



Peace be with you

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 13-14, 2024



TRINITY
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday of Easter

April 13, 2024—5:00 p.m.

April 14, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

*Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

Faith cannot be stockpiled. It needs a pattern of replenishment. Today, the disciples are hungry. While their stomachs may not be rumbling, their hunger is shown in their lack of certainty about who Jesus is. Even though they were just talking about how Jesus walked with two of them on the road to Emmaus, his real presence now frightens them. Doubt, disbelief, and fear are like hunger to the disciples.

Jesus relieves the hunger with his risen presence. When the disciples are unsure what to make of the mess that life has become, Jesus shows up. When their hunger for truth and certainty is most apparent, Jesus walks into the room. The answer to someone's hunger is not to ask why they are hungry. Nor is the answer to doubt a question about why they cannot believe. The answer is food. The answer is the real Jesus showing up and easing fears.

Welcome to Trinity! We are glad you're here. If you are new to Trinity Lutheran, please complete an informational card which can be found in the pews.

We love having small children in worship! Those needing a space to change or feed little ones are welcome to use the **Child Care Room** located next to the nursery. A **unstaffed nursery** is also available, located on the 2nd floor just outside the north sanctuary door (door under the stained glass window door).

Handicapped Seating is reserved in the pew located in front of the Technical booth.

Large print bulletins and listening devices are available from the ushers.

Activity Bags are available for children during worship. They are located in the narthex and at the front of the church. Please return them at the end of services.

Our Mission *We are called to share God's healing love through Christ's forgiveness and our personal servanthood.*

Serving in Worship This Weekend

Pastor	Dan Gerrietts Daniel Hanson
Guest Preacher	Bishop Kevin Jones
Organist	Deb Nielsen
Greeters	Paul and Mary Charlson
Coffee Fellowship	JoAnn Johnson, Audrey Warner
Scripture Readers	
5:00 p.m.	McKenna Schlitter
9:00 a.m.	Kay Larson
Technical Support	
9:00 a.m.	Maggie Gerrietts, Evelyn Hunt Carter Rockwell
Worship Transportation	Randy Elsbernd, Kay Larson
Ushers	
5:00 p.m.	Penny Bennett, Bob VerBrugge
10:30 a.m.	Dan Clarke, Randy Dedor, Ron Moeller, Kim Pang

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

C Amen.

P Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.
In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.
Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.
We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

***Greeting**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

P Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life,
and you adopt us to be your children.

Fill us with your words of life,

that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Children's Sermon *(9am)*

Bishop Kevin Jones

First Reading: Acts 3:12-19

L ¹²[Peter] 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?¹³The 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. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And 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.

¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

L ¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW pg 124

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
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P The Holy Gospel according to Luke the twenty-fourth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

*Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

P ^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be

proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Bishop Kevin Jones
Northeastern Iowa Synod

Hymn of the Day

Day of Arising

ELW 374

***Apostles' Creed**

C I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Prayers of Intercession**

P God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

***Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THANKSGIVING

Announcements

Offering

Text to Give is available at Trinity!
Simply text the amount you wish to give to 833-412-0093.
Or scan the QR code with your smartphone.
Please note where your gifts should be directed towards.



*Offertory

We Praise You, O God

ELW 870

*We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We Lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.*

*Offering Prayer

P Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C Amen.

*Lord's Prayer

C Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

C Amen.

*** Sending Hymn** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

ELW 674

***Sending**

P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bishop Kevin Jones (Northeastern Iowa Synod) will preach at all services. Welcome!

Special Offering Appeal - The NE Iowa Synod is asking congregations to consider a gift to our Companion Synod - Hungary fund. Bp. Jones and other synod members will travel to Hungary in June and would like to present a gift from our synod to Bishop Tamas Fabiny and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary to support their ministry. Simply mark your gift "Companion Synod-Hungary" or click on the tab on our online giving page.

Please see the insert located in the bulletin.

Altar Flowers are in honor of **Harlan and Marge Baack's 61st Anniversary** Given by their loving family.

The **pulpit rose is in honor of Bonnie Ogaard's 90th Birthday** which is today. If you know Bonnie and would like to send her a card, please mail it to: 813 N. Delaware Ave.

