

He has
given us a new
birth into a living hope
through the resurrection
of Jesus Christ
from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NRSV



Welcome to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and School.

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

We have a living hope

April 12, 2026

Easter 2

We are strangers on earth.

Christ's resurrection from the dead and our faith in him make for a strange life on earth. We have an otherworldly inheritance kept in heaven. We have a faith whose value is yet to be revealed. We love a Savior we can't even see. But we can live with all that. The apostle Peter calls it God's gift of a living hope.

Today's 8:00 a.m. worship is broadcast live on YouTube. The YouTube link can be found at the church's website:

www.holytrinity.church

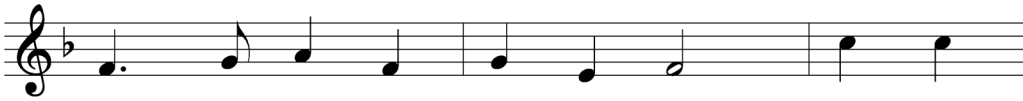
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ORDER OF SERVICE — SETTING FOUR

Hymn 465 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*



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



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



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?

- 5 Soar we now where Christ has led, 6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
foll'wing our exalted head. Praise to you by both be giv'n!
Made like him, like him we rise; God has now fulfilled his Word;
ours the cross, the grave, the skies! praise the resurrected Lord!

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

P: Blessed is the person whose rebellion is forgiven,

C: **whose sin is covered.**

P: Blessed is the person against whom the Lord charges no guilt,

C: **and in whose spirit is no deceit.**

P: I said, "I will confess my rebellion to the Lord,"

C: and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Silent time for personal confession of sin.

P: Let us confess together:

C: Father, I am sinful, and I have sinned against you.

I am not worthy to be called your child.

Yet in mercy, you sacrificed your only Son to take away my guilt.

For his sake, O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

P: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave.

C: We have peace with God now and forever. Amen.

Hymn 442 (stanzas 1,4) Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, Alleluia



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Christ, who once for sin - ners bled, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
now the first - born from the dead, Al - le - lu - ia!



see the place where he was laid; Al - le - lu - ia!
throned in end - less might and pow'r, Al - le - lu - ia!



praise him for the ran - som paid. Al - le - lu - ia!
lives and reigns for - ev - er - more. Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

First Lesson — Acts 21:14, 22-32

Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed to them, “Fellow Israelites, listen to these words: This Jesus of Nazareth was a man attested to you by God with miracles, wonders, and signs that God did among you through him, just as you yourselves know. Though he was delivered up according to God’s determined plan and foreknowledge, you used lawless people to nail him to a cross and kill him. God raised him up, ending the pains of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by death. For David says of him:

‘I saw the Lord ever before me;
because he is at my right hand,
I will not be shaken.
Therefore my heart is glad
and my tongue rejoices.
Moreover, my flesh will rest in hope,
because you will not abandon me in Hades
or allow your holy one to see decay.
You have revealed the paths of life to me;
you will fill me with gladness
in your presence.’

“Brothers and sisters, I can confidently speak to you about the patriarch David: He is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn an oath to him to seat one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing what was to come, he spoke concerning the resurrection of the Messiah: He was not abandoned in Hades, and his flesh did not experience decay.”

“God has raised this Jesus; we are all witnesses of this.”

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16

Refrain



You will show me the path of life, you, my hope and my shel-ter;



in your pres-ence is end-less joy, at your side is my home for - ev - er.

Verses



- 1 Faith - ful God, I look to you, you a - lone my life and
- 2 From of old you are my her - i - tage, you my wis - dom and my
- 3 So my heart shall sing for joy, in your arms I rest se -



for - tune, nev - er shall I look to oth - er gods,
safe - ty, through the night you speak with - in my heart,
cure - ly, you will not a - ban - don me to death,

Refrain



you shall be my one hope.
si - lent - ly you teach me.
you shall not de - sert me.

Second Lesson—1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. You are being guarded by God's power through faith for a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. You rejoice in this, even though now for a short time, if necessary, you suffer grief in various trials so that the proven character of your faith — more valuable than gold which, though perishable, is refined by fire — may result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him; though not seeing him now, you believe in him, and you rejoice with inexpressible and glorious joy, because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Refrain



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

Tone



Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have be - lieved.

Gospel – John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that first day of the week, the disciples were gathered together with the doors locked because they feared the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

Having said this, he showed them his hands and his side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, I also send you.” After saying this, he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (called “Twin”), one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples were telling him, “We’ve seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “If I don’t see the mark of the nails in his hands, put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

A week later his disciples were indoors again, and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”

Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and look at my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Don’t be faithless, but believe.”

