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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.

Serving the Lord and Serving Us:

Pastor: Pastor Kieth Kuschel

WE COME INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

MUSICAL INTRODUCTION

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

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Prayer Before Worship: Read Hymn 161:1

OPENING HYMN: 153, Alleluia! Jesus Lives



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus lives! He is now the
2 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice; Praise him, ran - somed
3 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and
4 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, Life is yours e -



liv - ing one; From the gloom - y house of death
ones of earth. Praise him in a no - bler song,
fre - quent sigh? He who died our broth - er here
ter - nal - ly; Joined to him, your liv - ing head,



Forth the con - quer - or has gone, Bright fore - run - ner
Cher - u - bim of heav'n - ly birth. Praise the Vic - tor -
Lives our broth - er still on high, Lives for - ev - er
Where he is, you too shall be; You with him at



to the skies Of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
King, whose sway Sin and death and hell o - bey.
to be - stow Bless - ings on his Church be - low.
his right hand Vic - tor o - ver death shall stand.

Text: Karl B. Garve, 1763–1841, abr.; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–97, alt.
Tune: FRED TIL BOD (77 77 77) Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–87.

INVITATION TO CELEBRATE

John 11:25 I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; ²⁶ **and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.**

Rev 1:17-18 Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸ **I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive forever and ever!**

Rom 1:4 Jesus Christ our Lord was declared with power to be the Son of God **by his resurrection from the dead.**

Rom 6:4-5 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, **we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.**

Phil 3:10-11 I want to know Christ & the power of his resurrection & the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ **and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.**

Rom 8:11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, **he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.**

1 Pet 1:3-4 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope **through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,** ⁴ **and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade--kept in heaven for you.**

Hymn 150, Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia (Verse 1)



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day;
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed,
4 Christ, who once for sin - ners bled,



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way;
Sin - less in the sin - ners' stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled.
Now the first-born from the dead,



See the place where he was laid;
"Christ is ris'n," to - day we cry; Al - le - lu - ia!
While, in strange and awe - full strife,
Throned in end - less might and pow'r,



Praise him for the ran - som paid.
Now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
Met to - geth - er death and life.
Lives and reigns for - ev - er - more.

Text: Latin sequence, 11th century, abr.; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1809–81, alt.
Tune: LLANFAIR (77 77 with Alleluias) Robert Williams, c. 1781–1821.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

ALL: Almighty God,/ by the glorious resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ,/ You conquered death & opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with Him through baptism,/ may walk in newness of life,/ & ever rejoice in the hope of sharing His glory;/ /through Jesus Christ our Lord, who, with You & the Holy Sprit be dominion & praise now & forever. Amen.

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Job 19:23-27

Because Jesus lives, we too will be raised to live with Him

- 23 “Oh, that my words were recorded,
that they were written on a scroll,
24 that they were inscribed with an iron tool on^[a] lead,
or engraved in rock forever!
25 I know that my redeemer^[b] lives,
and that in the end he will stand on the earth.^[c]
26 And after my skin has been destroyed,
yet^[d] in^[e] my flesh I will see God;
27 I myself will see him
with my own eyes—I, and not another.
How my heart yearns within me!

HYMN 150, Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia (Verse 2)



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day;
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed,
4 Christ, who once for sin - ners bled,



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EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Jesus conquered death for us. We will be raised to live forever.

⁵¹ Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— ⁵² in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”^l

⁵⁵ “Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?”

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn 150, Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia (Verse 3)



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Gospel:

MATTHEW 28:1-10

M: The Gospel of St Matthew, chapter 28.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord!

