**Trinity Lutheran Church**  140 N 7th Ave

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**Sunday April 14, 2024** 262-334-2125

***MEDITATION PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP***

We walk the dusty road of daily life, O God, and only later realize that you have been with us all the way. In this time of worship, open our eyes to see you and our hearts to understand you. In the name of the risen Christ we pray. Amen.

#### **GATHERING MUSIC**

###### **PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

###### **TRINITY WELCOME**

#### **THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY**

*“The story of Easter is the story of God’s wonderful window of divine surprise.”*

**Karl Knudsen (Author)**

*“Lord, make me see thy glory in every place.”* **Michelangelo (Artist)**

*“He that seeks God in everything is sure to find God in everything.”*

**William Law (Church of England Priest)**

***CALL TO WORSHIP***

Leader: We are pilgrims on a journey.

**People: Some of us have traveled familiar roads throughout our lives.**

Leader: We are pilgrims on a journey.

**People: Some of us are ready to deviate from the safety of the well-marked highways and byways.**

Leader: We are pilgrims on a journey.

**People:** **Help us to move forward from wherever we are, to leave the comfort of familiarity in order to travel to the lands where you are calling us to go.**

Leader: We are pilgrims on a journey.

**People:** **But we never journey alone.**

***PRAISE SONG***

***“Lord, Give Us Your Spirit”***

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***THE CONFESSION***

**All: Holy God, we often go through our days so caught up in our own concerns and tasks that we overlook the beauty all around us. We fail to notice your divine presence in those in our midst; we miss the mystery of the budding flower and the work of the industrious bees, perfectly pollinating the plants. We ignore grace extended to us, as if it is an entitlement rather than a gift. Forgive us, and open our eyes, our ears, our hearts to your amazing works all around us. In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE***

Leader: God can open us to experience life more fully. Through God’s grace we can live more richly. Give thanks, for forgiveness is yours!

**People: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

***CONFESSION RESPONSE* “*Build Us Up, Lord” vs 1***

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***THE LESSONS* *Acts 3:12-19***

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, ‘You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

‘And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.

# ***Luke 24: 13-35***

13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. 18Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ 19He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. 22Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. 24Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’ 25Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! 26Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ 27Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 29But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them. 30When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. 32They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’ 33That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. 34They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ 35Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

***MESSAGE* *“When You Least Expect It, Expect It!”*****Pastor David Schoob**

***THE MESSAGE RESPONSE* “*More Than We Know”***

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***THE OFFERING*** *Please remember that your offerings of money, time and talents enable Trinity to “share the love and promise of God” through its ministries.*

##### ***THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH***

#### **THE COMMUNION SENTENCES**

Leader: Have you come seeking God?

**People: We have come seeking and longing for God.**

Leader: Jesus has prepared a table for us.

**People: We want to meet God through the power of the Holy Spirit at the table of Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Come, the triune God is waiting.

In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: “Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

***THE LORD’S PRAYER***

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.**

***THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FAMILY MEAL.***

***THE BLESSING***

***THE SENDING OUT***

One: May God go before us to show us the way, behind us to encourage us, above us to watch over us, below us to lift us up, and within us, so others might always see the light of Christ shining through our lives.

**ALL: Amen.**

***THE SENDING SONG***  ***“Send Down the Fire”A sheet music with text and symbols

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**THE DISMISSAL**

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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