

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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EASTER SUNDAY, April 4, 2021

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Bible Classes and Sunday School, 9:00 AM,

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

RETURN AND SEE

The Day of Easter appeals to all of the senses—especially the sense of sight. With joy-filled eyes, we view our place of worship, which has a singular beauty at Easter. We return and see and rejoice. But the greatest visioning of Easter on this holy day is that we are called to come and see the risen Christ. By faith, we see the salvation won for us. This is the feast of victory for our God—and by His grace, once again, we get to view it "up close and personal"!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR EASTER SUNDAY **☆INDICATES TO STAND**

HYMN OF INVOCATION "JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY" LSB 457 STAND ON LAST VERSE



†CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

In the name of the Father and of the **T** Son and of the Holy Spirit. Pastor:

People Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from

all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against People You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in

Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. Pastor:

As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in

the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

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†SERVICE OF THE WORD

PSALM 16

Pastor: ¹ Preserve me, O God, **People:** for in You I take refuge.

Pastor: ² I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; **People:** I have no good apart from You."

Pastor: ³ As for the saints in the land,

People: they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

Pastor:

4 The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;

People: their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

Pastor: ⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup:

People: You hold my lot.

Pastor: ⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

People: indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.
Pastor: 7 I bless the LORD Who gives me counsel;
People: in the night also my heart instructs me.
Pastor: 8 I have set the LORD always before me;

People: because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Pastor: ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

People: my flesh also dwells secure.

Pastor: ¹⁰ For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

People: or let Your holy one see corruption.

Pastor:

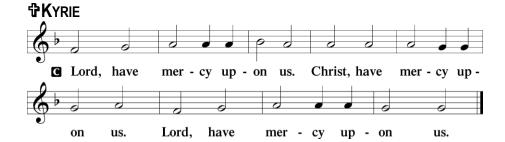
11 You make known to me the path of life;

People: in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures for-

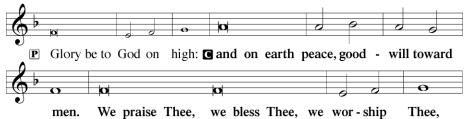
evermore.

All: 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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⇔SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Pastor: Let us prav.

People: Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome

death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and

forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING -- ISAIAH 25:6-9

Reader: A reading from Isaiah, the twenty-fifth chapter.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷ And He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast

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over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸ He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

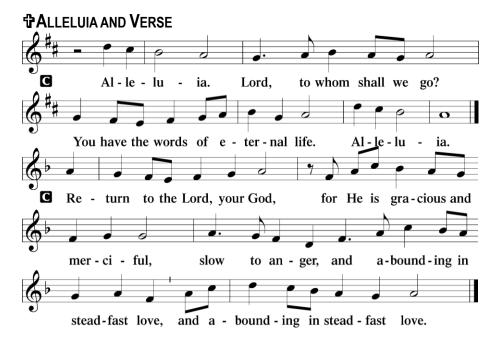
THE EPISTLE -- 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

Reader: A reading from 1 Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter.

¹ Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



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Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the twenty-eighth chapter.

People: J Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead, and behold, He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him. See, I have told you." ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell His disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell My brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

HYMN OF THE DAY "He's RISEN, He's RISEN" LSB 480 STAND ON LAST VERSE



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THE SERMON "RETURN AND SEE"

骨THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

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.

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life ${\mathbb T}$ of the world to come. Amen.

⇔PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Rejoicing in the life, hope, and peace that our mighty God and Father gives through the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all in need. For the Church throughout the world, and for our local church community, that enlivened by the risen Lord Jesus, we seek new ways to love and bless all of God's creation. Risen Lord.

People: let our prayers rise to You.

Pastor:For world leaders, our president, congress, governor, and mayor, that walking in humility and acknowledging their power as a gift meant for serving others, they lead in ways that promote justice for the vulnerable, peace for the broken, and flourishing for those who struggle. Risen Lord,

People: let our prayers rise to You.