Bulletin Artwork is given by **Carlyle and Leslie Dalen** in celebration of their **25th Wedding Anniversary**.

Card Shower for LaVonne Willford—LaVonne will be turning **99 on April 19th**. If you know LaVonne and would like to send her a birthday greeting you can mail it to: LaVonne Willford, 302 2nd St. NE, Rm. 224, Mason City, IA. **LaVonne is our oldest baptized member of Trinity**. She was baptized on October 23, 1928 by Pastor Wigdahl. That's pretty amazing!

Fellowship Coffee

Tuesday, April 16 | 9:30 AM / Fellowship Hall
Fellowship Coffee returns! Come to the Fellowship Hall for a time of coffee and treats and to hear Sam Hunt share highlights from his life story.

Wednesday Night Alive

April 17, 2024

Meal is at 6pm

Pizza, Salad and Dessert

Free Will Offering

Programming begins at 6:30

- **43 North Iowa** continues to provide services to clients with an array of disabilities, while also creating community partnerships. Through expansion efforts, they are serving more people, helping them achieve stability through employment, community engagement, and safer living situations. Director John Derryberry is looking forward to sharing success stories with you, answering your questions, talking about how clients earned \$1.9 million last year, and talking about how this supports the North Iowa Corridor. *(Gathering Space)*
- **Living Well in the Midst of Grief & Loss** (April 3, 10, 17 & 24)
This class will give you an opportunity to explore how grief and loss impact your heart, soul, strength and mind. Facilitated by Linda Vold, Retired Therapist & Becky Elsbernd, Parish Nurse. *(Rm. 300)*
- **Trinity Choir**— meet in the Choir Room
- **Kindergarten - Grade 6**
students will come to *the 2nd floor* and learn new things from talented Trinity adults with a new activity each week.
- **Confirmation : Grades 7 & 8** Students will meet together from 6:30 – 7:45 pm - experience small group and large group learning as they study for their confirmation.
- **Flame: Grades 9-12**—meet in the Youth Rm.

Belong & Grow New Member Class

Sunday, April 14 at 1:30 p.m. or Thursday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. 6:30 PM

(Choose one session) | Fellowship Hall

Are you looking for a church home? A place to belong? Are you exploring whether Trinity might be the right community for you to connect and grow deeper? Pastor Dan Gerrietts leads an interactive class session for those exploring membership or wondering if Trinity is right for them. This is the only session one attends to prepare for membership. Learn more about the worship life, mission commitments, and faith expressions that ground us. Take a tour of the building. Meet other people. Childcare is available by request. **Please contact the church office.**

New Members will be Received on Sunday, May 12th at the 9:00 a.m. service with a reception during coffee fellowship time.

Lunch and Learn—

Funeral Pre-Planning and Tour

Thursday, April 18 / 12:00 PM / Fellowship Hall

Tyler Schaefer, Prearrangement Specialist and Funeral Director at Major Erickson, will discuss the importance of discussing funeral arrangements in advance and give us a tour of the newly remodeled Major Erickson Funeral Home. Sandwiches, potato salad, and bars will be served for a free-will offering. **Please**

sign up on the bulletin board by the church offices by April 16th.

TLC OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- **Worship Greeter** – Greet worshippers as they enter the building for weekend and midweek services. Volunteer position. Contact the office.
- **Usher** – Distribute bulletins, welcome, collect offering, usher people for communion. Volunteer position. Contact the office.
- **Readers** – Read the lessons for weekend services. Lessons provided a week prior to reading. Volunteer position. Contact the office.
- **Communion Servers**— Assist Pastors with Communion distribution during worship services. Training available. Volunteer position. Contact the office.
- **Worship Transportation** – Assist Region 2 Transit driver in picking up those needing a ride to Sunday worship. Volunteer position. Contact the office.
- **Community Kitchen Volunteers**—Trinity provides volunteers to help prepare and serve meals at the Community Kitchen, *either the **1st Monday** of each month from 9-1:00 and the **4th Wednesday** of each month from 4-6:30 p.m.* See the bulletin boards by the church office.
- **Help at Affordables**—Trinity provides volunteers to help sort donated clothing at Affordables on the ***2nd Wednesday** of each month from 9-11:00 a.m.*

For more worship serving opportunities, go to trinity-mc.org/worship-volunteers

GRADES K - 12

Sunday School Heads to Good Shepherd—Sunday, April 21

Trinity's Sunday School classes will head to Good Shepherd on Sunday, April 21, during the Sunday School hour to share music, prayer and greet residents.

