

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
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**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING**

OPENING HYMN PAGE 470 -- **“O SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE KING”** VERSES 1-3

- 1 O sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 That Easter morn, at break of day,
The faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 An angel clad in white they see,
Who sits and speaks unto the three,
“Your Lord will go to Galilee.”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

OPENING VERSICLES PAGE 260

- L This is the day which the Lord has made;
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
- L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
C **Teach me Your paths.**
- L Sanctify us in Your truth.
C **Your Word is truth.**
- L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- C **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.**

OLD TESTAMENT HYMN PAGE 729 -- **"I AM TRUSTING THEE, LORD JESUS"** (VERSES 1-4)

- 1 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only Thee;
Trusting Thee for full salvation,
Great and free.
- 2 I am trusting Thee for pardon;
At Thy feet I bow,
For Thy grace and tender mercy
Trusting now.
- 3 I am trusting Thee for cleansing
In the crimson flood;
Trusting Thee to make me holy
By Thy blood.
- 4 I am trusting Thee to guide me;
Thou alone shalt lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying
All my need.

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FIRST READING -- ACTS 5:29-42

L The first reading for the second Sunday of Easter is from the fifth chapter of Acts.

²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging Him on a tree. ³¹God exalted Him at His right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him." ³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the Name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE -- 1 PETER 1:3-9

Reader: The Epistle reading is from the first chapter of First Peter.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. Though you do not now see Him, you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL – JOHN 20:19-31

✠L The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld." ²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, 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 in His hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into His side, I will never believe." ²⁶Eight days later, His disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, 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; and put out your hand, and place it in My side. Do not disbelieve, 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 believed." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

✠RESPONSORY PAGE 263

- L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

✠THE TEN COMMANDMENTS PAGE 264

- C **You shall have no other gods.
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

✠THE APOSTLE'S CREED PAGE 264

✠THE LORD'S PRAYER PAGE 264

HYMN OF THE DAY PAGE 470

"O SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE KING" VERSES 4-9

- 4 That night the apostles met in fear;
Among them came their master dear
And said, "My peace be with you here."
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard
That they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,
And look upon My hands, My feet;
Not faithless but believing be."
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
“You are my Lord and God!” he cried.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

8 How blest are they who have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days
Be laud and jubilee and praise:
To God your hearts and voices raise.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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THE SERMON

OFFERING

✠PRAYER..... PAGE 265

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, Trinity as we pray for God’s guidance as we continue our call process, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

✠ **COLLECT OF THE DAY** PAGE 265

L Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

✠ **COLLECT FOR THE WORD** PAGE 265

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

✠ **MORNING PRAYER** PAGE 266

C **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

THE NEW TESTAMENT HYMN PAGE 484

"MAKE SONGS OF JOY" (STAND ON VERSE 6)

- 1 Make songs of joy to Christ, our head;
Alleluia!
He lives again who once was dead!
Alleluia!
- 2 Our life was purchased by His loss;
Alleluia!
He died our death upon the cross.
Alleluia!
- 3 O death, where is your deadly sting?
Alleluia!
Assumed by our triumphant King!
Alleluia!

- 4 And where your victory, O grave,
Alleluia!
When one like Christ has come to save?
Alleluia!
- 5 Behold, the tyrants, one and all,
Alleluia!
Before our mighty Savior fall!
Alleluia!
- 6 For this be praised the Son who rose,
Alleluia!
The Father, and the Holy Ghost!
Alleluia!

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✠ **BLESSING** *PAGE 267*

L Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN *PAGE 480* **“HE’S RISEN, HE’S RISEN”** (*STAND ON LAST VERSE*)

- 1 He’s risen, He’s risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death’s prison, the incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.
- 2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan’s domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.
- 3 But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.
- 4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden’s door.
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.
- 5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.

Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

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NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS: Psalm 116:1-14; Acts 2:14a,36-41; 1 Peter 1:17-25; Luke 24:13-35



Trinity Stewardship Ministry

Go and Tell Christ Is Risen!

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 *“What I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins...that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures ...”*

Through Christ's Resurrection, God assures us that we are forgiven and that we, too, will rise again. Surely this is the message of first importance that we as stewards of our Risen Lord and Savior will desire to pass on. ***Go and tell that Christ is risen!***

Prayer: Dear Lord, without Your gracious aid I would be forever in the depths, forever bound to sin, forever lost. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and life You have given me through Your Son, Christ, my Redeemer. Help me boldly go out and tell others that Christ is risen! In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Lola Ableidinger, Stewardship Chair

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LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

April 12 - “The cross that held Jesus' body exposed all the sin, violence, and injustice of this world for what it is. At once, the cross revealed what kind of world we have and what kind of God we have: a world of gross unfairness but also a God of sacrificial love.” *Rev. Gregory Seltz, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty*

– A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

April 12 (Easter 2) – Jesus sent out His apostles with His Spirit to be His witnesses, bringing His peace to the world through the forgiveness of sins (John 20:21; Acts 5:32). Through

their witness and the witness of the believers who followed, we too have been brought to faith and are therefore blessed even though we have not seen Jesus with our eyes (1Peter 1:8; John 20:29). When we “praise the Lord” (Psalm 148:1) with our Gospel-motivated voices, our neighbors are also brought to see Jesus through us, that they too may believe and “have life in His name” (John 20:31).

