

Trinity Lutheran Church
Created to Praise
Easter Sunday
April 5, 2026
9:00 am

PRELUDE

THE ENTRY OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

THE ENTRY OF THE CROSS

L: On the first day of the week

C: At early dawn

L: The women who followed Jesus went to the tomb

C: to anoint his body for burial.

L: When they arrived, the stone had been rolled away.

C: Why do you seek the living among the dead?

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (*3x starting soft-each time louder*)

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today vs 1,2,3

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then, let us sing, Alleluia!

Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!

Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!

Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!

Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

Apart from God every activity is merely a passing whiff of insignificance.

Alfred North Whitehead (Philosopher)

“Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.”

Pope John Paul II (Karol Wojtyła)

TRINITY WELCOME

THE INVOCATION

L: What have you come here to look for today?

C: You will find life, not death.

L: Hear this good news: Christ is Risen!

C: Our sorrow has been turned to joy!

All: Hallelujah!

THE LITANY FOR EASTER

L. Children, why are you weeping?

C. For a lost loved one.

L. For the death of a dream.

C. For failing health.

L. For broken relationships.

C. Out of loneliness and isolation

L. For people without food, shelter.

C. For the state of the world.

L: An idle tale about an empty tomb

C: And a missing body.

L: Improbable.

C: Unlikely.

L: Yet it was the testimony of the women;

C: It was confirmed by the disciples.

L: It means life is different,

C: Love is stronger than death,

L: Forgiveness flows,

C: Healing happens,

L: People change,

C: Hope is renewed.

L: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

L: Our world is alive with possibility,

C: Our lives filled with hope,

L: Our voices break forth in song.

"My Redeemer Lives"

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of ten staves of music. The lyrics are: "I know He res-cued my soul, His blood, He cov-ered my sin, I be-lieve, I be-lieve My shame, He's tak-en a-way, my pain is healed in His name, I be-lieve, I be-lieve. I'll raise a ban-ner; my Lord has con-quered the gravel. My Re-deem-er lives! My Re-deem-er lives! My Re-deem-er lives! My Re-deem-er lives! You lift my bur-den, I rise with You. I'm danc-ing on this mount-tain-top to see Your King-dom come." A box labeled "CHORUS" is placed above the first staff of the chorus section. A box labeled "Repeat CHORUS 2X" is placed at the end of the score.

I know He res - cued my soul, His blood, He
cov - ered my sin, I be - lieve, I be - lieve
My shame, He's tak - en a - way, my pain is
healed in His name, I be - lieve, I be - lieve.
I'll raise a ban - ner; my Lord has
con - quered the gravel. My Re - deem - er lives! My Re -
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deem - er lives! You lift my bur - den,
I rise with You. I'm danc - ing on this mount
- tain - top to see Your King - dom come. Repeat CHORUS 2X

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Robb Kosky

WORD

P: God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

The first reading is Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

P: Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

The Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 28

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But 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, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.

The Gospel Response:

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(You may be seated)

MESSAGE RESPONSE

“Resurrection Hymn”



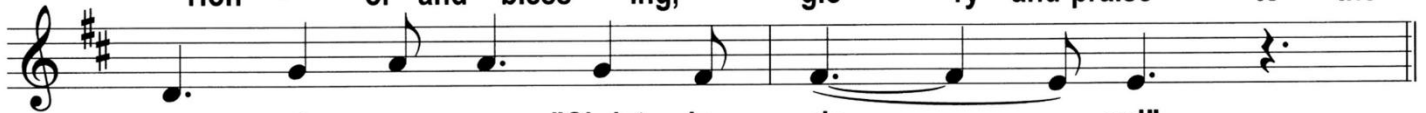
1. See what a morn - ing, glo - rious-ly bright, with the
 2. See Mary - y weep - ing, "Where is He laid?" as in
 3. One with the Fath - er, An - cient of Days, through the



