



EASTER 2026

Trinity Lutheran Church



April  
19

2026

Third Sunday  
of Easter

Together  
in Community  
Living  
with Christ  
Caring  
for Neighbors

Then beginning  
with Moses and  
all the prophets,  
he interpreted to  
them the things  
about himself  
in all the  
scriptures.

Luke 24:27

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***We are glad you are here!***  
***It is always good to be together, hearing the Word proclaimed and sharing in the Lord's Supper.***  
***Thank you for choosing to worship at Trinity Lutheran Topeka.***  
*We celebrate our worship leader today, Rev. Bob Dealey and thank him for preaching & presiding today.*

**PRELUDE**

***Evangelical Lutheran Worship — Setting 3***

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**GATHERING**

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

P Christ is Risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!*

**ELW 377**

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light! Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

*Refrain*

Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2 Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open our eyes;  
breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.

*Refrain*

3 Jesus the vine, we are the branches; life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
heaven to earth, Christ to the people, gift of the future now flowing to me.

*Refrain*

4 Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent: death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open! Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.

*Refrain*

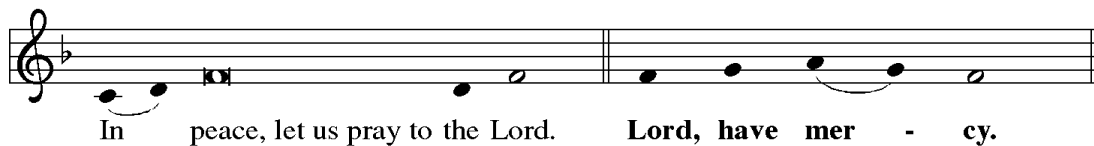
5 City of God, Easter forever, golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb, river of life,  
saints and archangels, sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain*

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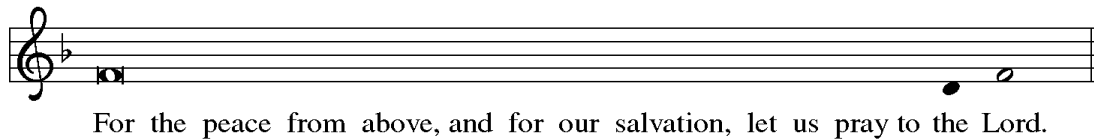
### GREETING

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.**

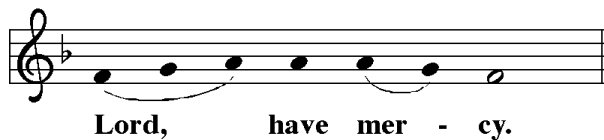
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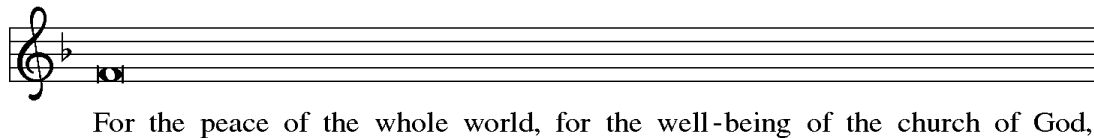
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



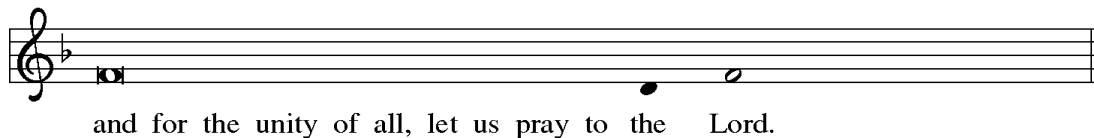
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



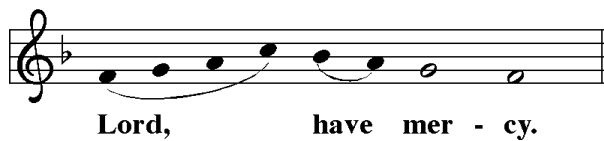
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

