



# Easter Sunday Worship

APRIL 5, 2026



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# Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026 - 9:00\* & 10:30 AM

\*Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord!" (Psalm 118) Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We go with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

Color Bulletins given by **Harlan & Marge Baack** in honor of our Family and the Trinity Staff

**Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church.  
We are glad you are here!**

*If you are new to Trinity* please complete the *Let's Get Connected* Card located in the pews so we can follow up with you. **Large print bulletins and listening devices** are available from the ushers. **Seating for People with Limited Mobility** is reserved throughout the Sanctuary. Just look for the blue accessibility signs or ask your Usher.

***We love having small children in worship!***

- 1) **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.
- 2) **The Child Care Room** is available for those needing a space to change or feed little ones, located next to the nursery. Nursery space is available but won't be staffed. The nursery is located on the 2nd floor of the education wing and just outside the north sanctuary door. Ushers are available to direct you if needed.

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

### **Pastors**

Dan Gerrietts, Daniel Hanson  
Beverly Butler

### **Preacher**

Pastor Dan Gerrietts

### **Organist**

Colby Gochanour

### **Cantor**

9:00 AM Kylie Hansen  
10:00 AM Julia Hines

### **Acolytes**

9:00 AM Brody & Ella Bolinger  
10:30 AM Levi Dodge & Emma Peters

### **Scripture Readers**

9:00 AM Gary Lindgren  
10:30 AM Nancy Rockman

### **Technical Support**

9:00 AM Miles Hansen  
10:30 AM Devin Dettmer

### **Communion Assistants**

9:00 AM Kay Larson  
10:30 AM Kathy Dobrzynski

### **Worship Transportation**

Driver - Randy Elsbernd  
Volunteer - Craig Remmen

### **Trinity Choir**

Director Mel Shallberg

### **Custodian**

Dave Smith

## GATHERING

### Prelude

### Welcome

### Confession and Forgiveness

Friends, on Easter Sunday we remember that the world did its worst to God.  
The world battered and bruised, betrayed and abandoned,  
crucified and buried our living God.

And despite it all, Jesus still chose to return.

Jesus rose again and immediately went to work  
spreading God's love to the very people who had hurt him.

So hear me when I say, there is nothing you can do  
that could keep God's love at bay.

With that good news mind, let us go to God in prayer, trusting that Jesus Christ loves,  
claims, and seeks us. Friends, let us pray:

**Gracious God,**

**we want to be Easter people.**

**We want to shout your good news from the rooftop.**

**We want to follow the disciples, who ran to look for you.**

**We want to follow the angels, who said, "Be not afraid,"  
but we are afraid.**

**And we don't know where to look.**

**And we are worried we'll say the wrong thing.**

**So forgive us, for we are imperfect Easter people.**

**We are best intentions and best laid plans.**

**We are an out-of-tune chorus of "alleluias."**

**We are on our way, but we are not there yet.**

**Show us how to embody your good news in this world.**

**Show us how to be your Easter people.**

**With hope for tomorrow, we pray, Amen.**

Family of faith, even when we are an out-of-tune chorus of "alleluias,"  
we belong to God. Jesus died and rose for you.

And there is nothing that could keep God's love at bay.

Through Jesus Christ we are seen, saved, loved, and claimed.

This is the good news of the gospel! Thanks be to God.

Amen.

## 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 One, all over the world, people are gathering to hear the same story. All over the world, people are gathering to hear how death lost its sting. All over the world, people are gathering together, praying for a glimpse of you. So like our neighbors all over the world, we pray, be here. Speak to us today. Soften the calloused parts of our hearts until we can sense your Holy Spirit in our midst once more. With eagerness and hope, we run to the tomb. We sing alleluia. We listen for you. In Jesus' name,

**C Amen**

## WORD

### Children's Sermon

Pastor Dan Gerriets

### Psalm 118:1-2, 14-17 (*spoken responsively*)

P Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.

**C Let Israel now declare,  
"God's mercy endures forever.**

P The Lord is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

**C Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!**

P The right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

**C I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the Lord.**

### Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

<sup>1</sup> If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation**

ELW p. 151



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the Twenty-Eighth chapter.

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

**\*Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10**

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."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Dan Gerriets**

**\*Nicene Creed**

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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic 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.

**\*Prayers**

P Merciful God,

C Receive our prayer.