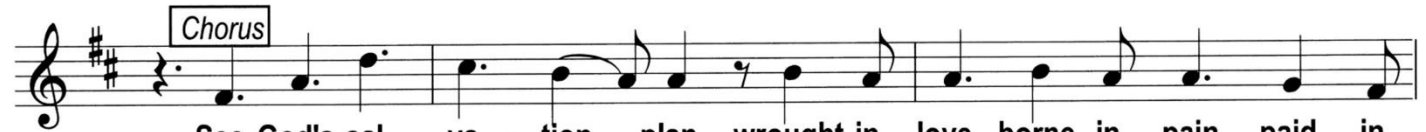
dawn - ing of hope in Je - ru - sa - lem.
 sor - row she turns from the emp - ty tomb,
 Spir - it, who clothes faith with cer - tain - ty.



Fold - ed the grave - clothes; tomb filled with light, as the
 hears a voice speak - ing, call - ing her name. It's the
 Hon - or and bless - ing, glo - ry and praise to the

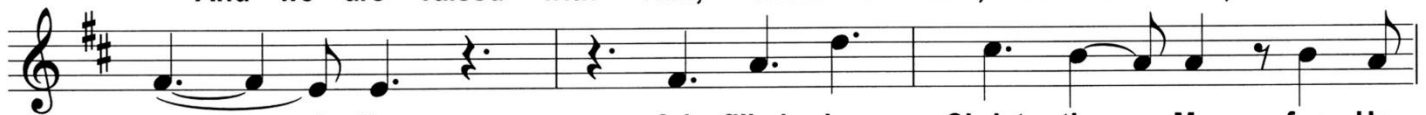


an - gels an - nounce, "Christ is ris - en!"
 Mas - ter, the Lord, raised to life a - gain!
 king, crowned with pow'r and au - thor - i - ty.



Chorus

See God's sal - va - tion plan, wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in
 The voice that spans the years, speak - ing life, stir - ring hope, bring - ing
 And we are raised with Him, death is dead, love has won, Christ has



sac - ri - fice; ful - filled in Christ, the Man, for He
 peace to us, will sound 'til He ap - pears, for He
 con - quered. And we shall reign with Him, for He



lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead.
 lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead.
 lives: Christ is ris - en from the

dead. Repeat last chorus and tag.

THE PRAYERS (Please stand as you are able)

P: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

(Each petition ends: "Merciful God". The congregation responds: "Receive our prayer")

P: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

MEAL

P: God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.



THE OFFERING (You may be seated)

Please remember that your offerings of money, time and talents enable Trinity to "share the love and promise of God" through its ministries.

Offering Prayer

L: O resurrected Christ,

C: we celebrate this day, the promise for all time of your unending love!

Accept these gifts of celebration-make them be celebrations for others in the world. We praise your holy name. Amen.

THE COMMUNION SENTENCES

L: We are a resurrection people!

C: We come to share in the table Jesus has prepared for us. We come to lean on the power that brings new beginnings out of painful endings.

L: We are Easter people!

C: Just as we share his death, we share his life. We are freed to live without fear. We, too, will be raised from death to life.

L: We are Good News people!

C: The body and blood of Jesus is a very real presence among us. We come to the table to find forgiveness, healing, acceptance, and strength.

P: 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 in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. 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, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION

P: Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

*All who celebrate Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to commune today.
When you receive the bread, you may either:*

*Dip the bread in the first chalice of wine
or the second chalice of grape juice.*

*Indicate to the Pastor if you need gluten-free wafers.
(We also have individually packaged gluten free wafer/wine.)*

COMMUNION SONGS

“Death Was Arrested”

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin,
lost without hope and no place to begin,
Your love made a way to let mercy come in
when death was arrested and my life began.

Ash was redeemed, only beauty remains,
and my orphan heart was given a name.
My mourning grew quiet, my feet rose to dance
when death was arrested and my life began.

Chorus v.1

Released from my chains, I'm a pris'ner no more.
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore.
He cancelled my debt, and He called me His friend
when death was arrested and my life began.

