

**WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**SUNDAY, April 7, 2024**

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE  
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE**

✠ INDICATES TO STAND

**HYMN OF INVOCATION** ..... PAGE 596

**“ALL CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED”** VERSES 1, 2, 4 & 6)

✠ **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** ..... PAGE 184

✠ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ..... PAGE 186

✠ **PSALM 148**

Pastor: <sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;

**People: Praise Him in the heights!**

Pastor: <sup>2</sup>Praise Him, all His angels;

**People: praise Him, all His hosts!**

Pastor: <sup>3</sup>Praise Him, sun and moon,

**People: praise Him, all you shining stars!**

Pastor: <sup>4</sup>Praise Him, you highest heavens,

**People: and you waters above the heavens!**

Pastor: <sup>5</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD!

**People: For He commanded and they were created.**

Pastor: <sup>6</sup>And He established them forever and ever;

**People: He gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

Pastor: <sup>7</sup>Praise the LORD from the earth,

**People: you great sea creatures and all deeps,**

Pastor: <sup>8</sup>fire and hail, snow and mist,

**People: stormy wind fulfilling His word!**

Pastor: <sup>9</sup>Mountains and all hills,

**People: fruit trees and all cedars!**

Pastor: <sup>10</sup>Beasts and all livestock,

**People: creeping things and flying birds!**

Pastor: <sup>11</sup>Kings of the earth and all peoples,

**People: princes and all rulers of the earth!**

Pastor: <sup>12</sup>Young men and maidens together,

**People: old men and children!**

Pastor: <sup>13</sup>Let them praise the name of the LORD, for His name alone is exalted;

**People:** His majesty is above earth and heaven.

Pastor: <sup>14</sup>He has raised up a horn for His people, praise for all His saints,

**People:** for the people of Israel who are near to Him. Praise the LORD!

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:** **♪And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

**ALL:** 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. **♪Amen.**

### FIRST READING -- ACTS 4:32-35

Reader: The first reading for the second Sunday of Easter is from the fourth chapter of Acts.

<sup>32</sup>Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. <sup>33</sup>And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold <sup>35</sup>and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**THE GRADUAL** (adapted from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalms 8:6)

Pastor: Christ has risen from the dead.

**People:** [God the Father] has crowned Him with glory and honor,

Pastor: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

**People:** He has put all things under His feet.

### THE EPISTLE -- 1 JOHN 1:1-2:2

Reader: The Epistle reading is from the first and second chapters of First John.

<sup>1</sup>That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life— <sup>2</sup>the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— <sup>3</sup>that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. <sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from Him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son

cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us. <sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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**✠ THE HOLY GOSPEL -- JOHN 20:19-31**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the twentieth chapter.

**People: ♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>On 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." <sup>20</sup>When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld." <sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So 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." <sup>26</sup>Eight 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." <sup>27</sup>Then 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." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but 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.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

**People: ♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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**"I LAY MY SINS ON JESUS"**

**THE SERMON "FELLOWSHIP"**

**OFFERING**

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## COMMUNION STATEMENT

The Lord's Supper is celebrated by this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites us to His table as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Corinthians 11:29-30) and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, you are asked to **refrain until you** first speak with the Pastor or an elder.

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**NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS:** Psalm 4; Acts 3:11-21; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36-49

**NEXT WEEK:** How can God continue to love those who do Him wrong?

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

**Deuteronomy 7--15**

1. What did the readings have to say about the Israelites righteousness?

2. What did you find interesting about Sabbatical year?

**LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY**

**April 7 – Easter 2 - John 20:19** – “Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” The peace we have in Jesus is what makes a life of good works possible. Since we know that it is Jesus who saved us, and not our works, we are now free to do good works not out of self-interest, but for the right reasons: out of thanksgiving toward God and love for our neighbors.

**LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE**

**April 7 -** “In the resurrection we find solace in our mourning, in our uncertainty, and in our troubles. Our longing for escape finds its hope in the resurrection of Christ. It is God’s approval upon the redemptive work of His Son. It is the assurance that as He was raised from the dead, so shall we, and all who have ‘fallen asleep in Him’ shall be raised to life eternal.” *Pastor Robert Fleischmann, Christian Life Resources*

– *A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR**

**April 7 – Easter II** – How remarkable that our Lord’s beloved Apostle St. John describes the Gospel of Jesus Christ as “the Word of Life” (1 John 1:2). He also declares all believers qualify as “little children” (2:1). And he proclaims that God has given His Son to redeem “the whole world” – every member of the human race, no matter what age, appearance, or ability. Even personal choice or political controversy can’t keep us quiet about it!

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***T H I S   W E E K***

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7, THROUGH SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	<b>Christian Education Hour</b>
	10:15 A.M.	<b>Divine Worship/Communion</b>
MONDAY	5:30 P.M.	Board of Evangelism Meeting
	5:30 P.M.	Board of Education
TUESDAY	8:30 A.M.	Circuit Pastors’ Meeting-Zion Lutheran
	9:30 A.M.	Ruth Bible Study
	4:30 P.M.	Devotions-Betty Dare
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M.	Men’s Bible Study
	10:30 A.M.	TOPS
	11:30 A.M.	PEO Meeting
THURSDAY	5:30 P.M.	Bell Choir Practice
SATURDAY		LWML Rio Grande Zone Spring Workshop In Las Cruces
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	<b>Christian Education Hour</b>
	10:15 A.M.	<b>Divine Worship</b>
	After Service	“The Chosen” in the Fellowship Hall

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

*The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by Frank & Shirley Enyeart in celebration of their birthdays.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE MISSION FOR MARCH AND APRIL** is the **Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute**. The mission of the LHMI is preparing workers to multiply healthy Hispanic Ministries. The Institute trains men and women as missionaries, lay leaders, and leaders who will go on to serve as called church workers to sow the seed of the Gospel among Hispanics.

