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**Welcome!** Thank you for joining us for worship! In our service we receive God's grace through his Word and sacraments. As he works to strengthen our faith in Jesus, we respond to his goodness with our prayers, praise, and offerings. We are glad to be here and glad that you have joined us today!

- Restrooms are located in the main hallway, narthex, and back classrooms.
- If you wish to step out of the service to calm your child, please feel welcome to use the Fellowship Hall or the Toddler Sunday School Room (located in the back corner classroom of the building, connected to the Fellowship Hall). Both of these rooms have televisions showing the worship service. Also, please do not hesitate to ask an usher or any member if you need help locating anything. We want to make you feel welcome.

**Service Volunteers:**

**Usher:** Steven Douglas (Late)

**Asst Ushers:** Hannalore Ayala (Early); Daniel Kovaciny (Late)

**Keyboard Operators:** Scott Mund (Early); Sandee Clay (Late)

**Livestream Producer:** Jack Proksch

**Music:** Beverly Ohlendorf

**Today's Focus:** Jesus' resurrection gives his people a new birth of confidence, joy, and peace. Our worship follows *Morning Praise*.

# We Come into the Presence of God

## PASTOR'S GREETING AND INTRODUCTION TO WORSHIP

### MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

*This is an opportunity to quiet your mind and heart and prepare for the joy of worshipping your God.*

STAND

### MORNING HYMN



1 Fa - ther, we praise you, now the night is o - ver, Ac - tive and  
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions; Ban - ish our  
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty



watch - ful, stand - ing now be - fore you. Sing - ing, we of - fer  
weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing. Bring us to heav - en,  
bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion. Yours is the glo - ry,



prayer and med - i - ta - tion; Thus we a - dore you.  
where your saints u - nit - ed Joy with - out end - ing.  
gleam - ing and re - sound - ing Through all cre - a - tion.

### Invocation

M: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

M: O Lord, open my lips.

**C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

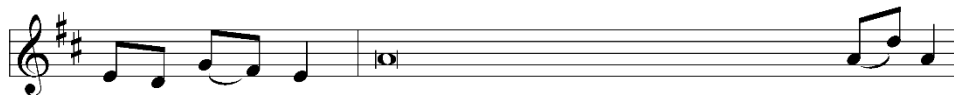
**C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

M: The Lord is risen: let us worship him.

## OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



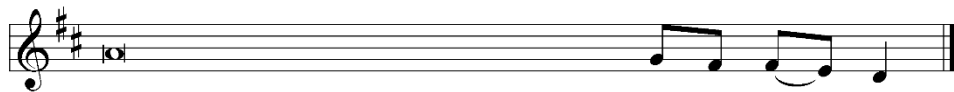
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: Let us pray. O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**C: Amen**

*BE SEATED*

## **THE WORD**

### **FIRST LESSON**

#### **Genesis 15:1-6**

*The Lord gave Abraham faith, which the Lord counted as righteousness. This faith in the Lord gave Abraham peace and confidence in divine promises.*

After these events the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision. He said, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."

<sup>2</sup> Abram said, "LORD God what can you give me, since I remain childless, and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> Abram also said, "Look, you have given me no offspring, so a servant born in my house will be my heir."

<sup>4</sup> Just then, the word of the LORD came to him. God said, "This man will not be your heir, but instead one who will come out of your own body will be your heir." <sup>5</sup> The LORD then brought him outside and said, "Now look toward the sky and count the stars, if you are able to count them." He said to Abram, "This is what your descendants will be like." <sup>6</sup> Abram believed in the LORD, and the LORD credited it to him as righteousness.

### **SECOND LESSON AND SERMON TEXT**

#### **2 Peter 1:16-21**

To be sure, we were not following cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the powerful appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> For he received honor and glory from God the Father, when the voice came to him from within the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup> We heard this voice, which came out of heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup> We also have the completely reliable prophetic word. You do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the Morning Star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup> since we know this above all else: No prophecy of Scripture comes about from someone's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup> In fact, no prophecy ever came by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were being carried along by the Holy Spirit.

M: The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Death has been swallowed up in victory.  
Alleluia!

*STAND*

## **GOSPEL**

### **John 20:19-31**

On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you! Just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you." <sup>22</sup> After saying this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> Whenever you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." <sup>24</sup> But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples kept telling him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe."

<sup>26</sup> After eight days, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands. Take your hand and put it into my side. Do not continue to doubt, but believe."

<sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

<sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup> Jesus, in the presence of his disciples, did many other miraculous signs that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there 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.**

*BE SEATED*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON: "Be a Little Baby"**

## HYMN OF THE DAY: 720, "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"



1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong  
 2 No son of man could con - quer  
 3 Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came  
 4 It was a strange and dread - ful



bands For our of - fens - es giv -  
 death, Such ru - in sin had wrought  
 down, His peo - ple to de - liv -  
 strife When life and death con - tend -



en; But now at God's right hand he  
 us. No in - no - cence was found on  
 er; De - stroy - ing sin, he took the  
 ed. The vic - to - ry re - mained with



stands And brings us life from heav -  
 earth, And there - fore death had brought  
 crown From death's pale brow for - ev -  
 life; The reign of death was end -



en. There - fore let us joy - ful be  
 us In - to bond - age from of old  
 er. Stripped of pow'r, no more it reigns;  
 ed. Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly says



And sing to God right thank - ful -  
 And ev - er grew more strong and  
 An emp - ty form a - lone re -  
 That death is swal - lowed up by



ly Loud songs of al - le - lu -  
 bold And held us as its cap -  
 mains; Its sting is lost for - ev -  
 death. Its sting is lost for - ev -



ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 tive. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 er. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 er. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Here the true Paschal Lamb we see,  
 Whom God so freely gave us;  
 He died on the accursed tree—  
 So strong his love—to save us.  
 See, his blood now marks our door;  
 Faith points to it; death passes o'er,  
 And Satan cannot harm us.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 So let us keep the festival  
 To which the Lord invites us;  
 Christ is himself the joy of all,  
 The sun that warms and lights us.  
 Now his grace to us imparts  
 Eternal sunshine to our hearts;  
 The night of sin is ended.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 Then let us feast this Easter Day  
 On Christ, the bread of heaven;  
 The Word of grace has purged away  
 The old and evil leaven.  
 Christ alone our souls will feed;  
 He is our meat and drink indeed;  
 Faith lives upon no other!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

*This important and historic Easter text is set to a new tune with the hope of reviving its use within the church.*

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–1887, alt.  
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## SERMON

Text: 2 Peter 1:16-21

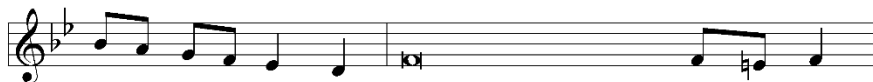
Theme: The Word is Truth to Strengthen and Protect

Stand

## WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD



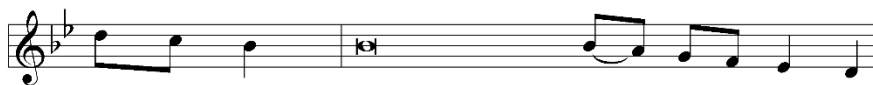
C: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord; all creation worships you,



Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing. To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,



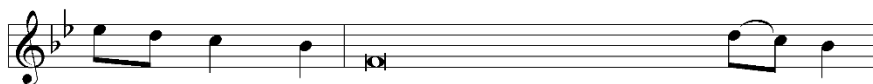
cherubim and seraphim, sing in end-less praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of



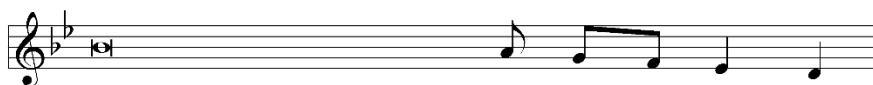
heav'n - ly hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.



The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of



proph - ets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.




Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



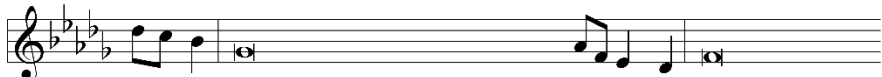
Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and on - ly Son,



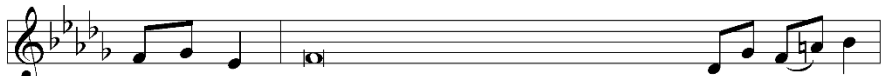
and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide. You, Christ, are the King of



glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther. When you became man to



set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin. You overcame the



sting of death and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.




You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Fa - ther.



We believe that you will come to be our judge.



Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple, bought with the price of



your own blood, and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

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## OFFERING

*The members of Trinity make joyful offerings to support this church's ministry. A portion of our offerings is also used for the training of future pastors and teachers, and the worldwide mission work carried out by our fellowship, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Our guests are under no obligation to give, but any gifts freely given are welcome and will be put to work in service to God's kingdom.*

### *Stand*

M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

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

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Thanks be to you, O Lord, for giving us the victory through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Heavenly Father, you have not forsaken us to our own destruction but kept your ancient promise to send a Savior. We praise you for his perfect life, his innocent death, and his glorious resurrection. Because of your faithfulness to your promises, victory is ours!

Savior Jesus, we praise you for carrying out your Father's plan of salvation. Your resurrection is proof that you have triumphed over sin, death, hell, and the devil. Because of your resurrection, victory is ours!

Holy Spirit, we praise you that through the gospel you have led us to know and believe that Jesus is our risen Savior. We confess confidently with the angel: "He is not here. He has risen." Preserve us in faith. Raise us to newness of life. Continue to lavish on us the blessings of Jesus' victory.

Triune God, kindle in our hearts love for all people. Equip us with both the will and the words to tell others that Jesus has indeed risen from the grave. Use us to share the message of the empty tomb, so that others too may rejoice in Jesus' Easter victory.

