

**WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**SUNDAY, April 14, 2024**

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

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

✠ INDICATES TO STAND

**HYMN OF INVOCATION** ..... PAGE 575

**“MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS”**

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

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

✠ **PSALM 4**

Pastor: <sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

**People: You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!**

Pastor: <sup>2</sup>O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?

**People: How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?**

Pastor: <sup>3</sup>But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for Himself;

**People: the LORD hears when I call to Him.**

Pastor: <sup>4</sup>Be angry, and do not sin;

**People: ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.**

Pastor: <sup>5</sup>Offer right sacrifices,

**People: and put your trust in the LORD.**

Pastor: <sup>6</sup>There are many who say, “Who will show us some good?”

**People: Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!”**

Pastor: <sup>7</sup>You have put more joy in my heart

**People: than they have when their grain and wine abound.**

Pastor: <sup>8</sup>In peace I will both lie down and sleep;

**People: for You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: ♪And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

**ALL: O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 🎵Amen.**

**FIRST READING -- ACTS 3:11-21**

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

<sup>11</sup>While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? <sup>13</sup>"The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His servant Jesus, Whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, Whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And His name—by faith in His name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. <sup>17</sup>"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, He thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets long ago.

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 3:1-7**

Reader: The Epistle reading is from the third chapter of First John.

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that He appeared to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in Him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen Him or known Him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as He is righteous.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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**✠THE HOLY GOSPEL -- LUKE 24:36-49**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus Himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See My hands and My feet, that it is I myself. Touch Me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and He took it and ate before them. <sup>44</sup>Then He said to them, "These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of My Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

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

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**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** .....PAGE 605

**"FATHER WELCOMES"**

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**THE SERMON "PRACTICING RIGHTEOUSNESS"**

**OFFERING**

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**CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**CLOSING HYMN** ..... PAGE 700

**"LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING"**

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**NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS:** Psalm 23; Acts 4:1-12; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

**NEXT WEEK:** Pastor Schlak, guest pastor

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**THIS WEEK'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 16-26**

1. How does what happened to Christ come to mind when reading through the regulations and laws found in chapter 21. See also Galatians 3:13.
2. We think of all the laws we have and wonder about the laws listed in the reading for this week. Why might the Lord have so many laws to abide by?

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**LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY**

**April 14 – Easter 3- 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 in the meantime, we strive toward that goal because we want to walk in the footsteps of our Lord. By His grace we share His destiny in eternal life, and therefore we desire to share His life of service now.

**LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE**

**April 14** - “So, what can we do? We must keep doing what we have always done. We must continue to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life. We must be sure our own church members, families, friends, and co-workers understand the value that God places on all human life.” *Diane Albers, President of Lutherans For Life*

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

**LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR**

**April 14 – Easter III** – With St. Peter and the Pentecost Apostles, we confess Jesus Christ alone as “Author of life” (Acts 3:15). This means no one else has right or responsibility to decide what kind of life a neighbor may have or when any human life ought to end. Rather, we rejoice to repeat the message of repentance and forgiveness (Luke 24:47) for every sinner and every sin – abortion and assisted suicide included.

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***T H I S   W E E K***

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14, THROUGH SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 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</b>
MONDAY	After Service	“The Chosen” shown in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 P.M.	Gideons
	7:00 P.M.	Adult Bible Class
TUESDAY	9:30 A.M.	Ruth Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M.	Men’s Bible Study
	10:30 A.M.	TOPS
THURSDAY	9:00 A.M.	Quilters
	5:30 P.M.	Bell Choir Practice
SATURDAY	11:00 A	Tom Macon Memorial
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	<b>Christian Education Hour</b>
	10:15 A.M.	<b>Divine Worship/Communion</b>
	Mission Sunday	<b>LHMI-Pastor Schlak guest pastor</b>

## **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 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.*

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## **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. Pastor Richard Schlak from LHMI is our guest pastor next Sunday.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** The Memorial service for Tom Macon is on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 with lunch to follow in the Great Room.

**EGGS:** The Dommers' are going to be bringing eggs on Sunday for anyone to take. The only thing is that they ask that the cartons be returned to them when empty. The eggs are on the table in the narthex.

**THE CHOSEN:** The next showing of "*The Chosen*" is today after the worship service. Please plan to join us after the service in the Fellowship Hall.

**STOLE WORKSHOP:** The Pastoral Stole Workshop for April 27 has been cancelled. All the symbols have been traced and except for the white ones, all the stoles have been cut out! If you would like to help applique by machine, talk to Belinda or Nora.

**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.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** The sign-up sheet for volunteers for Vacation Bible School is posted on the Sunday School bulletin board. VBS is the week of June 10 through the 14<sup>th</sup>. Please sign-up to help even if it is not for the full week. Questions, please contact Jill Clark or Sue Kelly.

**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.

**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 KFuo.org:** It's Sharathon 2024! Celebrate nearly 100 years of KFuo Radio with us this week as we gather for Sharathon, April 18-20. Prayerfully consider financially supporting our ministry so we can continue sharing the Gospel of Christ for another 100 years. Learn more and give at [kfuo.org/sharathon](http://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.

### **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, APRIL 7, 2024: WORSHIPPED: 59 COMMUNED: 51 ONLINE: 5**

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE. IT WILL BE POSTED IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN**

### **ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**MUSIC:** Lisa Cramm

<b>HOSTS:</b>	Susan Kelly	<b>ELDER:</b>	Matt Anderson
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>	Sandra Krueger Stacy Johnson	<b>TELLERS:</b>	Lola Ableidinger Bob Klose
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Diane Kline	<b>SOUND TECH:</b>	Matt Anderson
<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		

### **ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>**

**MUSIC:** Lisa Cramm

<b>HOSTS:</b>	Jim & Verna Fladhammer	<b>ELDER:</b>	Robert Rentschler
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>	Sandra Krueger Stacy Johnson	<b>TELLERS:</b>	Susan Kelly Sandy Klose
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Diane Kline	<b>SOUND TECH:</b>	Matt Anderson
<b>USHERS:</b>	Bob Thede, Tammy Thede Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson		
<b>1ST LESSON:</b>	Sandy Klose	<b>2ND LESSON:</b>	Bob Klose
<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**, Frank & **Shirley Enyeart**, Donna Holiday, Scout Hughes, **Kristi Humphrey**, Jim Johnson, **Jim Kline**, Laura Klose, Renee' Lambert, Michelle Luevano, Janet Marsh, Dale Murphy, **Evelyn Omev**, Damian Orchard, Chad Parks, Logan Radford, Connie Rogers, Carl Rooker, Jon Scarborough, 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**

Family and friends of Susan Bridges Narveson (killed in wreck at 10<sup>th</sup> & White Sands Blvd.)

## **PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING**

### **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.