**\*Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

## MEAL

**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.



### Special Music

#### *A Gaelic Easter Celebration*

Trinity Choir (9:00 AM)

### \*Offertory

**Praise the God, whose blessing gives us life,  
Like morning's gentle dew;  
We will rise into the victory,  
And walk the way with you.  
To the God who calls His servants  
Neighbor, stranger, friend made fair;  
Christ is present in the water,  
In the fire, the earth, the air.  
May we live to love in all we do,  
And grant our neighbor rest;  
All creation praises God on high,  
Now may these gifts be blest.**

Sung to the tune "Thaxted" ELW 880  
Written by Colby Gochanour

### \*Offering Prayer

**P** Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

**C** Amen.

### \*Great Thanksgiving

ELW pg. 144

**L** The Lord be with you

**C** And also with you

**L** Lift up your hearts.

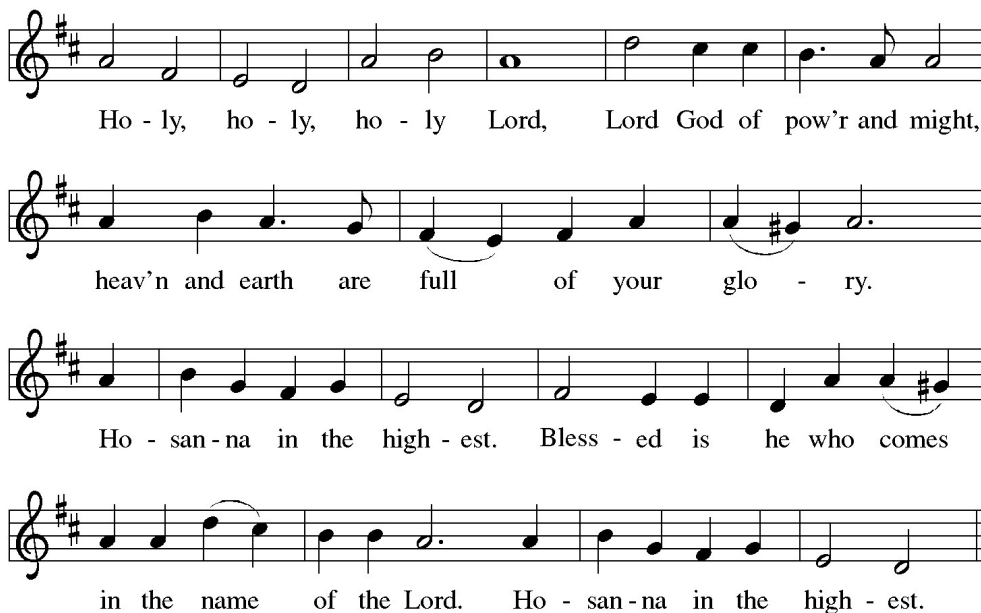
**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**L** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ELW pg.153



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to  
all.

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 for-  
giveness of sin. Do this for the remem-  
brance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resur-  
rection, and ascension, we await his coming  
in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O  
Lord, and unite the wills of all who share  
this heavenly food, the body and blood of  
Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to  
pray:

## \*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.

## Invitation to the Table

### Communion

*All who desire the presence and forgiveness of Christ that come in the sharing of this bread and wine are welcome to commune with us today. Ushers will direct you to the nearest station. Communion will be by intinction, where you dip the wafer into the wine or juice. You will return to your seat by the center aisle. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available. If for any reason you are not comfortable participating in communion today, we invite you to come forward with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing.*

### Lamb of God

ELW pg. 154



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## **\*Prayer after Communion**

P Living One,  
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders,  
sing of your glory,  
and proclaim your risen life  
to a wounded and weary world.

C 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**

**Thine is The Glory**

ELW 376

### **\*Sending**

P Alleluia! Go in peace.

C **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

## **Postlude**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BELONG AND GROW: TRINITY MEMBERSHIP CLASS April 14 OR April 26** —Looking for a church home? A place to belong? Curious to know more about Trinity's life and mission? Pastor Dan Gerrietts leads an interactive class for those exploring membership or wondering if Trinity is right for them. This is the only session one attends to prepare for membership. Learn about our mission commitments and the faith expressions that ground us. Take a tour of the building. Meet other people. Tues, April 14 at 6:30 PM OR Sunday, April 26 at 1:30 PM (Choose one session) To sign-up, go to [trinity-mc.org/membership](http://trinity-mc.org/membership) or contact the office.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Wednesday Night Alive Spring Session

BEGINNING APRIL 8, 2026



### COMMUNITY MEAL

6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

*Menu: Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Tator Tots, Fruit, Cookies and Bars*

### PROGRAMMING

6:30 PM | Various Locations & Dates (See below)

#### **\*SPEAK--Supporting Parents of Estranged Adult Kids** *(April 8)*

Pastor Beverly Butler will lead the discussion as we explore the various reasons why parents (most often middle aged and older) find themselves in this increasingly common experience of estrangement from their adult children. We will learn about the toll that estrangement takes on family members, and how to listen for cues in conversations to offer a truly helpful response.