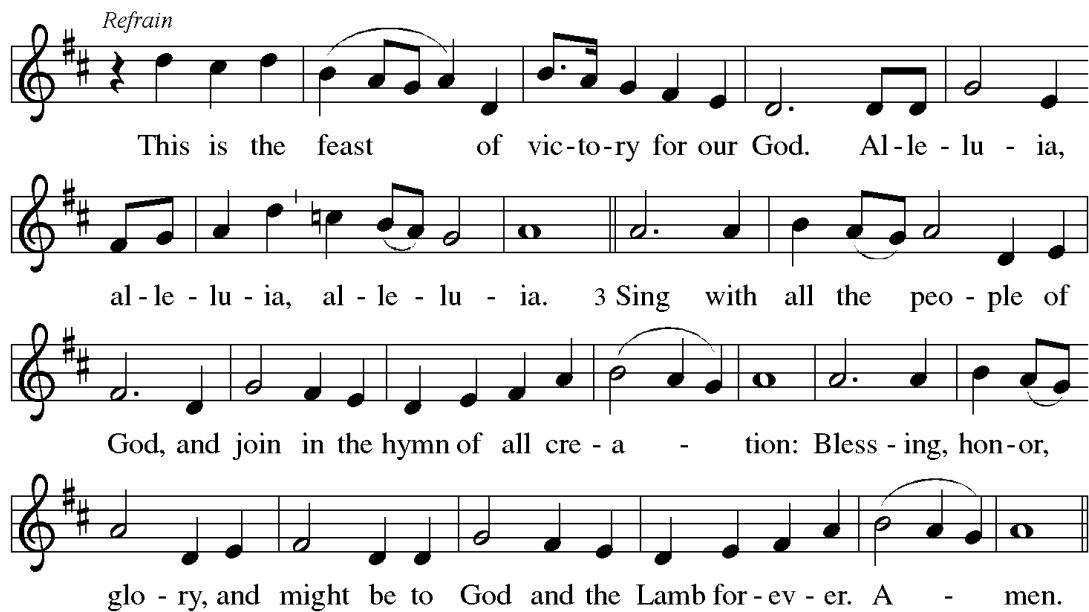
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
 let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.  
 Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb  
 who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
*Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and  
 strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of  
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon-or,  
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



<sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I | am your servant;

I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me | from my bonds.

<sup>17</sup>**I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name | of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God's people,

<sup>19</sup>**in the courts of | the LORD's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah!**

**SECOND READING: 1 PETER 1:17-23**

<sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God. <sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



P The Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

**GOSPEL: LUKE 24:13-35**

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day two disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And

he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup>He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

**PR. BOB DEALEY**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Day of Arising*

**ELW 374**

*Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.*

- 1 Day of arising, Christ on the roadway, unknown companion walks with his own. When they invite him, as fades the first day, and bread is broken, Christ is made known.
- 2 When we are walking, doubtful and dreading, blinded by sadness, slowness of heart, yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting our invitation: Stay, do not part.

- 3 Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken. This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign: when the church gathers, when bread is broken, there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
- 4 Christ, our companion, hope for the journey, bread of compassion, open our eyes. Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning that all creation with you may rise.

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#### APOSTLES CREED

P Together with the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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.**

#### THE PRAYERS

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

*A brief silence.*

A Living Savior, just as you journeyed with the disciples to Emmaus, accompany us on our journey of faith. Gather us at your table, that we recognize you in the breaking of the bread. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Almighty God, you provide for the needs of all creation. Bless the fields that are being prepared for planting, and send favorable weather so that the soil may yield an abundant harvest. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A God of justice, where leaders abuse power, confront them and call them to repentance. Where there is corruption, bring integrity; where there is violence, sow peace. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Healing Savior, your resurrection brings hope to a hurting world. Heal those who are sick, especially Paula Soldan, Charlotte O'Brien, Shelley Andrews, Junior & Liz Utech, Martha Nemeth, and David McGinnis. Strengthen the weary, give courage to the despairing, and comfort the dying. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

A Gracious One, you have made us your own through baptism. Bless Freddy Sierks as he remembers his baptism. Unite us in love for one another and uphold this community in your name. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

P Eternal Light, we give thanks for all who have nurtured your church in ages past. Bring us at last with them to the brightness of your glorious presence. Merciful God,

**C 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.**

### THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

*Let us greet one another with God's peace.*

*Please be seated.*

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### MEAL

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#### OFFERING AND OFFERING SONG

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your  
pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

