

Trinity Lutheran Church
Created to Praise
April 12, 2026
2nd Sunday of Easter

140 N 7th Ave
West Bend, WI
262-334-2125

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRINITY WELCOME

L: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

“Everyone takes the limits of his own vision for the limits of the world.”

- Arthur Schopenhauer

“It is only with the heart that one can see rightly, what is essential is invisible to the eye.”

- Antoine Saint-Exupéry

“It is a terrible thing to see and have no vision.”

- Helen Keller

CALL TO WORSHIP (stand)

L: The work of our hands,

C:Our labor of care.

L: Our open hand,

C:Our tender embrace,

L: Loving God, we serve you...

C:By loving the world,

L: Caring for all people,

C:Especially the poor, the young, the forgotten.

L: We serve God not by being “right”,

C:But by being loving.

L: By this they will know we are your disciples.

C: May our love glorify our Savior.

PRAISE SONG

“To Be Alive”

Chorus (sing twice after 2nd verse)



To be a - live is to live the love that is a - live in God's sav-

5

Fine



- ing Son who brought us back from a life of death to be a - live!

10



There is no-thing I can do to save me. On - ly God car - ries us home.
Join the sing-ing, join the cel - e - bra - tion. Je - sus lives, we are re - stored.

14



So we live mer - - cy, hope and free - dom,
Love a - live, giv - - ing and for - giv - ing,

16



lov - ing a - noth - er to be whole. To be a -
lov - ing a - noth - er to be whole.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Holy God,

C: you send us into the world as witnesses, yet we confess we often remain silent. We hold back forgiveness, cling to resentment, and fail to share your love with those around us. Forgive us for not living as your sent people.

Assurance

L: Receive the Holy Spirit. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and freed to forgive, to love, and to serve. Go in peace, for Christ is with you always. **Amen.**

RESPONSE

"Cross of Christ"

Harts on fire with hope and grief;
Some - one has a heav - y load,
Riv - ers filled with mys - ter - y

There is doubt and there's be - lief. Some will trust, a
stran - ger hurt a - long the road. Some will walk right
flow - ing for e - ter - ni - ty Ev - 'ry child of

bles - ed faith; oth - ers need to touch the wounds of grace.
by this place. Who will stop to be the hands of grace?
ev' - ry race, wel - come to - God's a - bound - ing grace.

Look - ing through the cross of Christ, we die and rise a - gain.

New cre - a - tion. Gift of life. love that has no end.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Robb Kosky

WORD

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

First Reading

The first reading is Acts 2:14a, 22-32

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the 11 apostles. In a loud voice he spoke to the crowd. “My fellow Jews,” he said, “let me explain this to you. All of you who live in Jerusalem, listen carefully to what I say.

²² “Fellow Israelites, listen to this! Jesus of Nazareth was a man who had God’s approval. God did miracles, wonders and signs among you through Jesus. You yourselves know this. ²³ Long ago God planned that Jesus would be handed over to you. With the help of evil people, you put Jesus to death. You nailed him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised him from the dead. He set him free from the suffering of death. It wasn’t possible for death to keep its hold on Jesus. ²⁵ David spoke about him. He said,

“I know that the Lord is always with me.
Because he is at my right hand,
I will always be secure.

²⁶ So my heart is glad and joy is on my tongue.
My whole body will be full of hope.

²⁷ You will not leave me in the place of the dead.
You will not let your holy one rot away.

²⁸ You always show me the path that leads to life.
You will fill me with joy when I am with you.’

²⁹ “Fellow Israelites, you can be sure that King David died. He was buried. His tomb is still here today. ³⁰ But David was a prophet. He knew that God had made a promise to him. God had promised that he would make someone in David’s family line king after him. ³¹ David saw what was coming. So he spoke about the Messiah rising from the dead. He said that the Messiah would not be left in the place of the dead. His body wouldn’t rot in the ground. ³² God has raised this same Jesus back to life. We are all witnesses of this.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

The Gospel

John 20:19-31

P: The holy gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together. They had locked the doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Jesus came in and stood among them. He said, “May peace be with you!” ²⁰ Then he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were very happy when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, “May peace be with you! The Father has sent me. So now I am sending you.” ²² He then breathed on them. He said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

²⁴ Thomas was one of the 12 disciples. He was also called Didymus. He was not with the other disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So they told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “First I must see the nail marks in his hands. I must put my finger where the nails were. I must put my hand into his side. Only then will I believe.”