¹ After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵ The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn 150, Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia (Verse 4)



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day;
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CONFESSION OF FAITH

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God,/ begotten of the Father from eternity,/ & also true man, born of the Virgin Mary,/ is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost & condemned creature,/ purchased & won me from all sins, from death & from the power of the devil,/ not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood & with His innocent suffering & death. All this He did that I should be His own, & live under Him in His kingdom, / & serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence & blessedness,/ just as He has risen from death lives & rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

HYMN: 158, I am Content! My Jesus Lives Again



1 I am con-tent! My Je - sus lives a - gain, In whom my
 2 I am con-tent! My Je - sus is my head; His mem - ber
 3 I am con-tent! My Je - sus is my light, My ra - diant
 4 I am con-tent! Lord, set me ev - er free And wake me



heart is pleased. He has ful - filled the law of God for
 I will be. He bowed his head when on the cross he
 sun of grace. His cheer - ing rays beam bless-ings forth for
 from the dead That I may rise for - ev - er - more to



me; God's wrath he has ap - peased. Since he in
 died With cries of ag - o - ny. Now death is
 all: Sweet com - fort, hope, and peace. This Eas - ter
 be With you, my liv - ing head. The chains that



death could per - ish nev - er, I al - so shall not
 brought in - to sub - jec - tion For me, too, by his
 sun has brought sal - va - tion And ev - er - last - ing
 hold my bod - y, sev - er; Then shall my soul re -



die for - ev - er. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!
 res - ur - rec-tion. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!
 ex - ul - ta-tion. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!
 joice for - ev - er. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!

Text: Johann J. Möller, 1660–1733, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
 Tune: ES IST GENUG (10 6 10 6 99 44) Johann R. Ahle, 1625–73, alt.

SERMON:

Sermon Text Matthew 28:8-10

Theme: Free to Live

1. Without any doubt about Jesus

Response: **YES!**

Proof? **He rose from the dead**

HYMN 152: I Know that My Redeemer Lives (Verses 1-3)

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with his love; He lives to
this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save. He lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove. He lives, my hun - gry
once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

2. Without any doubt about the Gospel

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HYMN 152, I Know that My Redeemer Lives (Verses 4-6)



4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to
5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to



guide me with his eye. He lives to com - fort
wipe a - way my tears. He lives to calm my



me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end.
He lives, and while he lives I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

3. Without any doubt about the future

Prayer: **LORD JESUS, please help us to celebrate Easter every day by living free from doubt about Jesus, about the Gospel, and about the future. Amen.**

HYMN 152, I Know that My Redeemer Lives (Verses 7-8)

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death.
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

OFFERING

Please take a moment to sign the friendship register found in your pew.

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

Special prayers

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.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 149, Christ the Lord is Risen Today

(Choir sings Verses 1-3; Congregation joins in Verses 4-6)



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Fought the
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O
5 Soar we now where Christ has led, Foll'w - ing



earth and an - gels say; Raise your joys and
fight, the bat - tle won; Lo, our sun's e -
burst the gates of hell. Death in vain for -
death, is now your sting? Once he died our
our ex - alt - ed head. Made like him, like



tri - umphs high; Sing, O heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.
clipse is o'er; Lo, he sets in blood no more.
bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
souls to save; Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?
him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies!

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
Praise to you by both be giv'n!
God has now fulfilled his Word;
Praise the resurrected Lord!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88, abr., alt.

Tune: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS (77 77) Pierre de Corbeille, d. 1221, adapt.

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Voters' Assembly Meeting: The next quarterly meeting will be April 19th at 2:00pm via Microsoft Teams. Steve Proksch will send out the link and agenda prior to the meeting.

YOUTH PARENTS: This year, the WELS Youth Rally will be in **Ohio, July 14-17**, and registrations will open soon. We are partnering with Grace Lutheran Church to see if we can lower costs, but now we need to know how many teens (8th-12th grade) may be interested in this event so we can transmit a group pre-registration. If you would like your child/children to attend, have any comments, questions or concerns, please contact Hilda Naranjo by sending an email to arghilda@yahoo.com **as soon as possible**. Group Leaders must work on the pre-registration that opens March 9. Thank you!

The Trinity Book Club invites you to join them on **May 23 at 9:30 am** at Cuppi Coffee in Dumfries to discuss the Biblical fiction novel *On Living Stone* by Heather Kaufman.

Save the date! Trinity's annual church-wide yard sale will be held on **Saturday, May 2** this year! More info to come this spring about when and where to bring your donations, what we need volunteers to help with, and so on.