Rejoicing Spirits—Wednesday, April 17 / 5:00 PM / Fellowship Hall Rejoicing Spirits is inclusive of all ages and abilities. Join us as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus through camp style music, interactive skit, and prayer. Following the worship service, enjoy pizza and root beer floats for a free-will donation.

Copies of **Christ in Our Home** for **April, May & June** are available to pick up by the office and welcome desk.

2024 Flower Calendar and Bulletin Calendar

If you'd like to honor a loved one, remember a birthday and/or an anniversary please sign up. Both calendars are located on the bulletin board next to the church office. Altar Flowers are \$45 and Bulletins are \$25

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL & DAY CAMP

Trinity Lutheran Church will hold its annual Vacation Bible School for students age 3 - 5 and Day Camp for Grades 1-6 on June 10 - 13, 2024. Counselors from Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp will be involved in leading activities throughout the week. The theme for all ages is Cultivate based on John 15:5.

PRESCHOOL

Activities will be held from
9:00 - 11:00 AM for children aged 3 - Kindergarten.
Cost is \$25/child

GRADES 1-6

(Entering Fall 2024)
Activities will be held from
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Bring a sack lunch. Register online or pick up a form at the church office.
Cost is \$25/child

Register NOW at:
trinity-mc.org/vacation-bible-school
or scan the QR code below!



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, April 15

9:00 a.m. Centering Prayer (Rm. 322)
9:00 a.m. Quilt Workshop (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m. Trinity Bronze Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts

Tuesday, April 16

8-9:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
9:30 a.m. Fellowship Coffee (Fellowship Hall)
Noon Staff Meeting
3:00 p.m. Adult Ministries Cabinet (Rm. 300)
4:00 p.m. Building & Grounds Comm. (FH)
4:15 p.m. NordKor Rehearsal (Choir Rm.)
5:00 p.m. Education Committee
Finance Committee
Ministries Committee
6:00 p.m. Generosity Committee (Rm. 300)
Youth & Family Committee

Wednesday, April 17

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Library)
2:00 p.m. Cancer Support Group (Rm. 300)
5:00 p.m. Rejoicing Spirits Worship Service (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m. WNA Meal
6:30 p.m. WNA Programming

Thursday, April 18

8:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
10:30 a.m. Clappers Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
Noon Lunch & Learn (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 p.m. Una Vocis Rehearsal

Saturday, April 20

5:00 p.m. Worship Service

Sunday, April 21

9:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

CO-Ed Softball returns this Summer

There is a sign-up sheet outside the church office. Stephanie Johnson will be coaching. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Stephanie at 641-420-5301.

COMPANION SYNOD—HUNGARY FUND

Your gifts strengthen cross-cultural partnerships

Companion synod relationships of the ELCA connect Lutheran churches throughout the world with ELCA synods and congregations.

The Northeastern Iowa Synod has companion synod relationships with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary and with the three Evangelical Lutheran denominations in Namibia. Companion churches and ELCA synods nurture and strengthen one another through prayer, study, communication, exchange of visitors and sharing of resources.



Anyone interested in joining this trip to Hungary or wanting to learn more should email **Pastor Liz Bell**, belle@neiasynod.org, or call the synod office at 319-352-1414.

JOIN A SYNOD TRIP TO HUNGARY!

The Northeastern Iowa Synod's Global Mission Network invites interested ministers and lay leaders to join Bishop Kevin Jones for a trip to our companion synod in Hungary June 22-28, 2024.

The trip will include meeting with Bishop Tamás Fabiny of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary and other church leaders to learn about the ministries and history of the Lutheran church in Hungary. A group of 8 to 10 people from Northeastern Iowa will travel together to represent this synod.

SUPPORT THE COMPANION SYNOD—HUNGARY FUND

Bishop Jones and those traveling with him plan to present a gift from the Northeastern Iowa Synod to Bishop Fabiny to support the ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary. Your donation to the Companion Synod—Hungary Fund will help support this gift.

Visit Hungary June 22-28, 2024!



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