# **Trinity Lutheran Church**

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# "...So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Jubuilate) April 20 & 21, 2024



### Welcome, children of our Heavenly Father!

I Cor.10:16 calls our eating and drinking of the sacramental bread and wine an actual sharing in the body and blood of Christ. As we share this gift of the Savior, we also seek to be faithful to the confession of the Apostles' Doctrine, which Scripture says was shared by those who received the sacrament together. For this reason, guests who desire to commune are kindly asked to speak to the pastor or an elder.



In our prayers: Benny (grandson of Donna Ohrt), Yvonne (friend of Jean Janssen), Evelyn Bauer, Doris Benjamin (mother of Jane), Bernell Bohlmann, Lois Brenneisen, Cyndy Clapp, JoAnn Dickman, Margie Dominick, Violetta Donovan, Amy DuMontelle (friend of Deb Chmielowiec), Delbert Dummer (brother of Sharon), Bob English (father of Samantha Dehnnig), Ginger Hendrix (friend of Kim & Deb Weerts), Glen Hoffman (husband of Cassandra), Alan Janssen, Paul Johnson, Jeff & Jamie Jones (friends of Kamber Johnston), Greg Kraft (uncle of Ken Taube), Gerald Kroesch, Darcy Lind (friend of Norma Bell), Lisa Lorang (granddaughter of Vinita Brutlag), Jean Mau, Lynne Noffke, Tammie O'Connell (mother of Eric Meredith), Donna Ohrt, Roger Phillips, Brian Plenert (son-in-law of Don & Joanne LaChappell), Audrey Ruettger (mother of Lynne Noffke), Cooper Ruggles (great-grandson of Alan & Wanda Janssen and Deb & Tim Chmielowiec). Jeff Schultz (brother of Deb Chmielowiec), Justine Schultz (niece of Deb Chmielowiec), Jane Schwark, Rodney Schwark, Charlie Sherrill (father of Cristin Kersten), Nancy Snedecor, Alta Sorenson, Butch Sorenson, Chris Tanner (nephew of Nancy Varboncoeur), Mike Thomas, Sheri Thompson (aunt of Eric Meredith), Chip Thurston, Maritta Tolmer, Jason Warpet (cousin of Deb Chmielowiec), Lorraine Whitwell, and Donna Witheft.

For all those that our Savior knows are in need, and those we name privately before our Lord.

+ ORDER OF WORSHIP—DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE—LSB 184 + + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

#### Hymn of Invocation: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

LSB 469

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- $\blacksquare$  In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

#### **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

- **P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- **C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit (Spoken responsively <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> verse by <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> verse) Psalm 66:3, 5, 8–9; antiphon: vv. 1–2

Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alleluia.

**Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alleluia.** Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you." Come and see what God has done:

he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

Bless our God, O peoples;

let the sound of his praise be heard,

who has kept our soul among the living

and has not let our feet slip.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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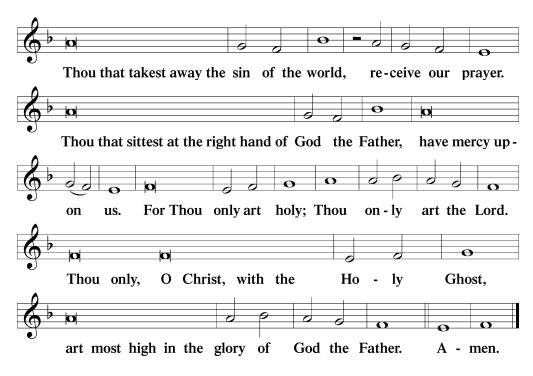


as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.



**Gloria in Excelsis** 





Salutation and Collect of the Day



Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Sit Old Testament Reading

Lamentations 3:22–33

<sup>22</sup>The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; <sup>23</sup>they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

<sup>24</sup>"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

 $^{25}$ The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.

<sup>26</sup>It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup>It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

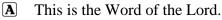
<sup>28</sup>Let him sit alone in silence when it is laid on him;

<sup>29</sup>let him put his mouth in the dust—there may yet be hope;

<sup>30</sup>let him give his cheek to the one who strikes, and let him be filled with insults. <sup>31</sup>For the Lord will not cast off forever,

<sup>32</sup>but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

<sup>33</sup>for he does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men.