Pastor:For the needs of our local community: For those who are poor, unemployed, or struggling with life, that You lead us to find ways to love and serve. For those who work to protect and serve our community: nurses and doctors, police and firefighters, sanitation workers and mail carriers, we give thanks. For those who serve in the military and for soldiers who struggle after deployment, [including . . .], that the peace in Christ which surpasses understanding guide them and comfort them. Risen Lord,

People: let our prayers rise to You.

Pastor:For those who are sick, for the hospitalized, for those who are facing surgery, [including . . .], that they experience healing according to Your will, and in the midst of their suffering know the assurance that our risen Lord will never forsake them. Risen Lord,

People: let our prayers rise to You.

Pastor:For this congregation, that having returned to our Lord throughout the season of Lent, we go forward in the Easter season energized by the power of the Holy Spirit, so that our church will be known in our community as a people filled with joy in the Lord who love and serve our neighbors as Jesus did. Risen Lord.

People: let our prayers rise to You.

Pastor:In remembrance of our loved ones who have died, [including . . .]. We give You thanks for their lives and for the time You gave us with them. Fill us with gratitude for the resurrection of Jesus, who empowers us to grieve with hope. Risen Lord,

People: let our prayers rise to You.

Pastor:You, O Lord, defeated our greatest enemy by the death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus. We entrust to You these prayers spoken in love this day; we trust, too, that You hear our prayers that are too deep for words. For You call us to pray without ceasing and to trust that You hear our prayers. In that promise we live and hope, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

†Benediction

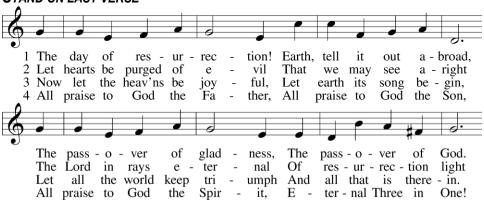
P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

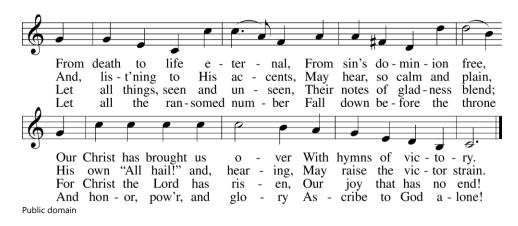
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "THE DAY OF RESURRECTION" LSB 478 STAND ON LAST VERSE



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NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS: Psalm 16; Isaiah 25:6-9; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8

NEXT WEEK: How can creation, outside of humans, praise the Lord?

TODAY'S LIGHT READERS

TODAY'S LIGHT: Daniel 5–12; Hosea 1–2

- 1. What are some aspects of world affairs that make you concerned? List them and tell why they bother you. Then read Daniel 5:21c, the theme of the Book of Daniel. What is the assurance God brings to you in this verse? Share the comfort of God's Word from these additional passages: Psalm 90:1–2; Romans 6:23; 8:28; Psalm 145:15–16; Genesis 50:20; Psalm 103:13.
- 2. Why might a husband take away his wife's credit cards and car keys? Why might he disconnect the phone and the computer? Hosea essentially did this (Hosea 2:6, 9–12). What was his purpose (Hosea 2:14)? Have you fallen away from the Lord? In this section of Hosea, God graphically says He dearly wants His people back. How do the names of the children in Hosea 1–2 indicate that God wants to have His unfaithful children back in His family? What did God sacrifice to get us, His unfaithful children, back?

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

"As we gather this Easter just with our household, or perhaps all alone, we will undoubtedly miss some of the traditions that we have embraced over the years. Do not lament the loss of what does not last. Rather, embrace the enduring message that 'He is risen! He is risen indeed!' It changes everything!" Rev. Robert Fleischmann, Christian Life Resources A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life — www.lutheransforlife.org

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

April 4 – Resurrection of Our Lord – Sinful selfishness made human flesh an agent of death. Jesus Christ's resurrection claims our bodies as instruments of life again. Since abortion and assisted suicide do not bring life, they cannot come from God—or from God's people. Receiving life as His gift sometimes means waiting (Isaiah 25:9), but this wipes away tears from every face (Isaiah 25:8).