²⁶ A week later, Jesus’ disciples were in the house again. Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus came in and stood among them. He said, “May peace be with you!” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here. See my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

²⁸ Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen me but still have believed.”

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in front of his disciples. They are not written down in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. If you believe this, you will have life because you belong to him.

The Gospel Response:

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(You may be seated)

MESSAGE

Pastor Robb Kosky

MESSAGE RESPONSE

“Come Touch”

Retrain

Come touch his heal - ing hands, come touch his wound - ed side, and
feel the love that waits like a bride - groom for the bride. Come
touch his heal - ing hands, come touch his wound ed side, and
feel the love that's giv - ing bro - ken hearts__ new life.
Out - stretched arms wait - ing for you__ love's em - brace al__ - ways.

Repeat refrain

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 (*Please stand as you are able*)

P: Merciful God,

C: accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

THE COMMUNION SENTENCES

P: Peter stood up and declared: Jesus is risen.

C: God has raised him up—we are witnesses.

P: Death could not hold him.

C: Life has the final word.

P: This table is the sign of that promise.

C: We come to share in the risen life of Christ.

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

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy. All are welcome.

THE DISTRIBUTION (You may be seated)

All who celebrate Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to commune today.

*When you receive the bread, you may either dip the wafer
in the first chalice of wine or the second chalice of grape juice*

Please indicate to the pastor if you need a gluten free wafer.

(We also have celiac friendly individually packaged wafer/wine in the first pew.)

COMMUNION SONGS

"Glory to the Love"

Refrain



Glo-ry to the love, Glo - ry to the life, Glo - ry to the Child of Light. From heav-en to earth a-cross

Fine last time.

Verse



the u - ni-verse Glo - ry to the peace of Christ.

Mov - ing, reach - ing,
Teach - ing, heal - ing,
Guid - ing Spir - it,

to Refrain



in - to our lives, seeds of prom - ise stir - ring in - side.
seek - ing the lost. Turn - ing ta - bles, bear - ing the cross.
o - pen us wide, to see Christ in each oth - ers' eyes.

"Blessed Are Those"

Bless - ed are those who do be - lieve, Bless - ed are those who do be - lieve.
Though they have not seen they trust God faith - ful - ly.
Some peo - ple doubt what they have not seen.
As I've been giv - en so I give you
They will not blind - ly fol - low what is said.
to the world, - for - give the sins of all,
Oth - ers view this as a weak - ness
bring - ing hope to doubt - ing fac - es,
but it can au - then - ti - cate in - stead.
tear - ing down where hat - red builds a wall.
See my nail pierced hands.
And as you bring life
Come touch my wound - ed side. I
to plac - es here and far, -
give what you need for faith as you give your trust com - plete - ly
al - ways keep in mind you are not loved for what you do
but - my for Spi - rit will you guide.
whose rit you are.

"People of Hope"

The musical score is written on ten staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "We are peo-ple of hope a-live in the mys-t'ry, grow-ing in faith, learn-ing to love. We are peo-ple of hope through-out all of his-t'ry, held by the one who will nev-er let go. We are dead in our striv-ing for wealth and for might We are what God has made us, cre-a-ted in Christ but God, rich in mer-cy, has loved us to life. We are for jus-tice and mer-cy to be our way of life. We are In the jour-ney ev-'ry day we're led by the Word, saved by grace. We are". The score includes musical notations such as rests, beams, slurs, and triplets. It concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots. The word "Coda" is written above the eighth staff, and "Fine" is written above the fourth staff.