#### **\*Joy in Christ - A Study on Philippians** *(April 15 & 29 in the Gathering Space)*

Pastor Dan Gerrietts leads a discussion exploring Paul's letter on finding joy in Christ regardless of circumstances—everyone welcome!

#### **\*Mission Jamaica Info Meeting** *(April 22 in the Gathering Space)*

Learn about Trinity's history with Mission Jamaica & the opportunity to serve in Mar. 2027

#### **\*Moving Through Grief and Loss** *(April 15, 22 and 29)*

This three week opportunity will offer a supportive environment while sharing tools and resources for moving through grief and loss. It will be held from 6:30-7:30 PM on Wednesdays April 15, 22, and 29. Facilitators are Pastor Beverly Butler and Linda Vold.

#### **\*Family Faith Development**

*(April 8 & 15, 2026 in the Library)*

On April 8 and 15, Carol Dettmer will share and facilitate sharing about faith development resources for families. Parents of school age children are the target audience. The group will look at two apps and one weekly devotional workbook that encourage time in God's word and rich discussion between family members. The group will meet in the Library.

#### **\*Choir Rehearsal**

*(April 8, 15, 22, and 29 in the Choir Room)*

Trinity's Choir is open to all vocalists, high school age & older. Please join us!

#### **\*Confirmation**

*(April 8, 15, 22, and 29 in the Fellowship Hall)*

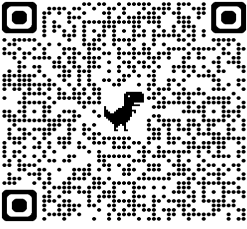
#### **\*Campfire Kids, Grades 1-6**

*(April 8, 15, 22, and 29 in Room 208)*

Campfire Kids is our elementary programming on Wednesday nights. Students embark on fun Bible adventures with their leader Nate Ruge, and other wilderness guides, as they experiment with Bible Stories and Faith Traditions. This week, Jesus makes the disciples a beach breakfast.

**\*Nursery** The Nursery is located on 2nd floor, just outside the Sanctuary. The Nursery is **UNSTAFFED** but is available for preschoolers and their parents during this time.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## **NEW TRINITY PICTURE DIRECTORY** *Schedule Your Photo Session Now!*

Scan the QR code to schedule your Trinity Directory picture. You may also schedule by going to Trinity's website ([TRINITY-MC.ORG](http://TRINITY-MC.ORG)) or working with a volunteer **NEXT WEEKEND** at the east entrance. (Last weekend to work with a volunteer!) Pictures will be taken April 13-22 in 10 minute time slots. Please schedule your time now and be a part of this great connection tool at Trinity.

**LYDIA CIRCLE/WOMEN OF THE ELCA — Wednesday, April 8** | 9:30 AM | Room 208 —Our Bible Study continues with God's name, God's promise: Gate and Shepherd. All women are invited to attend.

**WELCA BIBLE STUDY — Thursday, April 9** | 9:30 AM | Room 208 — How do we deal with temptations? If and how are we delivered from evil? The WELCA Bible Study will consider these difficult issues as we conclude our study of "The Lord's Prayer." Led by Rev. Dr. Norma Cook Everist. We will also consider plans for the Fall.

**NEWBORN BABY KIT ITEMS NEEDED** — The Living Waters Cluster gathering at Elk Creek Lutheran Church is collecting supplies for Global Health Ministries newborn baby kits. They are in need of white cotton sheets, pillowcases, light-weight towels (Wal-Mart for only \$2.97), and Ivory Soap bars. Money to purchase these supplies is also appreciated. Please drop off donations by April 15.

**SUGAR PLUM PRESCHOOL** — Each weekday at Trinity, the joyful sounds of learning and laughter remind us what a gift Sugar Plum Preschool is to our community. With small classes, gentle guidance, and teachers who truly know each child, little ones grow in confidence, kindness, and curiosity. Do you know a young child ready to begin their learning journey? Please consider enrolling your child or sharing this special program with a friend. For more info, visit [masoncityymca.org/sugarplum-preschool](http://masoncityymca.org/sugarplum-preschool).

**COMMUNITY KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS** —We are in need of more volunteers to serve at the Community Kitchen! Our congregation provides 4-6 volunteers at the kitchen, two times per month: first Monday mornings from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM; fourth Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

**AFFORDABLES VOLUNTEERS**—Volunteers Needed at Affordables. Your time supports our mission of helping people find their way, and empowers those we serve on their path to independence. When: The second Wednesday of the month from 9:30 -11:30 AM. What You'll Do: -Sort, hang, and organize donated items -Assist with keeping the store stocked and inviting—Support a great cause while having fun! Sign up today!