



He is not here:
for he is risen,
as he said.
Come, see the place
where the Lord lay.
Matthew 28:6, KJV



Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

We gather to worship the only God and Savior: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Easter opposites: death and life

April 5, 2026

Resurrection of Our Lord—Easter Day

Christ was put to death for our sins. Christ was raised for our forgiveness and justification. The resurrection of our Lord was the best thing that ever happened to us.

The past six weeks, we considered the opposites of Lent. Easter Sunday presents us with new opposites, the greatest opposites of all: death and life.

Today's 9:30 a.m. worship is broadcast live on YouTube. The YouTube link can be found at the church's website:

- www.holytrinity.church

After the service, the recording can be accessed at the same YouTube site.

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Remain seated.

P: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

RESPONSIVE VERSES FOR EASTER

P: Do not be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.

C: He is not here. He has risen, just as he said.

P: Come and see the place where he lay.

C: Then go quickly and tell, "He has risen from the dead."

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

By his great mercy, he has given us new birth

C: into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

P: Though we have not seen him, we love him.

C: Though not seeing him now, we believe in him.

P: Through him we believe in God, who raised him from the dead.

C: Our faith and hope are in God.

P: Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people.

C: We had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

P: To the God of all grace be dominion forever.

C: To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

P: Let us pray.

God of all grace, you called us to your eternal glory in Christ. Restore, establish, strengthen, and support us. Though now for a short time we suffer grief in various trials, remind us that we have an eternal inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us. Keep our minds ready for action as we set our hope completely on the grace to be given us at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

C: Peace to all who are in Christ. Amen.

Hymn 441, stanzas 1,2,5,8 *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to
8 He lives, all glo - ry to his name! He lives, my



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives all - glo - rious
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my
Je - sus, still the same. Oh, the sweet joy this



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
in the sky; he lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.
sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

First Lesson—Jonah 2:2-9

I called to the LORD in my distress,
and he answered me.

I cried out for help from deep inside Sheol;
you heard my voice.

When you threw me into the depths,
into the heart of the seas,
the current overcame me.

All your breakers and your billows swept over me.
And I said, "I have been banished from your sight,
yet I will look once more toward your holy temple."

The water engulfed me up to the neck;
the watery depths overcame me;
seaweed was wrapped around my head.

I sank to the foundations of the mountains,
the earth's gates shut behind me forever!

Then you raised my life from the Pit, LORD my God!

As my life was fading away,
I remembered the LORD,
and my prayer came to you,
to your holy temple.

Those who cherish worthless idols
abandon their faithful love,
but as for me, I will sacrifice to you
with a voice of thanksgiving.

I will fulfill what I have vowed.

Salvation belongs to the LORD.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



The LORD is my strength and / my defense;

he has become my sal- / vation.

The LORD's right hand is / lifted high;

the LORD's right hand has done / mighty things!

I will not / die but live,

and will proclaim what the / LORD has done. *Refrain*

I will give you thanks, for you / answered me;

you have become my sal- / vation.

The stone the builders re- / jected

has become the / cornerstone;

the LORD has / done this,

and it is marvelous / in our eyes.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

Second Lesson—1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I want to make clear for you, brothers and sisters, the gospel I preached to you, which you received, on which you have taken your stand and by which you are being saved, if you hold to the message I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I passed on to you as most important what I also received:

that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then he appeared to over five hundred brothers and sisters at one time; most of them are still alive, but some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one born at the wrong time, he also appeared to me.

For I am the least of the apostles, not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. Whether, then, it is I or they, so we proclaim and so you have believed.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Choir Song Easter Carol

*After darkness, light; After winter, spring; After dying, life: Alleluia!
Take his body down; Lay it in the tomb; Love has overcome: Alleluia!
Turn away in grief; Turn away in faith; Celebrate his death: Alleluia!
Come whatever may God will have his way; Welcome, Easter Day: Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, amen.*

Please stand.

Gospel — Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to view the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, because an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and approached the tomb. He rolled back the stone and was sitting on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. The guards were so shaken by fear of him that they became like dead men.

The angel told the women, “Don’t be afraid, because I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here. For he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has

risen from the dead and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; you will see him there.' Listen, I have told you."