We are peo-ple of hope a-live in the mys-t'ry,
grow-ing in faith, learn-ing to love. We are
peo-ple of hope through-out all of his-t'ry,
held by the one who will nev-er let go.
We are dead in our striv-ing for wealth and for might
We are what God has made us, cre-a-ted in Christ
but God, rich in mer-cy, has loved us to life. We are
for jus-tice and mer-cy to be our way of life. We are
In the jour-ney ev-'ry day we're led by the Word,
saved by grace. We are

THE COMMUNION BLESSING (please stand as you are able)

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Holy One,

C: through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

SENDING

P: God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

May the redeeming work of Christ guide your steps, bringing hope to the weary, and healing to the broken.

C: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG

"Great is Your Love"

Giv-er of life, Be - gin-ning and End. Light of the world — the

Ran-som for sin, — how great is Your love — that You would — call — me Your child

Lord a-bove — all — the King that has come —

Hope for the na-tions You're God's on - ly Son — How great is Your love — that

You would call — me Your child — So deep — So wide .

is the love that you lav - ish on me — So long — so high .

oh, great is your Love — great is Your Love — for me —

Giv-er of life, Be - gin-ning and End. Light of the world — the

31 Ran-som for sin, _ how great is Your love _ that You would _ call _ me Your child

35 Lord a-bove _ all _ the King that has come _

38 Hope for the na-tions You're God's on-ly Son _ How great is Your love _ that

42 You would call _ me Your child _ So deep _ So wide .

46 is the love that you lav - ish on me _ So long _ so high .

49 oh, great is your Love _ great is Your Love _ So deep,

53 _ So wide _ is the love that you lav - ish on me _ So long .

56 _ so high _ oh, great is your Love _

great is Your Love _ for me _

THE DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Please stay for a coffee hour following the worship service.

WE THANK OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Pastor: Pastor Robb Kosky

Worship Assistant: Vern Hasenstein

Reader: Pat Hanvey

Communion Set Up: Tiffany Wilson

Communion Servers:

Vocalists: Cyndee Bruder, Ruthann Dorn, Heather Peters, Phil Pierce

Keyboard: Heather Peters

Ushers: Charlotte Butzler, Dan Pawlowski

Video: Mike Tikusis **Audio:** Greg Griffin

Counters: Richard Hills, David Putnam

Coffee Hour: VBX Coffee Hour Alyssa Brockman, Susie Kelnhofer,
Sandy Poenitsch, Candy Sarauer

Permission to podcast/stream and reprint the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE with license #A-714192, CCLI with license #230769 and licensed permission of Convergence Music Project. All rights reserved.

Trinity Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Ho-Chunk and Potawatomi people. As such, we wish to give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home. It is our sincere desire that this acknowledgement initiates an ongoing instructive, and constructive journey toward respect, truth and healing regarding colonialism, the church community, and inclusivity for all children of the Great Spirit. We commit ourselves as God's children to pray for our indigenous siblings, to pray for God's blessings on them and for strength for them and for us as we work together for justice, dignity, respect and peace for all the diverse people of the land.

To Be Alive. Words and Music by Larry Olson and David Lee Brown. © 1993. Dakota Road Music. Used with permission under One License #A-714192. All rights reserved.

Cross of Christ. Words and Music: Larry Olson. © 2006. Dakota Road Music. Used with permission under One License #A-714192. All rights reserved.

Come Touch. Words and Music by Handt Hanson. Music Arr. by Henry Wiens. ©1991 Prince of Peace Publishing, Inc. Original ©1985 Hanson. Used with permission under CCLI license #230769. All rights reserved.

Glory to the Love. Lyrics and music by Larry Olson and Hans Peterson. © 2006 Dakota Road Music. Used with permission under One License #A-714192. All rights reserved.

Blessed are Those. Words and Music: Hans Peterson. © 1994 Dakota Road Music. Used with permission under One License #A-714192. All rights reserved.

People of Hope. Words and Music by Larry Olson and Hans Peterson. © 1998 Dakota Road Music. Used with permission under One License #A-714192. All rights reserved.