**C** Thanks be to God.

Gradual (Saturday): (Spoken responsively <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> verse by <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> verse)Psalm 111:9a; Luke 24:26

Alleluia. He sent redemption to his people. Alleluia.

Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory? Alleluia.

Handbell Choir (Sunday): Just As I Am

William B. Bradbury, Sandra Eithun

#### Epistle

1 Peter 2:11–20

<sup>11</sup>Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup>Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

<sup>13</sup>Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, <sup>14</sup>or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. <sup>15</sup>For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. <sup>16</sup>Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. <sup>17</sup>Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

<sup>18</sup>Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. <sup>19</sup>For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

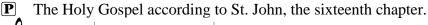
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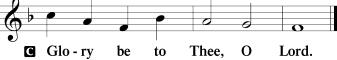
Stand



#### **Holy Gospel**

John 16:16-22





<sup>16</sup>[Jesus said:] "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." <sup>17</sup>So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" <sup>18</sup>So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." <sup>19</sup>Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? <sup>20</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. <sup>21</sup>When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup>So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."



Sit

#### Sermon

- P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- **C** Amen.

#### Stand

#### **Apostles' Creed**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ++ everlasting. Amen.

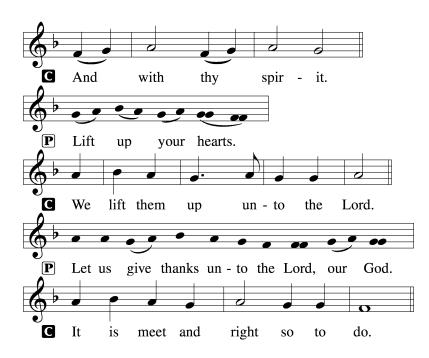
#### **Prayer of the Church**

After each petition

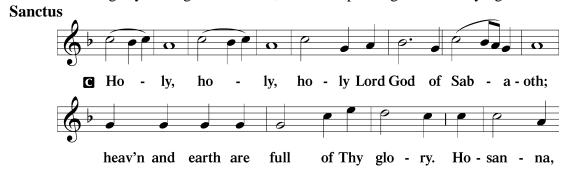
- **P** ...let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

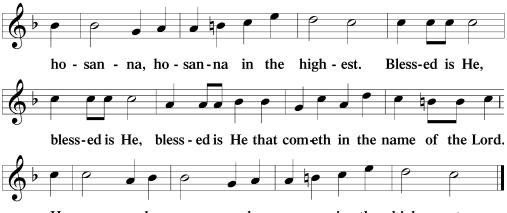
#### + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +





It is truly meet, 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:





Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

#### Lord's Prayer

**P** 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.



#### The Words of Our Lord

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."

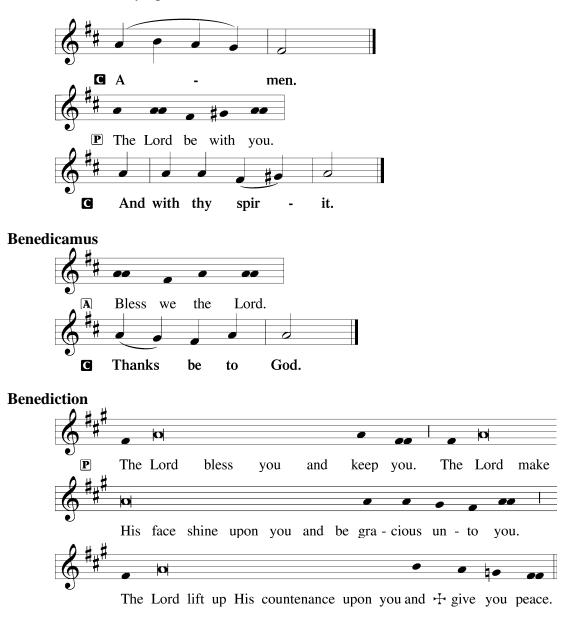


Distribution

	<b>Distribution Hymn:</b>	Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord	LSB 637
	<b>Distribution Hymn:</b>	The Gifts Christ Freely Gives	LSB 602
	<b>Distribution Hymn:</b>	Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness	LSB 636
Stand	-		



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.





#### Hymn to Depart: The Day of Resurrection

LSB 478

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In Response to our Savior's Love								
	Sat.	Sun.	Total	Offerings: Operating	Missions	All Other Funds		
April 7 <sup>th</sup> April 14 <sup>th</sup>	44	94	138	\$ 3,955.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 120.00		
April 14 <sup>th</sup>	38	82	120	\$ 3,875.00	\$ 375.00	\$ 45.00		
Sunday School			39	\$ 11.00				
Bible Study	3	18	21					

Average amount needed weekly to meet current Operating expenses\$ 5,800.00Average amount needed weekly to meet current Mission commitments\$ 692.00

Complete financial reports are given at Quarterly Voters' Meetings usually held on the third Sundays of January, April, July, and October. Please contact Diane in the church office if you need to pick up your offering envelopes, have offering envelopes issued or wish to be removed from the offering envelope list.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry Stewardship Thoughts – April 21 – Easter 4 (*Jubilate*) 1 John 3:2 – "Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is." This is the essence of our sanctification: becoming like our Lord. As St. John notes, this will only be completed in the Resurrection. But until then, we are called to trust His grace and to grow into His image more and more.

#### Announcements

<u>Altar Flowers</u> are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Hugh & Anita Van Voorst by Beth Van Voorst & family.

<u>**Trinity's Quarterly Voters' Meeting**</u> will be held this Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00am. Lunch will be served at 10:45am.

Newsletter deadline for May items is Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> by 9:00am. Please & thanks!

Herscher Council of Churches will hold their quarterly meeting Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm.

<u>A Worship Service will be held at Courtyard Estates</u>, Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00pm.

<u>Save the date</u>: Trinity's Sewing Group will hold a potluck prior to quilting Tuesday, May 7th at 11:30am. Details to follow.

Little Lambs Registration: It's time to register for preschool! Our morning 4-year-old Pre-K class is currently full. A waiting list has been started and if there is sufficient enrollment, an afternoon class will be offered. The 3-year-old Pre-K class has openings at this time. You may pick up an application in the parish hall, church office, or from any member of preschool staff. Alternately, you may download an application to print at home from the preschool website: littlelambsherscher.org/enrollment. Spots are filled in the order complete registrations are received.

#### Vacation Bible School - Celebrate the Savior June 3-7, 2024 We are excited for

Vacation Bible School 2024! **Student and** volunteer online registration is open! Go to: vbsmate.com/trinitylutheranherscheril You may contact our 2024 VBS Director, Heather Meredith with any questions. Heather—Phone/text: 815-573-1056 Email: hmj8706@yahoo.com



## This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

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Sunday 04/2	1 8:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:30am	Sunday School & High School Bible Study
	9:45am	Sunday Adult Bible Study
	10:45am	Voters' Meeting Lunch
	11:00am	Quarterly Voters' Meeting
	2:00pm	Confirmation
Monday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
	9:00am	May Newsletter Deadline
Tuesday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
	7:00pm	Herscher Council of Churches Meeting
Wednesday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
-	5:30pm	Children's Music Rehearsal
	7:00pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
<u>Friday</u>		
Saturday	4:00pm	Saturday Adult Bible Study
	5:00pm	Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday 04/2	8 8:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:30am	Sunday School & High School Bible Study
	9:45am	Sunday Adult Bible Study
	12:00pm	Zirkle Parish Hall
	4:30pm	Herscher Hustlers 4-H

Serving the Lord today: Pastor: Rev. Eric J. Brown							
Cantor: Paul Johnson							
Elder/Communion	:	Next Week:					
	Joe Hart (Sat.)	Kevin Kruse (Sat.)					
	John Varvel (Sun.)	Don LaChappell (Sun.)					
Usher Captain:	Gerald Kruse (Sat.) Dan Shute (Sun.)						
Altar Guild:	Bonnie Matherly, Heather Meredith & Jane Schaumburg						