So, departing quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, they ran to tell his disciples the news. Just then Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" They came up, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus told them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

Hymn 440, stanzas 1-4 *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands*



1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands for our of -
2 No son of man could con - quer death, such ru - in
3 Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came down, his peo - ple
4 It was a strange and dread - ful strife when life and



fens - es giv - en; but now at God's right hand he
sin had wrought us. No in - no - cence was found on
to de - liv - er; de - stroy - ing sin, he took the
death con - tend - ed. The vic - to - ry re - mained with



stands and brings us life from heav - en.
earth, and there - fore death had brought us
crown from death's pale brow for - ev - er.
life, the reign of death was end - ed.



There - fore let us joy - ful be and sing to
in - to bond - age from of old and ev - er
Stripped of pow'r, no more it reigns; an emp - ty
Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly saith that death is



God right thank - ful - ly loud songs of
 grew more strong and bold and held us
 form a - lone re - mains; its sting is
 swal - lowed up by death; dis - graced, it



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 as its cap - tive. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lies de - feat - ed. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Sermon—Romans 6:23
 The wages of sin is death,
 but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Easter opposites: death and life

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.

OFFERING

We give with deep gratitude and joy over our Savior's victory for us. We give our offerings regularly and generously in proportion to what we have to support the work of telling the resurrection message through our church and school.

You may place your offering in the plates or use Online Giving.

The QR code at right will also take you to the giving site.

Thank you for your offerings.



MUSICAL OFFERING

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord of life, fill our hearts with joy this day, for you have risen and conquered the grave. Imprint the message of victory on our hearts, and implant it in our minds. Through the good news of your resurrection, renew our hope and revive our faith.

By baptizing us into your name, you have connected us to your death and rising. You have put our sin to death and given us a new life. Enable us each day to think of ourselves as dead to sin and alive to you, so that we may walk in newness of life in all we do.

In this fallen world, death and sorrow surround us. Comfort those who grieve the loss of a Christian they love. Direct their eyes to your empty tomb, and ease their pain by reminding them their loved ones will one day rise again.

Lord, many people grieve without hope. Let the message of your resurrection reach them and awaken faith in their hearts. Use us as your instruments to bring the word of life to their souls and the message of hope to their hearts.

Stand by the side of all who are suffering. In your wise mercy, heal those who are sick, receiving treatment for illness, recovering from illness or surgery, or hurting in body or mind. Remind them that your victory over death is a fact, and comfort them with your promise to raise them and give them and all believers new, glorified bodies like yours.

Risen Savior, feed our faith with the message of your resurrection. Come to us

in your Word and strengthen us with your promises until we meet you in eternal glory.

Hear us as we pray to you our private prayers.

Silent prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

FINAL RESPONSIVE VERSES

P: Do not be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.

C: He is not here. He has risen, just as he said.

P: Come and see the place where he lay.

C: Then go quickly and tell, "He has risen from the dead."

P: The wages of sin is death,

C: but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

BLESSING

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.

Please be seated.

Hymn 450 *The Day of Resurrection*



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light
let all the world keep tri - umph and all that is there - in.



From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
and, lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad-ness blend,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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Thank you

Thank you to everyone who assisted with preparing and serving the Easter breakfast this morning. It's really good for us to be able to celebrate and spend time with each other on Easter morning.

Youth rally

Dear Members of Holy Trinity,

This upcoming summer our youth have an amazing opportunity to connect with other WELS youth from around the country. The WELS International Youth Rally is being held at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio, from July 14-17.

Teens who are entering 9th-grade to those who have just graduated from high school are able to attend. There is a signup sheet by the church mailboxes. I am unable to attend the rally this year due to a prior commitment, so Tad Doviak has agreed to serve as our Youth Leader for this year.

We don't have final costs yet, but they will include a round trip flight from Seattle to Detroit, a car rental, and the conference fees. There is a way to give towards the Youth Rally Fund on our online giving portal. If you are so inclined, please consider giving to help our youth attend!

If you are interested in finding out more information about the WELS International Youth Rally, you can go to:

<https://welsyouthrally.net/>

Serving Jesus,

Joel Plocher, Tad Doviak

Men's retreat

The men's retreat will be April 24-26 at a new venue in Gig Harbor. See the poster in the entryway near the restrooms for more information.

The called workers and staff at Holy Trinity
wish you all
a very happy Easter.

HAPPY
Easter

The image features the text 'HAPPY Easter' centered on a white background. 'HAPPY' is written in a light teal, uppercase, sans-serif font. 'Easter' is written in a dark teal, cursive script font. A decorative flourish of small teal dots starts from the left side of the 'H', loops under the 'E', and extends to the right side of the 'r', ending with a small arrowhead pointing right.