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"HERE I STAND" SUNDAY APRIL 18, 2021

April 18th will be celebrated as "Here I Stand" Sunday, the 500th anniversary (to the day) of Martin Luther's defense at the Diet of Worms. There will be additional information forthcoming. One item in the planning is the showing of the film "Martin Luther" that was produced for the 500th anniversary celebration of the start of the Reformation.

Join Lutherans across the nation in celebrating "Here I Stand" Sunday, a special 500th-anniversary observance endorsed by delegates to the 2019 convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS).

2019 Resolution 4-09 calls on God's people and all LCMS congregations to "gather for worship celebrations ... spend time in prayer, asking the Lord to continue to bless the proclamation of the Gospel" and to receive thank offerings to be used toward the continued proclamation of the Gospel throughout the world.

Although this resolution was passed prior to the pandemic, the goal remains the same: to encourage continued comradery across the Synod.

Therefore, encouraged by the confession of Dr. Martin Luther, we gladly bring to mind the truth that to gather in the Lord's name and around His Holy Word and Sacrament is to be joined always to the full number of saints — both around the world and in eternity.

LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

April 4 – Easter - John 20:1 – "Now on the first day of the week ..." All is made new by the Resurrection of Jesus! Even the day of worship has transitioned from the Old Testament's Saturday Sabbath to the Lord's Day of the New Testament. For the Lord has made all things new. He has begun a new week for a new creation in rising from the dead as the New Adam. We are also made new in Him – a new heart, a new life, new desires, and a new outlook toward God. All this comes from our Risen Lord's grace. Especially after the sort of year we've had since last Easter. It's sure good news to hear that the Lord makes all things start afresh.

YOU ARE INVITED To Garrett Anderson's Senior Trombone Recital Accompanied by Darice Palmier April 21, 2021 --- 5:30 P.M. Great Room at Trinity Lutheran Church

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by Marvin & Joyce Bunker in honor of their 63rd wedding anniversary

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021 THROUGH SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	EVENT
SUNDAY	7:30 A.M.	SonRise worship service
	After SonRise – 9:45 A.M.	Easter Breakfast
	10:15 A.M.	Easter Worship Service
MONDAY	5:30 P.M.	Bell Choir Practice
	7:00 P.M.	Bible Study
TUESDAY	9:30 A.M.	Ruth Bible Study
	5:30 P.M.	Adult Information Class
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M.	Men's Bible Study
	10:30 A.M	TOPS
	5:00 P.M.	TOPS
THURSDAY	6:00 P.M.	Love, INC.
	7:00 P.M.	Board of Elders Meeting
SATURDAY	10:00 A.M.	LWML Meeting
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU! To the wonderful people who came out to help with the highway cleanup on March 27th, including James, a BIG thank you. Pastor got the breeze he was hoping for with which to try out his gizmo; everyone voted the contraption an unqualified success. A special thanks to Nora who brought birthday treats for me to share with the trash collectors. Our highway mile is now all spiffed up for the summer. Thank you all so very much. Hannah

CUSTODIAN: Our church custodian's last day of working was March 28th. If anyone would like to apply for this position please see Allen Burmeister (832-817-3454) for job description, and salary.

<u>VACATION:</u> Jan will be on vacation Wednesday, April 9th though Tuesday, April. 16th. If you plan to come to the church during this time period, be sure to call the office first (437-1482) to make sure that someone is at church. Pastor is usually here but does go out from time to time.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: If you have changed your address or telephone number please let the church office know so we can update the church directory and print a new one.

<u>USHERS NEEDED:</u> In preparation for opening our services we need to establish our usher teams once again. We need four ushers per service to pass the collection plates, count attendance and pick-up bulletins and other left behind items. To limit service to one Sunday a month we will need 16 ushers. Please contact Bob Klose, Vice President, if you are willing to serve.

<u>THURSDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY:</u> A group of ladies meet on Thursdays, 2:00 PM at the home of Nora Sotak for Bible Study. We are going to begin studying the book of Acts on April 8. You are welcome to join us, tell Nora, 434-5247, so she can order you a study book.

