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**April 4, 2026**

Easter

*He is Risen*

**Serving Us Today**

**Organist:** Kathy Conway

**Vocalists:** Kathy Conway, Gary Peters

**Greeters:** Kevin Shaffer

## **We Enter God's House and Prepare for Worship**

**Pre-service Meditation:** *Psalm 118* (hymnal p. 148)

### **Pre-service Prayer:**

Dear risen Savior, my Lord Jesus, thanksgiving overflows within me for the salvation You have won for me. Whenever sin and its effects--and even death itself--darken the world around me and within me, lighten me with the joy of Your resurrection. Remind me daily that the victory is won and it is mine through you. Amen.

## **Order of Worship** (The *Lutheran Hymnal*, p. 5)

*When the congregation is asked to stand, please do so only if you are able.  
You may remain seated if standing is difficult.*

### **Welcome to Worship**

### **Opening Prayer**

**Hymn: 199 — Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation** (sings): **Amen**

**P:** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**C** (sings): **Who made heaven and earth.**

**P:** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**C** (sings): **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**P:** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**P:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, to us all.

**C** (sings): **Amen.**

**Responsive Reading:** *Psalm 118:14, 17, 19, 21, 24*

**Pastor:** The LORD is my strength and my song;

**Cong:** he has become my salvation.

**P:** I shall not die, but I shall live,

**C:** and recount the deeds of the LORD.

**P:** Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them

**C:** and give thanks to the LORD.

**P:** I thank you that you have answered me

**C:** and have become my salvation.

**P:** This is the day that the LORD has made;

**C:** let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**Congregation Sings** (TLH, p. 6ff)

*Gloria Patri*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore.

Amen.

*The Kyrie*

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

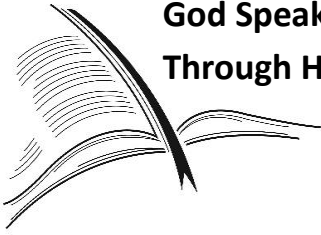
**Hymn:** 799 (1-4) -- *This Is the Feast of Victory*

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C** (sings): **And with Your spirit.**

**P:** Let us pray...

**C** (sings): **Amen!**



## God Speaks to Us Through His Word

### Old Testament Lesson:

*Isaiah 25:6-9*

Through the prophet, God promises the day when death will be swallowed up forever.

*On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.*

*And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.*

*He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.*

*It will be said on that day,  
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.  
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."*

**P:** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and treasure it! Hallelujah!

**C (sings): Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**Gospel Lesson: John 20:1-18**

**C (sings): Glory be to You, O Lord!**

John's account of the first Easter.

*Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were*

running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

**C (sings): Praise be to You, O Christ!**

### **Confession of Faith**



*Martin Luther's Explanation to the Second Article of the Apostles Creed*

**I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.**

**He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.**

**He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.**

**This is most certainly true.**

**Vocalist:** He Is Risen!

## **The Sermon**

**Text:** *1 Corinthians 15:12-19, 50-58*

# **“Three Resurrection Gifts”**

## **I. Redemption**

*Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. (vv.12-19)*

**Hymn:** 189 -- He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!

## **II. Victory**

*I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must*

*put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Hymn:** 198(1-4) -- He's Risen, He's Risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord

### **III. Tomorrow**

*Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.*

**Hymn:** 200(1-4) — I Know that My Redeemer Lives!

**Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

**Vocalist:** Thanks Be to God

**Benediction** (Pastor)

**C** (sings): **Amen! Amen! Amen!**

**Hymn:** 200(5-8) — I Know that My Redeemer Lives!

**Silent Prayer**

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**Welcome to Worship at Trinity!** to all

who have gathered for worship this morning. We especially welcome guests and visitors—please sign our guest book in the north entry. We look forward to having you worship with us again!



**Thank-offerings** may be left in the offering plate in the back of the church or mailed to the church. Electronic donations may be made via the link for “online offering” at the bottom of the home page on our website (Spokanelutheran.com)

**Prayer List:** Jackie Steger, Bertie Hein & Family, Ariel Smith, Joyce Miller, Donna Zarling, CLC pastoral vacancies



## This Week’s Schedule

*(If the Lord wills we shall do this or that)*



### Today

9:00 a.m. Easter Brunch  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

**Wednesday** 12:30 p.m. Seniors @ Gethsemane

### Next Saturday (April 11)

9:15 a.m. Bible Class  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

### Next Sunday (April 12)

8:00 a.m. Spring Cleanup Starts

## News & Notes



**Spring Clean-up at Trinity** is scheduled for next Sunday, April 12. April 19 is the make-up date if the weather does not permit the work on April 12.



**Isaac Everett and Hannah Ayers** invite the members of Trinity congregation to their wedding on Friday, April 10 at Trinity, 5:00 p.m. All are also welcome to a reception with light refreshments in the church basement following the service.

## Summer Worship Schedule Question

During the upcoming Summer (June - September) should we

**A)** Return to a Sunday worship schedule?

**B)** Keep the current Saturday worship schedule?

The Church Council would like your input. You can share your thoughts and preference online at: <https://tinyurl.com/SpokTrinity>, or you can share them directly to Pastor Eichstadt or Dennis Lux.

**Parsonage Cleaning:** The Church Council has hired “Miss Mops” cleaning service *to do a complete deep cleaning of the parsonage before the Rademachers move in for the summer. If anyone would like to contribute to the cost, please indicate the amount on your offering envelope.*

**Convention Delegates:** Trinity is able to send two delegates to the CLC Convention in June (25-28). Voting members of the congregation are eligible to serve as a delegate. If you’d like to volunteer or have questions/need more information, please speak to Pastor Eichstadt.



## News from around the Church of the Lutheran Confession

**Call News:** Teacher Levi Schaller of Messiah Lutheran School, Hales Corners, WI, has returned the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY / Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ, has received the call to teach grades 3-4 and serve as associate

principal at Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI / Teacher Lane Fischer of Immanuel Ev. Lutheran School, Mankato, MN, has returned the call to Faith Lutheran School, Markesan, WI / Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI, is considering the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI / Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, is considering the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI / Pastor Rob Sauers of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL, is considering the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ / Pastor Jonah Albrecht of Redemption Ev. Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA, and Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA, is considering the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.

**Retirement:** Pastor Del Maas of Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ponsford, MN, has retired due to non-life-threatening health concerns. His last service was March 29, 2026.

**Pray for Laborers**--Current locations that are in need of pastor-trained men:

1. Our Redeemer, Red Wing
2. Living Hope, Appleton
3. Trinity, Spokane
4. Holy Cross, Phoenix
5. St. Paul's, Austin
6. St. Luke's, Lemmon
7. Mt. Zion, Detroit
8. Messiah, Eau Claire (3rd pastor)
9. Gift of God, Mapleton/St. Paul, Ponsford

**ILC Dorm Supervisor:** Immanuel Lutheran College is accepting applicants for this position to begin the 2026-27 school year. Females who are CLC members in good standing and are able and willing to fill this position may contact ILC President Daniel Schierenbeck ([dan.schierenbeck@ilc.edu](mailto:dan.schierenbeck@ilc.edu)/660.864.9231) for more information about the responsibilities and compensation for this position. An application is available online at [ilc.edu](http://ilc.edu) > Forms and Applications > ILC Employment Application. Review of applications begins April 15.



## April Cleaners

**Sanctuary:** Estes / **North Entry:** Clark

**Basement:** Helke

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