Thomas responded to him, “My Lord and my God!”

Jesus said, “Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.”

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.



1 "Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say;
 2 Mak - er and Re - deem - er, life and health of all,
 3 Source of all things liv - ing, you came down to die,



"Hell to - day is van - quished; heav'n is won to - day!"
 God from heav'n be - hold - ing hu - man na - ture's fall,
 plumbed the depths of hell to raise us up on high.



Lo, the dead is liv - ing, God for - ev - er - more!
 of the Fa - ther's God - head you, the on - ly Son,
 Come, then, true and faith - ful, come, ful - fill your word;



Him, their true Cre - a - tor, all his works a - dore.
 man - kind to de - liv - er man - hood did put on.
 this is your third morn - ing— rise, O bur - ied Lord.

Refrain

"Wel - come, hap - py morn - ing!" age to age shall say;



"Hell to - day is van - quished; heav'n is won to - day!"

Sermon—1 Peter 1:3-9

We have a living hope

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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

Living Lord and risen Savior, accept our alleluias and increase our joy that comes from knowing that you have risen from the dead. Comfort us with the assurance that our sins are forgiven and eternal life in heaven is sure. Let the joy of the Easter message lead us to go and tell the good news of your resurrection to the people who don't know the true meaning of Easter. Let the light of our

faith in you shine brightly as we face each day in the future and the day of our death on earth. We ask this in your name, who rose for us.

O most loving Father, you want us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing except losing you, and to lay all our cares on you, knowing that you care for us. Protect us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, and grant that no clouds in this mortal life may hide from us the light of your immortal love shown us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.**

THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

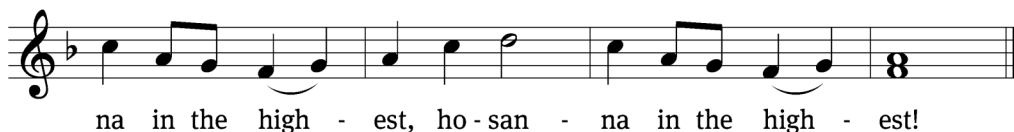
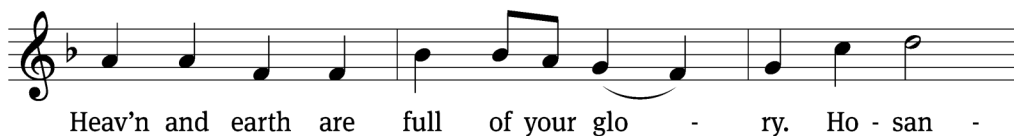
C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: By his willing sacrifice on the cross, Christ our Lord took away the sins of the world. By his glorious resurrection, he restored everlasting life. We join the saints on earth and hosts of heaven to praise God's holy name:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my † body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my † blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of eight staves of music. The lyrics are: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men. A - men." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.
A - men. A - men.

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

Holy Trinity offers the Lord's Supper to communicant members of our congregation (and congregations in WELS and ELS). If you are not a communicant member and are interested in going through a course of study to prepare for receiving the Lord's Supper here, please speak with the pastor.

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: **his mercy endures forever.**

P: Thank you, dear Savior, for nourishing our faith with the sacrament of your body and blood. Lift our hearts with your forgiveness, renew our confidence in your grace, empower our love for others, and lead us to long for the eternal banquet of heaven.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

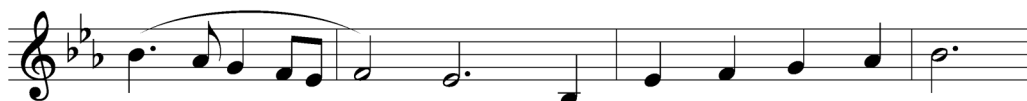
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn 449 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.



Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on,

our faith had been in vain: but now has Christ a - ris - en, a -
ris - en, a - ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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Sunday Education

Sunday education for all begins at 9:15 a.m. The adults are discussing the book of Jude.

Youth rally

This upcoming summer our youth (teens who are entering 9th-grade to those who have just graduated from high school) 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.

If you are so inclined, please consider giving to help our youth attend! You can donate towards the Youth Rally Fund on our online giving portal. Please see the bulletin board for more information on the rally, a letter from Joel Plocher, and to sign-up. You can also go to <https://welsyouthrally.net/> for more information on the youth rally.

Call news

Mr. Jason Gibson declined the call to serve in Green Bay, Wisconsin. We pray the school there finds a principal soon, and we give thanks that Mr. Gibson continues to serve here.

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.

This week at Holy Trinity

Wednesday..... 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible class