

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026
6:30 & 10:15 AM
RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD SUNDAY
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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sharing God's love with all through worship, education, and service.

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Welcome

Welcome to our worship today: If you are visiting with us, or if you are seeking a faith community and desire to be a part of our ministries, we encourage you to follow the contact information at the bottom of this page and give us your address, telephone number and/or e-mail address so that we may contact you.

Offering:

Offering may be placed in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary or in the basket near the elevator. The offering will be carried to the front at 10:15 worship and presented during the offertory.

Online Giving:



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Prayer List:

The clipboard to add people to the prayer list is on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please be sure to include your name, their name, your relationship, and the prayer request.

INTRODUCTION

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

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+GATHERING+

The Resurrection Fire is lit. (6:30 am only)

P: May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

P: This was the night in which God's eternal "yes" resounded in the midst of death and darkness. This was the night in which the laws of the universe were set aside in order that a higher, more primal law could reveal itself: that in love's perfect sacrifice, nothing, not even the powers of death and hell itself could stand in the way of God's love for creation. And so, God of the universe who flung the stars into space, whose Holy Spirit gives us life and breath, and whose Son is the embodiment of love and life everlasting, we give you thanks and praise, for you are three and yet one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please share the light of Christ. Tip the unlit candle to the flame.

P: Let us pray. O God, the strength of the powerless and light in all darkness: Look in mercy upon your church, that wonderful and sacred mystery, that it may be an ark of peace in the midst of chaos.

C: Let the whole world experience and see that what was fallen is being raised up, that what was old is being made new, and that all things are being restored to wholeness through him from whom they first took being, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Follow the light & Processional Cross into the sanctuary & be seated.

Processional Cross & light remain at back of sanctuary until all are seated.

P: The light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

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C: Thanks be to God.

Safely extinguish your candle and stand as you are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

ELW 365

Please be seated.

(6:30 continues at the Greeting)



WELCOME & PRELUDE (10:15 only)

The church bell is rung three times to proclaim that we gather to worship in the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

PRELUDE

Now the Green Blade Rises arr. Anna Laura Page
Heaven Sent Bell Quartet

Please stand as you are able.

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P: In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

P: Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own that restore wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O living One,

C: make us one as you are one. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN (10:15 only)

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

ELW 365

The resurrection is proclaimed three times:

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

HYMN 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. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

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

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

KIDS' TIME

+WORD+

FIRST READING: ACTS 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: 118:1-2, 14-24

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**

"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

¹ If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28:1-10

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

P: The gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

ELW 379

APOSTLES' CREED

A: With the whole church let us confess our faith:

**C: 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

A: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

A: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

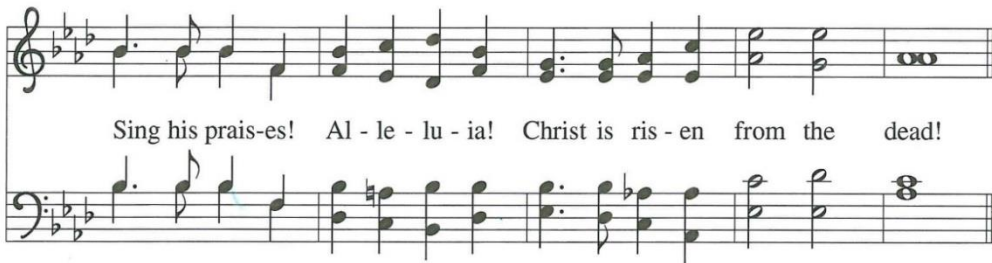
A: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

THE PEACE

A: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

6:30 Please remain standing. 10:15 Please be seated.

+MEAL+

MUSICAL OFFERING *(10:15 only)*

"Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers"

Text by John Bell
Music Calvin Hampton

OFFERTORY

Please stand and sing as offering is brought to the front.



Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!



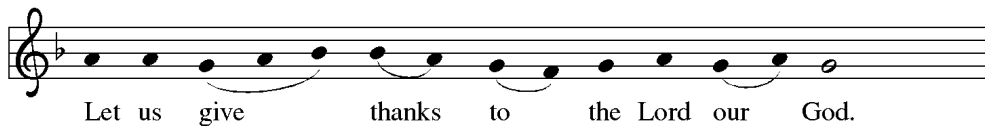
Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

THE OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: **Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: 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 for 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:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: 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.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: 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.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, we praise you, O God.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

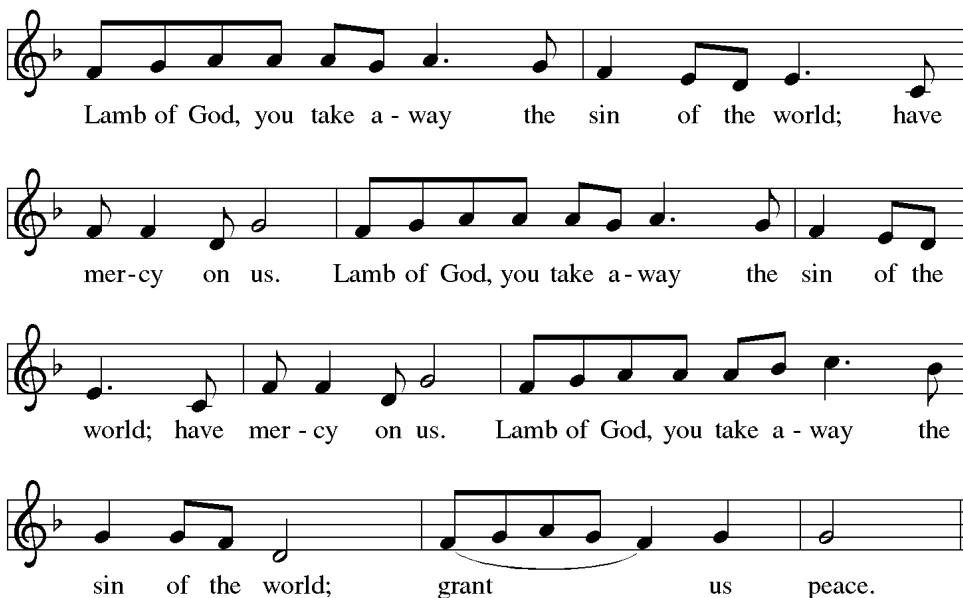
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the table of new life.

C: **Receive the risen Lord.**

COMMUNION

All baptized believers are welcome at the Lord's table. We trust in faith that the real presence of Christ is present in the bread and the wine. You will be invited to come to the front to receive the bread from the pastor, and then move to the side to receive an individual cup of white grape juice or red wine. Gluten free wafers are available. Please ask at the time of communion. Those who are not communing today, may come forward and request a blessing.



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.

Remain standing (6:30 am) Please be seated (10:15 am)

COMMUNION HYMNS

“What Feast of Love”

ELW 487

“Here is Bread”

ELW 483

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today!”

ELW 373

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

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

C: Amen.

A: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

C: Amen.

+SENDING+

BLESSING

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please turn to face the cross as it leaves the sanctuary

SENDING HYMN

"Thine is the Glory"

ELW 376

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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Matthew Thomsen, Trumpet

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Prayers:

For all of our homebound.

For the work of the Call Committee.

Members: Cathy Lamason; Phil Warner; Denise Burkhard; Alan and Bonnie Williamson; John Wallace; Carol Pensyl; Linda Humes; Miriam Wise

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Names will remain on the prayer list for three weeks; if they should remain on the prayer list for longer, please contact the office via phone or email.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY CHURCH: APRIL 5, 2026

Sun, 4/5	6:30 am, Sunrise Worship with Holy Communion 10:15 am, Festival Worship with Holy Communion 10:15 am, First Sunday Kids
Mon, 4/6	Church office closed
Thurs, 4/9	7 pm, Church Council
Fri, 4/10	4 pm, Set up for Trinity's Clothing Closet
Sat, 4/11	9 am, Trinity's Closet on Main



THE EASTER FLOWERS ARE
PRESENTED TO THE GLORY OF GOD



❧ **IN HONOR OF** ❧

Our son, Daniel, by Dennis & Denise Burkhard
Our wonderful and loving Lord and Savior, by Daryl & Ja'net Gochenauer
Our children, Kate & Brian Freeman, Dan Hocker & Angela Yost,
Nikki & John Hocker, by Dori & Tom Hocker
Our grandchildren, Charlie, Nathan & Leela Freeman, & Calvin Hocker,
by Dori & Tom Hocker
Loved Ones, by Sharon Stevens

❧ **IN MEMORY OF** ❧

Deacon George Barry & Sister Barbara Barry, by Pastor Barb Barry
All our loved ones, by Dennis and Denise Burkhard
Our parents, by John & Leslie Hocker
Our parents, Charlie & Elaine Good, and Betty & Clarence Hocker,
by Dori & Tom Hocker
Merle & Peggy Stambaugh, by Kevin, Jill & Kolton Kramer
Donald & Blondena Kramer, by Kevin, Jill & Kolton Kramer
Craig Montgomery, by Jim & Paula Montgomery
Myron & Elizabeth Davis, by James & Carol Pensyl & Family
Marlyn & Rachel Pensyl, by James & Carol Pensyl & Family
Tom Shaw, by Pat Shaw
Pattie Sheaffer, by her family
Loved Ones, by Jim & Mary-Louise Smith
Donald Stevens, by Sharon Stevens
Orville Wise, by Miriam Wise

❧ **TO THE GLORY OF GOD** ❧

In thanks for joyful song and music by our choir, bell ringers, instrumentalists, and congregational singers, by the Minister of Music



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