Chorus v. 1 & 2

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross.
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost.
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand.
That's when death was arrested and my life began.
That's when death was arrested and my life began.

Chorus v. 1 & 2

Oh, we're free, free, forever we're free. Come join the song of all the redeemed.
Yes, we're free, free, forever amen, when death was arrested and my life began.

When death was arrested and my life began.
Yes, when death was arrested and my life began.

The musical notation is written on two staves in a treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing.

1. Oh, Your grace so free wash- es o - ver
2. It's Your end - less love pour - ing down on
me. You have made me new. Now life be - gins with You.
us. You have made us new, now life be - gins with You.

"Because He Lives"

1. God sent His Son they called Him Je - sus; He came to
2. How sweet to hold a new - born ba - by, And feel the
3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er; I'll fight life's

love, heal and for - give. He lived and died
pride and joy he gives; But great - er still
fi - nal war with pain. And then, as death

to buy my par - don; An emp - ty grave is there to
the calm as - sur - ance: This child can face un - cer - tain
gives way to vic - t'ry, I'll see the lights of glo - ry

prove my Sav - ior lives. Be - cause He lives
days be - cause He lives.
and I'll know He reigns.

I can face to - mor - row; Be - cause He lives, all fear is
gone. Be - cause I know He holds the fu - ture,
And life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause He lives.

THE BLESSING

P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

"Praise"

I'll praise in the val-ley, praise on the moun-tain. I'll
praise when I'm sure, praise when I'm doubt - ing. I'll praise when out-num-bered,
praise when sur-round-ed, 'cause praise is the wa-ters my en-e - mies
drown in. as long as I'm breath-ing, I've got a rea-son to Praise the Lord
oh, my soul. Praise the Lord oh, my soul. I'll
praise when I feel-it, and I'll praise when I don't. I'll praise 'cause I know
You're still in con-trol. My praise is a weap-on, it's more than a sound.
My praside is the shout that brings Jer-i - cho down. As
long as I'm breath-ing, I've got a rea-son to Praise the Lord oh, my soul.
Praise the Lord oh, my soul. I won't be qui-et, My God is a-live,
How could I keep it in - side? Praise the Lord oh, my soul.
Praise the Lord oh, my soul.

THE DISMISSAL

L: He is not here, for he is risen!

C: He is risen, indeed!

L: As we go forth from this place, may we proclaim this message with our whole being.
We do not have to fear death.

C: He is risen!

L: We do not have to be afraid of the past.

C: He is risen!

L: We do not have to be afraid of the dark

C: He is risen! Thanks be to God. Amen.

WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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Easter Garden

Ruth Abel and family - In memory of John H Abel

Anita Bayliff - In honor of my children,
In memory of my parents, Bob and Gerry Karvois

Kathleen Fairchild - In memory of my Dad, Mike Devers

Rosemary Fink - In memory of daughter Pamela Lynn and husband, Ronald

Hanvey family - In memory of Grandma Pat

Pat Harter - In memory of Dan Harter, Mr & Mrs Elmer Harter and
Mr and Mrs Richard Behrends

Vern and Jill Hasenstein - In memory of Mary & Wally Rowinski and Sheila Werner

Mike and Cheryl Hay - In memory of parents, Robert and Lila Boerger

Mary Rudd Immekus - In memory of our loving parents, Don and Joan Rudd

Caitlin, Isabelle, and Ari Kemmett-Beckman - In memory of Rory Rose

Mildbrandt, Martin, and Schlosser families - In honor of God's many blessings

Danielle Paswaters - In memory of Keith Paswaters

Carrie & Phil Pierce - In memory of Jean Pierce

Bev Ritger - In memory of Carlos and Ethel Crass

Helene Schrankler - In memory of Gerald Schrankler

Leon Vore - In memory of Dick and Esther Vore

Dee Washa - In memory of Geoff

Thank you to everyone who donated flowers to adorn the altar.
You are welcome to take home your plant after the 11:00 Easter Service.