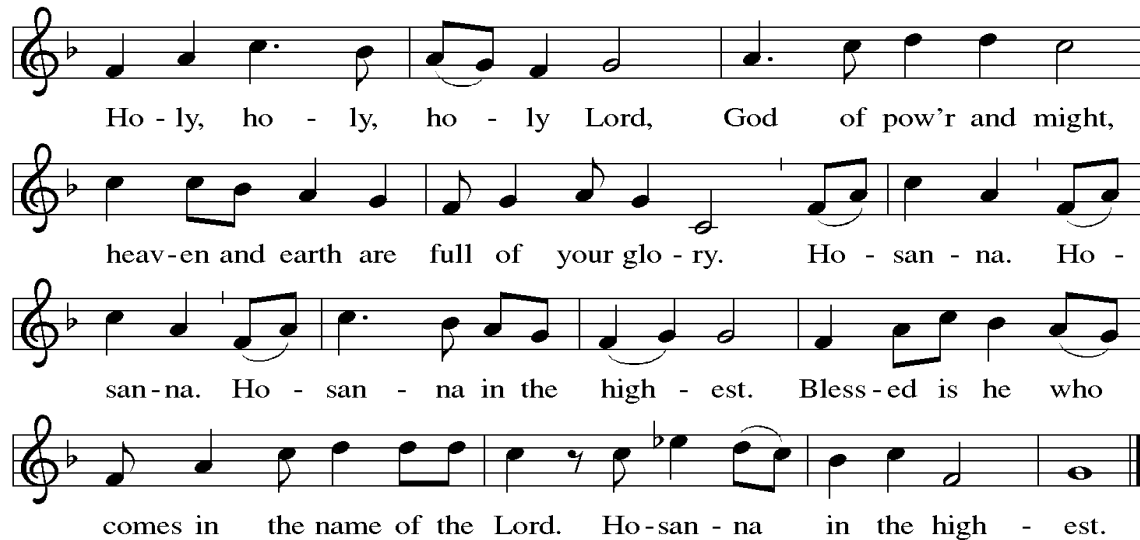
A Let us pray. Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love.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

C Amen.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. 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.

#### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

**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.**

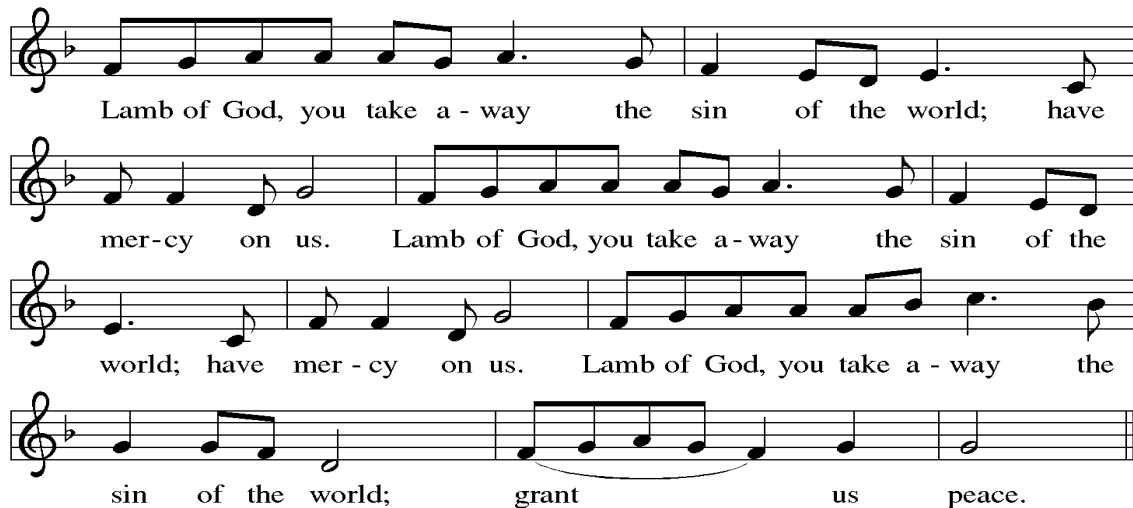
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

*We invite all who believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior to share in Holy Communion. Grape juice is available as an alternative to wine as well as gluten-free wafers. Everyone is invited to receive communion or a blessing. Hands cupped open indicate an openness to receive communion; hands closed reflect a desire to receive a blessing.*

*Everyone who goes forward for communion will be viewed on camera. Should you prefer not to have your image recorded, please stay in your seat and tell an usher you would like to have communion served to you in your pew.*

## LAMB OF GOD



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.