Sunday Morning Bible Study meets at 9:45am

Wine and Word Bible Study – May 7th

The Wine and Word Bible Study is **studying the book of EXODUS** and 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 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 7-8:30 pm. Those who wish can bring a bottle of wine (or other drink of choice) and a 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 to RSVP.

Volunteers Needed to provide snacks for our Sunday School and Fellowship Hour!

If you're able to bless our community with simple treats, please sign up on the sheet posted on the Sunday School bulletin board located in the large fellowship and adult Sunday School room. Your contributions help make our time together even more welcoming and enjoyable—thank you for supporting our fellowship!

Ushers and Usher Assistants Needed

A sign-up sheet is sent via email through Sign-up Genius. 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 Steven Douglas. If you have any questions or are not getting the emails for Sign-Up Genius, please email worship@trinityofwoodbridge.org. You can also scan this code to sign up:



Trinity's Little Free Library is one of our church's most effective tools for reaching out to our neighborhood. Many families in the area around Trinity regularly visit our LFL for books and shelf-stable food items, especially those who are experiencing food scarcity. Particularly useful are canned or boxed foods that do not require additional ingredients besides water to prepare. Books are always welcome, too, of course! If the shelves happen to be full, there is a donation bin for overflow items in the Fellowship Hall beside the door to the hallway.

Small Choir

Trinity's choir sings about 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 Bev Ohlendorf know.

Lord's Supper Available to All Members

If you are a confirmed member of Trinity, Pastor would be happy to commune you at home, or anywhere else you would like to meet. Just contact him at k1bernard2k@hotmail.com with a date, time, and place, and he will make it work.



The God Who Lets You Call Him “Dad”

<https://wels.net/family-devotion/fd20260325/>

And by him we cry, “Abba, Father. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ. **Romans 8:15,17**

How big is God? Think about it for a moment. God describes himself as filling the whole universe. That means He is everywhere—here with you right now, across the world in China, and even up on the moon. All of God is in all those places at the same time!

And how far does God’s “bigness” extend? Listen to this amazing part: “And by him we cry, ‘Abba, Father.’” “Abba” is an old (Aramaic) word that means, “Dad.” So, a little child would say, “Abba, Abba,” just like little kids would say, “Daddy, Daddy!”

Can you imagine it? The holy, all-powerful God looks at you and says, “I want you to talk to me, and you can call me ‘Dad.’” Not “All-Powerful One.” Not “O Amazing One.” Instead, he says, “You get to call me ‘Dad.’” That’s amazing!

Why can we do that? Because God adopted us into his family. He sent Jesus to become our brother. But we weren’t perfect brothers and sisters—we were sinful, selfish, and made wrong choices. So Jesus our brother did what we couldn’t do—he went to the cross to pay for all our sins.

The result? Listen: “We are heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ” (Romans 8:17). An “heir” (not “hair”!) is someone who inherits things from their parents. That means one day, we will share in the same wonderful life that Jesus has with God forever. What an incredible act of mercy! God loves us so much and he lets us call him “Dad.” What a gracious God we have!

Questions To Consider

- What special name does God say we can call him?
- If God is big enough to be everywhere, do you think he can hear you when you talk to him?
- What does it mean that God is everywhere at the same time? Why does that make you feel safe or happy?
- Why do you think God wants us to call him “Abba” or “Dad” instead of something scary or far away?
- How can God be so big (filling the universe) and still be close enough to hear us call out, “Abba, Father”?
- What does it mean that we are God’s children and “co-heirs with Christ”? How does that change the way you see yourself and God?

It is the mission of



to glorify God

by growing in His Word and by going with His Word

to Woodbridge and to the world.



Trinity Lutheran Church is part of a group of nearly 1,300 churches called the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod or WELS. The WELS is a world-wide church with congregations serving in all fifty of the United States, as well as in Mexico and Canada. The WELS also serves over 26 foreign countries through world mission work. We are united in faith and teaching with the other churches of the WELS as well as the members of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference, consisting of 21 confessional Lutheran church bodies throughout the world.