Lord of life, comfort all who stand at death's door. Comfort all who mourn the loss of a loved one who has died with faith in the risen Savior. Comfort each of us with the assurance that because Jesus lives, we too will live. Remind us all that the death of a Christian is not defeat. Because of Jesus it is victory.

*Special prayers*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer*

M: Thanks be to you, O Lord, for giving us the victory through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## **PRAYER FOR GRACE**

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

M: Let us praise the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **BLESSING**

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: Amen.**

*BE SEATED*

## CLOSING HYMN: 160, "This Joyful Eastertide"



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and  
 2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the  
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,  
 riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill  
 slum - ber Till trump from east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row.  
 My pass - ing soul de - liv - er.  
 Shall wake the dead in num - ber.

### *Refrain*



Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three - day



pris - on, Our faith had been in vain: But



now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -



ris - en; But now is Christ a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848-1934.

Tune: VRUECHTIEN (67 67 with Refrain)  *Davids Psalmen*, Amsterdam, 1684.



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### **Pastor out of Town**

Pastor will be in Savannah, GA from this afternoon, April 24, through Thursday, April 28, to attend the WELS Military Contact Pastors' Conference. He will also be out of town from May 3-4 to attend Pastors' Conference in Huntersville, NC. You are more than welcome to contact him by phone or email during these times. If you require in-person spiritual attention, please contact Scott Mund, Trinity's worship elder.

### **LWMS Rally on Saturday, 4/30**

The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Spring Rally will be held on Saturday, April 30 at St. John's Lutheran in Newark, DE. Mission pastors Tim Bourman and Tim Walsh, both from New York, will be the speakers. Registration with a light breakfast starts at 9am. Please contact me or Lynnette Hupman for more information, including carpooling options. Offering envelopes for the rally are on the bulletin table in the narthex.

### **Last Sunday for Sunday School and Bible Class; Summer Worship Schedule**

The final Sunday for Sunday School and Bible class will be May 15.

Beginning on May 29, there will be a single worship service that starts at 10am. This worship schedule will continue through Labor Day weekend.

### **Sundae Sunday**

To celebrate another great year of Bible class and Sunday School, on May 15 there will be sundae bar during fellowship time.

### **Wine and Word Bible Study – meeting Thursday, 5/5**

The Wine and Word Bible Study meets at the home of Bruce and Dawn Knox. Their home is located just 5 minutes from the church in Old Bridge Estates. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays from 7-8:30pm. We are journeying through the book of Genesis with Larry Kovaciny as our guide. Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine and small bite appetizer. Come and join us whether you drink wine or not! Contact Dawn at 703-615-9320 or [dawn.f.knox@gmail.com](mailto:dawn.f.knox@gmail.com) to RSVP.

## It's Time to Register for VBS!



It's time to register for this year's VBS, which will be held here at Trinity July 18th-22nd. Come join us as we learn how Jesus' power pulls us through anything! We're looking forward to sharing God's Word, making crafts, playing games, and of course, having some awesome snacks together.

Please register now, as registration opened to the public at the Easter Egg Hunt on April 9th. There is also an online form to register as a volunteer and we need you! Here is the link:

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/trinity2022>

## Small Choir

Trinity's small choir sings once a month during Worship. Anyone is welcome to join! We'll sing hymns from our hymnal, Christian Worship. If you are interested in joining, please let John or Erika Ohlendorf know.

## Help Needed with New Mover Welcome Packages

Each month Trinity delivers welcome care packages to new residents in our nearby neighborhood. We have a dedicated but small crew undertaking this project. If you would like to help, either providing care packages or delivering them, please speak to pastor. We are trying to make friends, inviting contact with as many new neighbors as possible, but need more help. Thank you for considering.

## In-Person Bible Study

Our final Bible study of the spring, on the prophet Zechariah, is now in full swing on Sunday mornings between services. But it's never too late to join!

The same sessions are repeated each Wednesday night (Thursdays during Lent and Advent) at 7pm online, for those who teach Sunday school, are out of town on Sunday, or otherwise unable to attend in person. These classes will be on Zoom, with the links provided in pastor's weekly email.

## Ushers and Usher Assistants Needed

A sign-up sheet is sent via email through Sign-up Genius and is also available in the Narthex. You are welcome to fill in as many Sundays as you are available. If you would like to become part of the regular rotation of ushers, or even just fill in once in a while when needed, please speak to Worship Elder Scott Mund.

## Our Little Free Library

Our Little Free Library always welcomes donations of books and food! If the library outside is full, you can place donations in the white plastic bin in the Fellowship Hall right beside the door to the hallway.

## **Lord's Supper Available to All Members**

If you are a confirmed member of Trinity and waiting to return to the sanctuary for worship, Pastor would be happy to commune you at home, or anywhere else you would like to meet. Just contact him at (309) 433-5807 or [revpauljenkins@yahoo.com](mailto:revpauljenkins@yahoo.com) with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work

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