## COMMUNION HYMN

*Come, Let Us Eat*

**ELW 491**

- 1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread, come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread. Our Lord's body let us take together, our Lord's body let us take together.
- 2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured, come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured. Jesus' blood poured let us drink together, Jesus' blood poured let us drink together.
- 3 In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest, in Jesus' presence now we meet and rest. In the presence of our Lord we gather, in the presence of our Lord we gather.
- 4 Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word, rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word. Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom, Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.

Text: Billema Kwillia, b. c. 1925, sts. 1-3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1-3, alt. Text sts. 1-3 © Lutheran World Federation. Text st. 4 © 1972 *Contemporary Worship 4: Hymns for Baptism and Holy Communion*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A Holy One, 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,

**C Amen.**

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**SENDING**

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**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**

*This Joyful Eastertide*

**ELW 391**

1 This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow! My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.

*Refrain*

Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain. But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.

2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number. *Refrain*

3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river. Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver. *Refrain*

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848-1934

**DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

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

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**POSTLUDE**

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### UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

Today, Apr. 19..... Community Relations Committee meeting ..... 9:30 AM  
 ..... Worship with Communion ..... 10:30 AM  
 Mon., Apr. 20..... May Trinity Tidings deadline.....  
 ..... Stroke Support Group..... 6:00 PM  
 Tues., Apr. 21 ..... Quilters ..... 9:30 AM  
 ..... Doorstep Appreciation Banquet..... 6:30 PM  
 Sun., Apr. 26 ..... Children's Sunday School..... 9:45 AM  
 ..... Worship with Communion & Baptism..... 10:30 AM

Worship Assistants								
Date	Acolyte	Ushers	Musician	Lector	Altar Guild	Assisting Minister	Worship Leader	Coffee Hosts
Apr. 19	Janeen Horton	Jeffrey Schafersman, Howard Reece	Laurie Jackson	Steve Luoma	Donna Allen & Team 3	Bob Horton	Pr. Bob Dealey	Curt & Jane Lewis
Apr. 26	Curt Lewis	Duane & Debbie Pomeroy	Mitchell Bean	Debbie Pomeroy	Donna Allen & Team 3	Parker Jackson	Pr. Dinah Dutta	Marilyn Heckman
May 3	Brayden Winsor	Bob Horton, Curt Lewis		Duane Pomeroy	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Ted Murphy	Parker Jackson	Janice Greenlee
May 10	Janeen Horton	Dean McGinnis, Ted Murphy		Loni Reece	Diane Bottorff & Team 1	Bob Horton	Pr. Bob Dealey	

### WIDOWED WOMEN of FAITH

Join other **Widowed Women of FaiTh** on Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> for lunch and companionship from 11am to 1pm in the back room at Perkins Restaurant, 1720 SW Wanamaker Road, Topeka. No RSVP needed, just come. Please, invite other Widowed Women of FaiTh. We meet every month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday and will continue all through 2026. Come join us! Questions?

[WidowedWomenofFaith@gmail.com](mailto:WidowedWomenofFaith@gmail.com) or call Julie at (913)558-0191.



## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### OFFICE HOURS

10:00AM-3:30PM, Monday through Thursday

**Together in Community**

**Living with Christ**

**Caring for Neighbors**

### **Living with Christ's Love**

As Lutherans, we believe that we are justified by faith alone through the grace of God (*Ephesians 2:1-9*). As our namesake Martin Luther made clear, we are both sinners and saints as we live our lives of faith. Together as Christians, we are called to allow God into our lives everyday and to do our best to live according to Christ's love. We do this through being a community of faithful that welcomes all people to join us in prayer, service, study, and worship as we journey together in learning how to live out the Great Commandment.

### CONGREGATION COUNCIL

**President** Duane Pomeroy (Spiritual Care)

**Vice-President** Steve Luoma (Administration)

**Secretary** Diane Bottorff (Congregational Life)

**Treasurer** Bob Kobbeman (Administration)

Troy Abbott (Administration)      Marilyn Heckman (Community Relations)

Parker Jackson (Congregational Life)

Curt Lewis (Maintenance)      Howard Reece (Maintenance)