**EDUCATION:** The next Education meeting will be on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to join..

**EVANGELISM:** The next Evangelism meeting will be on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

**THE CHOSEN:** The next showing of “*The Chosen*” will be on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to join us after the church service, in the Bible Study room.

**TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE CLASS** will start studying lessons from LWML. These are one session lessons, so when you go on vacation you will be able to jump right in again when you return. Join us at church on Tuesday mornings at 9:30.

**STOLE WORKSHOP:** April 27, 2024 9:30-11:30 AM. **Yes, you can do mission work!** Please come spend a couple hours having a good time with others and doing mission work. We will once again be working on the Pastoral Stoles for the Seminarians in South Sudan and will be spending time tracing and cutting out the appliques for the stoles. Bring some sharp scissors and the skills you learned in Kindergarten.

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN:** This year, Trinity Lutheran church donated \$1,155.00 to the Pregnancy Resources Plus Baby Bottle Campaign. It was less than last year's donation but hopefully we can bring that up next year. Many thanks to all who contributed.

**MISSION FORUM FOR APRIL 9TH AT ZION IN EL PASO.** Did you know that there is currently only one LCMS church with worship services in Spanish in all of El Paso County and New Mexico? The pastors of our circuit have been discussing this problem over the past year and would like to invite you to join them for a Mission Forum on April 9<sup>th</sup> at Zion at 9am to discuss working together to start a new Spanish language Word and Sacrament ministry. The forum will include a special presentation and discussion led by Rev. Lincon Guerra, the Mission and Ministry Facilitator of the Texas District, LCMS

**THE TRACT OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL:** “The Christian life is a wonderful journey but one that can come with many questions. There are numerous parts to the faith that can be difficult to understand. What is the Bible? What other religions are there and how is Christianity different? What is the history of the church? How are Christmas and Easter celebrated?” As of March, we have finished the “A Biblical Response” series. Beginning in April we will start the “**A Simple Explanation Series**”. Topics in this series include: “Heaven & Hell, Church Year, Church & State, Lutheranism, Christian Denominations, Angels, Christian Symbols, Gender & Sexual Identity, Prayer, World Religions” and more. Since Easter is fresh in our minds, our first booklet will be “A Simple Explanation of Easter.” This book is easy to read and understand. If you or your children or any of your friends have questions or need a refresher course about Easter, this is the book to read.

**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org:** Study Isaiah 58-61 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), study Proverbs 3-6 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and continue studying Good Works on Concord Matters (4/13 at 10:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app!

## **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.

### **Back Pack 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!**

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## **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024: WORSHIPPED: (SONRISE-26; LATE SERVICE-82) ONLINE: 5**

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: WORSHIPPED: 43 ONLINE: 16**

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: GENERAL FUND: \$565.00**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024: GENERAL FUND: \$4,138.01**

**DOLLAR PROJECT: \$42.00**

**LUTHERAN HISPANIC MISSIONARY INSTITUTE: \$15.00**

**FLOWERS: \$72.00**

## **ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**MUSIC:** Lola Ableidinger

<b>HOSTS:</b>	Pastor & Lisa Cramm	<b>ELDER:</b>	Jim Wilkes
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>	Sandra Krueger Stacy Johnson	<b>TELLERS:</b>	Linde Van Cleave Cheryl Sandenaw
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Diane Kline	<b>SOUND TECH:</b>	Bob Klose
<b>USHERS:</b>	Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer Larry & Beverly Van Duyn		
<b>1ST LESSON:</b>	George Schweers	<b>2ND LESSON:</b>	Marianne Schweers
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL:</b>	Nora Sotak		

## **ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>**

**MUSIC:** Lisa Cramm

<b>HOSTS:</b>	Shirley Enyeart Susan Kelly	<b>ELDER:</b>	Matt Anderson
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>	Sandra Krueger Stacy Johnson	<b>TELLERS:</b>	Lola Ableidinger Nora Sotak
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Diane Kline	<b>SOUND TECH:</b>	Vicki Leonard
<b>USHERS:</b>	Marvin Bunker, Susan Kelly Glen & Christine Schlehuser		
<b>1ST LESSON:</b>	Dick Dommers	<b>2ND LESSON:</b>	Matt Clark
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL:</b>	Nora Sotak		

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

**Darrell & Sheila Anderson**, Darren Belcher, **Marvin Bunker**, Jeremiah Carr, Ellen Clark, Leroy Copeland,  
**Pastor Kevin Cramm**, Toni Cullen, **Laurie Di Paolo**, **Valerie & Bill English**, Frank & **Shirley Enyeart**,  
Donna Holiday, Scout Hughes, **Kristi Humphrey**, Jim Johnson, Laura Klose, Renee' Lambert, Michelle Luevano,  
Janet Marsh, Dale Murphy, **Evelyn Omev**, Damian Orchard, Chad Parks, Logan Radford, Connie Rogers,  
Carl Rooker, Jon Scarbough, Jessica Schroeder, Sarah Van Dorn, Eric & Joel Van Duyn, Karen Roady Varley,  
Christine Vertein, Ann Waghorn, Betty Wilkes, **Lee Wood**, Margaret Worley, Karen Zinn, Trinity's Sunday School,  
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**, Caleb Jaecks, Kyle Steeby, **Natasha Thomas**,  
Anthony Uttke, Tanner Wedd, and all troops serving in harms way

**LEST WE FORGET**

**PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING**

Glen Schlehuser

**FOR OUR HOMEBOUND**

**Kay Burger**, **Lothar Butzkies**, **Rodney Greer**, **Shirley Hill**, **Colleen Sandenaw**, **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.