

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

2nd SUNDAY of EASTER

He is Risen!

April 11, 2021

Call to Worship

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love,
our rock and our redeemer. **Amen.**

God hears us when we cry and draws us close in Jesus Christ.
Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Fountain of living water,
pour out your mercy over us.
Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.
Rebuild what we have ruined
and mend what we have torn.
Wash us in your cleansing flood.
Make us alive in the Spirit
to follow in the way of Jesus,
as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails.

The promise rests on grace:
by the saving love of Jesus Christ,
the wisdom and power of God,
your sins are forgiven, and God remembers them no more.
Journey in the way of Jesus.
Amen.

Opening Hymn: ELW 389 Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

Greeting

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit we
with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

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. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation;
Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

Prayer of the Day

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.**

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

³²Now 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. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There 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. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 133

¹How good and how pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

Second Reading: 1 John 1:1--2:2

¹We 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—

²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in

us.

^{2:1}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 the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and 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 the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel: John 20.19-31

¹⁹When 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." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, 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 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."

²⁶A 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." ²⁷Then 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." 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 come to believe."

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: WOV 671 Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

Apostles' Creed

*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

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

You shower your church with grace, O God. Unite the whole church on earth, so that with one heart it testifies to the resurrection of Jesus Christ with power and love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You proclaim the blessing of life forevermore. Like dew upon the mountains, refresh your creation. Restore waters, cleanse the air, and provide revitalizing moisture to parched land. Give your whole creation the promise of new life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You direct the nations, O God. Guide all in authority, that they shepherd their peoples in the ways of your love. Defeat in us our impulse to war. Bestow the peace of Christ upon those in authority and breathe upon them the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You place within the heart of the church a spirit of sharing. Give us the power of your generous Spirit, that we provide for the needs of others. Announce your peace to those who are lonely, hurting, suffering, or afraid. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You give us fellowship with one another in life at Trinity Lutheran. Shine the light of the risen Christ in our life together, so that we live in love for one another and our joy may be complete. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You share the gift of eternal life. In thanksgiving and remembrance, we recall the lives and gifts of those who now live in endless joy. Unite us with them in resurrection hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalen 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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal;
you we praise and glorify; you we worship and adore

You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air.
You created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water.

You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains,
with grace deeper than the seas,
you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own

And so that also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called us through the life and death of Jesus.

*In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
spoke the blessing, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: take and eat;*

this is my body, given for you. Do this and know that I am with you always.

And again, after supper, he took the cup, spoke the blessing, and give it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this and know that I am always with you.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Son,
the first-born of your new creation.

We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection.

We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal you Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love.

Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.

Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree sharing your bounty with all the world.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, 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.**

Sharing the Meal

Special Music

Canticle

**Thank the Lord and sing his praise;
tell everyone what God has done.
Let everyone who seeks the Lord,
rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He recalls his promises and leads the people forth with joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Prayer after Communion

Wellspring of joy,
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.
Satisfy the hunger still around us,
and send us as joyful witnesses,
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing

Closing Hymn: ELW 385 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



TODAY'S SPRING FLOWERS

Lectern Flowers are in memory of Henry Otto, Jr., Annie Otto Frysak, Weldon Buchhorn Sr. by Arlen and Wanda Buchhorn.

Pulpit Flowers are In memory of Leo W. McCormick by the Leo W. McCormick family.

In memory of Elmo and Levada Groll by Joan Groll.

In memory of Steven Groll by Joan Groll.

In memory of Frank and Alma Marshall, Almo and Janelle Haak, and Dale and Joyce Sparks by Gary and Connie Marshall.

In memory of Lula and Elsie Oetken; Alfred, Olivia, and Mary Lou Oetken; and Judy Pynes by Gary and Connie Marshall.

In honor of Chris Rippamonti by the Hitchcock families, Howard and Frances Hitchcock, Brad, Cyndee, and Zoe.

In honor and memory of our parents and grandparents by the Hitchcock families, Howard and Frances Hitchcock, Brad, Cyndee, and Zoe.

In loving memory of Rudy Small by the Small and Hilbrich families.

In loving memory of Matthew Small by the Small and Hilbrich families.