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THIS WEEK ON KFUO.org, we celebrate our Risen Savior! Hear the end of Mark and begin 1 Peter 1 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), continue in 1 Thessalonians on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and hear practical conversations on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT). Find podcasts, including the new "Friends for Life" podcast from LCMS Life Ministry, on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

<u>WORSHIP ANEW</u> is a National Lutheran TV program sponsored by Terry Marquardt of Marquardt Eye Associates and Trinity Lutheran Church of Alamogordo. It's on KVBA Vision Broadcasting, on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. or Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. It's streaming on KVBATV.org or 14.1 Digital, 19 Analog, 22 Cable. (times listed below)

 Sunday
 5:30 AM
 Sunday
 12:30 PM

 Wed.
 11:30 AM
 Friday
 8:00 AM

 Friday
 2:00 PM
 Friday
 6:30 PM

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021: WORSHIPPED: 92 **ON-LINE:** 7 **THURS. APRIL 1, 2021: WORSHIPPED:** 60 **COMMUNED:** 49 **ON-LINE:** 6

FINANCIAL INFORMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE THIS WEEK. IT WILL BE PUBLISHED NEXT WEEK.

Assisting In Our Worship Today

HOSTS: Robyn Luevano ELDER: Matt Clark

Hannah Keeler ACOLYTE: Reilly Quinn

ALTAR GUILD: Gayan Moore Tellers: Shirley Enyeart

Hannah Keeler Patty Quinn

ATTENDANCE: Mary Leslie Schmitt

USHERS: Tom Blackmon, Larry & Beverly Van Duyn

1st Lesson: Larry Van Duyn **2nd Lesson:** Beverly Van Duyn

ASSISTING IN OUR EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 11TH

Hosts: Lewis & Kelly Thomas ELDER: Jesse Elkjer

ACOLYTE: Madie Sanchez

ALTAR GUILD: Gayan Moore Tellers: Dick Dommers

Hannah Keeler Megan Bowman

ATTENDANCE: Mary Leslie Schmitt

USHERS: Marvin Bunker, John Marquardt, Matt Anderson

1st Lesson: Bob Klose **2nd Lesson:** Sandy Klose

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HEAVENLY FATHER, WE COME TO YOU IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

FOR COURAGE, GRACE, FAITH, AND HEALING WITHIN YOUR WILL

Steve Agnew, **Kay Burger, Michael Burger**, Arlene Calixto, Patty Carr, Reese Chandler, Katrina Clark, Paul Douglas, George Gamage, **Robin Haymes**, David Hernandez, Greg Hodgdon, Wayne Holmes, Scout Hughes, Ronda Jones, Shannon Jones, Jess King, Janie Landig, Gary Lundsey, Stacey Maddox, Jerry Miller, Chad Parks, Logan Radford, **Susan Rentschler**, Lynn Skinner, Ginger Smith, Judy Smith, Marylin Spain., Robert Spain, Lauren Stewart, Aileen Walther, Betty Wilkes, Christopher Wolfe, Martyrs for the faith, Our Nation's Leaders

We also pray for those who are on the long-term prayers in the Trinitarian.

FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN THE MILITARY

Tom Bass, Shannon Bowman, **Zac Collins**, Matthew Dommers, Caleb Jaecks, Jason Lee, **Natasha Thomas**, Tanner Wedd, and all troops serving in harms way

LEST WE FORGET

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

Fermanda Albini, Lois Babcock, Lothar Butzkies, Hellen Daily, Rodney Greer, Denise Griffiths, Clarence Hust, Shirley Hill, Connie Johnson,

AMEN PRAYER REQUEST CARDS

If you wish to place a name on the prayer list, you must complete a **blue prayer request card**. The cards are located on the credenza to the right as you leave the sanctuary. If the individual needs to remain on the prayer list, the requester will have to update the request card every two weeks by calling the church office or completing a new card. If not updated after two weeks on the weekly prayer list, each name will be transferred to the extended prayer list which will be published in the Trinitarian.

