as we prepare for GOAL's Nehemiah Action on April 15. Make a way for silenced voices to be heard and equity to be the order of the day. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your beloved cry out, O God, and you listen. Where there is sickness and pain, bring peace and relief. Walk alongside those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, a difficult medical diagnosis, or a fractured relationship. We pray for all who cry out in suffering or pain, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts .... God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your congregations cry out, O God, and you listen. Renew pastors, leaders, musicians, staff, administrators, and volunteers who facilitated Holy Week and Easter worship in this place. Open our hearts to discern where God calls each of us to be of service to the gospel. Make a way for new and unknown gifts to be shared in unexpected ways. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Accept our gratitude, O God, for the lives of those who now rest in you, especially Dietrich Bonhoeffer on the anniversary of his death. With thanks for all whose lives have been given in faithfulness to the gospel, grant us your peace amid our fears. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ is with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.*

*Please be seated*

## MEAL

OFFERING

*Now the Green Blade Rises*

#379

Music: A French carol arranged by Shirley W. McRae  
Jo Lewis, flute

*Please stand as able*

OFFERING HYMN

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!*

#385

(verses 1 and 4)

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

Let us pray, Risen One,

**you call us to believe and bear fruit.**

**May the gifts that we offer here**

**be signs of your abiding love.**

**Form us to be your witnesses in the world,**

**through Jesus Christ, our true vine.**

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is 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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin,  
who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth,  
burning with justice, peace, and love.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and 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.**

## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Please be seated*

## COMMUNION

*All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Anyone preferring not to receive the wine may receive only the bread, completely trusting that the full benefit of communion — Christ's grace and forgiveness — may be found in either the bread or wine.*

*At the direction of the ushers worshipers are invited to come to the Altar - kneeling as able to receive a wafer and a small cup of wine.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Sonata IV for Flute in C Major: Larghetto*  
by G. F. Handel  
Jo Lewis, flute

*O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing*

#386

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

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

**An angel clad in white the 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 you hearts and voices raise. Alleluia!**

**Alleluia. alleluia. alleluia.**



*Sonata IV for Flute in C Major: Allegro*  
by G. F. Handel  
Jo Lewis, flute

CHOIR HYMN

*Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!*

#380

Hallelujah! Jesus lives! He is now the Living One;  
from the gloomy halls of death Christ, the conqueror, has gone,  
bright forerunner to the skies of is people, yet to rise.

Jesus lives! why do you weep? Why the sad and mournful sigh?  
Christ who died our brother here lives our brother still on high,  
lives forever to bestow blessing on his church below.

Jesus lives! And thus, my soul, life eternal waits for you;  
joined to Christ, your living head, where he is, you shall be too;  
with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a victor you shall stand.

Jesus lives! Let all rejoice. Praise him, ransomed of the earth.  
Praise him in a nobler song, cherubim of heav'nly birth.  
Praise the victor king, whose sway sin and death and hell obey.

Hallelujah! Angles sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.  
Let you chorus swell the strain which our feebler voices raise:  
Glory to our God above and on earth his peace and love!

*That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright!*

#384

**That Easter day with joy was bright; the  
sun shone out with fairer light when, to their longing  
eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord!**

**O Jesus, king of gentleness, with  
constant love our hearts possess; to you our lips will  
ever raise the tribute of our grateful praise.**

**O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
this our Easter festival, for you will be our  
strength and shield from ev'ry weapon death can wield.**

**All praise, O risen Lord, we give to  
you, once dead, but now alive! To God the Father  
equal praise, and God the Spirit, now we raise!**

*Please stand as able*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Shepherding God,  
you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer and friend.

**Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope

✝ bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!  
 Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.  
 In the dessert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.  
 Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.**

**Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.  
 Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.  
 Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.  
 Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.**

**Christ is risen! Earth and heaven never more shall be the same.  
 Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.  
 Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna, ev'ryone!**

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.  
 Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

*Everyone is invited to gather on the front lawn  
 following worship for refreshments and fellowship.*

*The Risen Christ*

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