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026 THROUGH SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
<i>SUNDAY</i>	9:00 A.M.	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship
<i>MONDAY</i>	<i>After service</i>	<i>Board of Education Meeting</i>
	5:30 P.M.	<i>Boards of Evangelism & Stewardship Meeting</i>
	<i>6:30 P.M.</i>	<i>Gideons</i>
<i>TUESDAY</i>	9:30 A.M.	Ruth Bible Study
	5:15 P.M.	Bell Choir Practice
<i>WEDNESDAY</i>	9:00 A.M.	Men’s Bible Study
	10:30 A.M.	TOPS Meeting
<i>THURSDAY</i>	9:30 A.M.	<i>Quilters</i>
	2:00 P.M.	<i>Ladies’ Bible Study</i>
	7:00 P.M.	<i>Board of Directors’ Meeting</i>
<i>SUNDAY</i>	9:00 A.M.	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship/Communion Mission Sunday- LHMI

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 68th wedding anniversary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS, TRINITY! We received word from Sandy Freund, Baby Bottle Fundraiser Chair, that our congregation raised \$1000.12! Well done, Trinity members. I challenged us to raise at least \$1000 and we did. Thank you to all of you for your generous contributions. Is it too early to begin saving coins for next February?

THE MISSION FOR MARCH AND APRIL is LCMS Disaster Response whose ministry responds to immediate and long-term needs following natural and man-made disasters, working through LCMS districts and congregations, international Lutheran churches and other partners. We build partners’ capacity to respond with Christian care to needs within the church and other communities.

TRACT OF THE MONTH: What about Confession and Absolution? Are we poor, miserable sinners? What is Confession? What sins should we confess? By What authority does the church forgive sins? What do you believe according to the promise of God? Is confession and absolution a Sacrament? What is private absolution and what is its benefit? **These questions, are answered by Dr. A. L. Barry, former President of The LCMS.** Pick one up on the spinning rack in the Narthex.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Continuing our study through the book of Genesis on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT), we're picking up with chapter 44! Join us on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as Pastor Booe guides us through a new study of the book of Ecclesiastes. Sharathon 2026 is just around the corner! Save the date for April 30th-May 2nd—join us for live programming, giveaways, and more, and consider partnering with us! Learn more by visiting kfuo.org/sharathon.

BACKPACK MINISTRY

We are collecting food items for the Love INC Backpack Ministry for the Tularosa schools. Please leave your donations in the tub in the south hallway. A list of items needed is posted above the tub. You may make a monetary donation if you prefer. Contact me at 575-214-9942 if you have any questions. Thank you for your support. Cheryl Richey.

Backpack Food Suggestions

Small boxes of Cereal	Cereal Bars
Fruit cups	Shelf stable milk boxes
Cheese Crackers	Small bags of Chips
Soups or stews	Tuna or Chickens salads
Juice Boxes	Fresh Fruits

Other suggestions are welcomed and appreciated!

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026: WORSHIPPED: 107 COMMUNED: 80 ONLINE: 6
GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3: WORSHIPPED: 58 COMMUNED: 53
MAUNDY THURS. & GOOD FRIDAY: GENERAL FUND: \$1,739.00
SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026: GENERAL FUND: \$4,836.00
MARCH 2026, MONTHLY ONLINE GIVING: \$5,400.00
FLOWERS: \$36.00
LCMS DISASTER FUND: \$51.00
DOLLAR PROJECT: \$12.00

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY: 8
WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: 7
THURSDAY AFTERNOON LADIES BIBLE STUDY: 4

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS:	Merry & Cody Zumwalt	ELDER:	Allen Burmeister
LITURGIST:	Allen Burmeister	SERMON:	Bob Klose
ALTAR GUILD:	Cheryl Richey	TELLERS:	Lola Ableidinger
	Diane Kline		Cheryl Sandenaw
ATTENDANCE:	Cody & Merry Zumwalt	SOUND TECH:	Jim Kline
USHERS:	Norbert Sanchez, Sue Kelly		
	Glen & Christine Schlehuser		

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH

MUSIC: Michael Cortez

HOSTS:	Susan Kelly, Hannah Keeler	ELDER:	Bob Klose
ALTAR GUILD:	Cheryl Richey	TELLERS:	Sandy Klose
	Diane Kline		Susan Kelly
ATTENDANCE:	The Zumwalts	SOUND TECH:	Vicki Leonard
USHERS:	Bob Thede, Tammy Thede		
	Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson		

**HEAVENLY FATHER, WE COME TO YOU IN
PRAISE AND PRAYER**

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

Darrell & Sheila Anderson, Brianna Bickham, Pastor Kerry & Ruth Buttke, Ellen Clark, Douglas Clark, Jim Coburn, Vicky Cosio, Sammie Feldman, Bob Freeman, Pastor Warren Graff, Rob Gressman, Jill Guitierrez, Jim Johnson, Jim Keeler, Janet Kushlan, Jim LaSala, Issac Love, Carly Lowen, Kiley Martin, Carey Mitchell, Rob Ostash, Tim Polling, Rachel Preus, Logan Radford, **Robert Rentschler**, Janet Rooker, Connie Rogers, Dana Sandenaw, Jessica Schroeder, Pete Stebbins, Wardel Stokes, Roger Storm, Rogelio Torres, Matt Vick, Ann Waghorn, Karen Zinn, Don Zumwalt, Martyrs for the faith, Our Nation's Leaders, Public Safety Personnel,

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

FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN THE MILITARY

Tom Bass, Heather Beck, **Zac Collins**, Brendon Garritano, Ryan Hobson, Caleb Jaecks, Daniel Smelser, Bryant Roeske, Kyle Steeby, Arcadia Thomason, Ethan Trowbridge, Tanner Wedd, and all troops serving in harms way

LEST WE FORGET

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

Kay Burger, Lothar Butzkies, Bill English, Tom & Darlene Gilmore, Rodney Greer, Shirley Hill, Jim & Ruth Wilkes, Lee Wood,

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.