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He is risen

Second Sunday of Easter

APRIL 11-12, 2026



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SERVING IN WORSHIP THIS WEEKEND

Pastors

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Preacher

Pastor Daniel Hanson

Organist

Teresa Jacobson

Cantor

Saturday: Julia Hines Sunday: Kylie Hansen

Acolytes

Elyse Schweitzer, Madelyn Hurd

Scripture Readers

Saturday: Sally Becker Sunday: Dennis Wison

Ushers

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Jack Dettmer

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Custodian

Dave Smith

Second Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 11, 2026 - 5:00 PM

Sunday, April 12, 2026 - 9:00 AM with Livestream / KCMR Radio 97.9

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

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are given in honor of

Harlan and Marge Baack's 63rd Wedding Anniversary
by their Family

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**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.



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

Prelude

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

C Amen.

P Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us.

Blessed are you.

C You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

C You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

C You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever.

C Amen.

***Greeting**

P The grace of God that extends to all nations in Christ Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

***Prayer of the Day**

P Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Children's Message (*Sunday*)

Pastor Daniel Hanson

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ²² "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹ "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

³² "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

ELW pg. 151



*Gospel: John 20:19-31

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

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

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Daniel Hanson

Hymn of the Day

We Walk by Faith

ELW 635

***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 Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

***Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Announcements

THANKSGIVING

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**

**Praise 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 us 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 Merciful God,

accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.

Sustain us with your grace and peace,

that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love.

In the name of Jesus,

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 God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever.
C Amen.

*Sending Hymn

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

ELW 380

*Sending

P Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

NEW TRINITY PICTURE DIRECTORY

Thank you for signing up to be in the Trinity Directory! We are excited to start our picture appointments this week. Thank you to all the volunteer hosts who will greet members as they arrive. The Trinity village is a wonderful family, and our directory will be a wonderful family album. Thank you! Please call the church office at 423-0536 with any questions. Thank you!

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 or contact the office.

REJOICING SPIRITS Wednesday, April 15, 2026 | 5:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Rejoicing Spirits is inclusive of all ages and abilities as we connect with God and one another. . Join us as we learn about the miracle of Jesus's resurrection through camp style music, interactive skit, and prayer. Enjoy pizza and root beer floats after the service for a free-will donation. All are welcome.

SPRING GROUNDS CLEAN UP Saturday, April 18 | 8:30 AM-12 Noon | Church Grounds

Our Spring cleanup will be on Saturday, April 18th, 8:30 AM - Noon. Bring leaf/garden rakes, tarps, leaf blowers, hedge trimmers/loppers, brooms, spades, shovels, etc. Please help for as long as you can!

FELLOWSHIP COFFEE Tuesday, April 21 | 9:30 AM | Fellowship Hall

Please join us to enjoy a time of fellowship, coffee and treats! Judy Miller and Janet Schmitz will share highlights of their life journey as twins.

LUNCH & LEARN Thursday, April 23 | 12:00 Noon | Fellowship Hall

Join us for a Lunch & Learn with speaker Jesse Germundson, Executive Director of Northern Lights Alliance for the Homeless Shelters. Jesse will give an overview, brief history and updates on local homeless shelters and all the services they provide. A salad luncheon will be provided for a free will donation. Please sign up on the clipboard outside the office or give the office a call to give us a head-count.

CUPCAKES AND COFFEE Saturday, April 25 and Sunday, April 26 | Fellowship Hall

TLC's Legacy Cabinet is sponsoring a cupcake reception in celebration of the Legacy Fund's recent growth. All are invited! Join us after the Saturday 5pm Service and Sunday 9am Service.

MAY BREAKFAST Thursday, May 7 | 9:30 AM | Fellowship Hall

Join us for our annual May Breakfast at Trinity! This year, we welcome Michelle Murray as our guest speaker. Learn more about her amazing book "Amazing Iowa". No need to sign up for this event, just come!

Wednesday Night Alive Spring Session

REJOICING SPIRITS

5:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

COMMUNITY MEAL

6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Menu: Pizzas, Salad, Fruit, Cookies and bars

PROGRAMMING

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

***Joy in Christ - A Study on Philippians**

(April 15 & 29 in the Gathering Space)

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

***Moving Through Grief and Loss**

(April 15, 22 and 29 in Rm 300)

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 15, 2026 in the Library)

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.

***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

***Choir Rehearsal**

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

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

(April 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, we learn about Saul becoming Paul.

***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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, APRIL 13

- 9:00 AM Rolling Bandages for Global Health(Fellowship)
5:30 PM Bronze Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

- 8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class (Gathering Space)
12Noon Staff Meeting
6:30 PM Trinity Membership Class (Rm 307)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

- 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
8:30 AM Women's Bible Study (Library)
2:00 PM Cancer Support Group (Rm 300 and Zoom)
5:00 PM Rejoicing Spirits (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 PM Community Meal (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 PM Wednesday Night Alive Programs
6:30 PM Confirmation, Campfire Kids

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

- 8:00 AM BASES Exercise Class (Gathering Space)
10:30 AM Coffee and Clapper Bell Choir (Rm 307)

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

- 8:30 AM Spring Grounds Clean up (Outside)
5:00 PM **WORSHIP SERVICE**

SUNDAY, APRIL 19

- 9:00 AM **WORSHIP SERVICE** - Livestream, KCMR
10:30 AM **WORSHIP SERVICE** (Contemporary)
11:30 AM Youth Group (Fellowship Hall)

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 \$2.97), and Ivory Soap bars. Money to purchase these supplies is also appreciated (note your check or call the office.) Donations are accepted through April 15th. Simply place your donated items in the marked cabinet below the office window or drop off in the office.

MISSION JAMAICA: A VACATION WITH A PURPOSE *Reserve your spot by May 31, 2026*

Mission Jamaica returns in Spring 2027 for the week of March 13-20! Travel to Montego Bay for a meaningful week of service at the Westhaven Children's Home, worship with a Jamaican congregation, and time for rest and renewal. Cost is approximately \$2500 per person. Adults and families are welcome and membership is not required. An informational meeting will be held Wednesday, April 22 at 6:30 pm. Contact Pastor Dan Gerrietts at dan.gerrietts@trinity-mc.org.

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

THANK YOU FROM OUR FOOD BASKET RECIPIENTS

To all who planned, shopped, gathered, packed, delivered and gave money, the gratitude for the Easter Food Baskets was received from those delivering and the cards coming in after. Here are a few of them.. "Very grateful- would not have been able to have one. God Bless!" "Thank you very much for the grocery surprise! It was very appreciated!" "It's a real gift to the elderly and those on set incomes."