In memory of Verline Schroeter by Russell and Claudette Hofer.

In memory of Werner Dentler by Russell and Claudette Hofer

In honor of Harlan Schroeter by Russell and Claudette Hofer.

In memory of LeRoy and Ethel Beck by Debra, John, Laurie, Molly, Jack, John III, Katelyn and Liam.

In memory of Eldon and Dorothy Zimmerman by Steve and Barbara Zimmerman.

In memory of Mary and Harvey Haas by Cathy Dierlam, Morgan, Brad, Ryan and Callie Lane; Kaley, Jonathan, Jon Anthony Carbonaro.

In memory of David Dierlam by Cathy Dierlam, Morgan, Brad, Ryan and Callie Lane; Kaley, Jonathan, Jon Anthony Carbonaro.

In memory of Bill and Evelyn Rakowitz, Sr. by Ronnie and Pam Stanford.

In memory of Loy Stanford and Laviern Meadors by Ronnie and Pam Stanford.

Honoring our children and granddaughters by Bruce and Colette Kaiser.

In memory of C.H. and Arlene Yeary by Laura and Kenneth Schulz.

In honor of Howard and Jo Ann Yeary by Laura and Kenneth Schulz.

In memory of Melvin Scherer, Sr. and Farrell and Ruth Heller by Marilyn and Melvin Scherer, Jr..

In loving memory of Virginia Berger by Godfred Berger.

In memory of Alton and Goldie Schroeter by Kelly, Cynthia, Hannah and Haidyn Jordan.

In memory of Godfred Sr. and Bernice Berger by Wade, Jennifer, Hays, Harper and Hadlee Wilson.

In memory of Albert and Paula, Jimmy and Laura Dearman-Dietzel and Kenneth Dietzel by Alvin and Betty Dearman and family.

In loving memory of Franklin and Annie Lois Stoeltje by Pat and Curtis Rickman.

In loving memory of Lorine Rickman by Pat and Curtis Rickman.

In memory of Claude Steen and Clarence and Alvina Hartman by Delores Steen.

In honor of Eleanor Sturm on her 103 birthday and in memory of Raymond Ledwig and Charlene Fromme by Gretchen and Marvin Sturm.

In memory of Daniel Golden by Gary and Meredith Golden.

In memory of William and Julia Laughlin by Gary and Meredith Golden.

In loving memory of Don Miller by Pat Miller.

In loving memory of Helen Ann Rose by William Rose.

In loving memory of Emma Rose by William Rose.

In memory of Melvin, Mark, and all other family members by Janett Scherer.

In loving memory of Lillie and Monroe Schroeder by Lil and Henry Hosek, Jr.

In honor of Lil and Henry Hosek, Jr. by Sabra and family.

In memory of Marie and Jack Sauer by Sabra and family.

In loving memory of Craig Sauer by Sabra and family.

In loving memory of Frank & Alma Marshall and Paul & Lillian Belcik by Mark & Gail Belcik & family.

In loving memory of Sandy Marshall, Lula Oetken, and Elsie Oetken by Mark & Gail Belcik & family.

In memory of Victor & Evelyn Spiegelhauer, Ed & Frieda Othold, and Ernest & Eldon Spiegelhauer by Larry and Cheryl Clark.

In memory of Roy and Betty Othold by Kip and Mary Othold.

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In loving memory of Louise Chisamore by the Johnson family.

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In memory of Audrey Wagner by Kenneth and Laura Schulz.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Lethie Albrecht – Amy Arnold
Jimmy & Anna Arange
Gail Belcik – Tara Belcik
Trevor Belcik – Genevieve Beyer
Jerry Bitterly – Markus Harper
Joe Irwin – Keith Junot
Betty Schleichach
Cole Orht
Harlan Schroeter – Buck Curtis
Barbara Stubbs – Gary Groll

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES

The wife and family of Edward Opella on his death
Virgil Hartman and family members on the death of his mother, Evelyn Hartman



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

April 11th

Rachel Gajer
Jay Vega

April 12th

Gage Garnett

April 13th

Gary Marshall

April 14th

Christy Brady
Nicole Schmidt

April 17th

Mabel Lemke