

For I
know
that my
Redeemer
lives.

Job 19:25



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The 2nd Week of Easter

Serving Us Today

Organist: Kathy Conway

Greeters: Dennis & Linda Lux

He is Risen

We Enter God's House and Prepare for Worship

Pre-service Meditation: *Psalm 16* (hymnal p. 148)

Pre-Service Prayer

Dear Jesus, You have blessed me with Your love, the forgiveness of sins, and Your sure Word. Preserve me from doubting Your Word or doubting that You are actively leading, guiding, and blessing me through Your Word and in my life. You are my Lord and my God. I worship You and give You thanks--You and the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Order of Worship

(Worship Supplement pp. 1ff)

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

Pre-Service Music

Welcome to Worship & Opening Prayer

Hymn: 732(1-3) -- Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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

Congregation (spoken): **Amen**

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

C: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a fellow believer called by Christ to serve among you and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C (spoken): **Amen.**

C (sings): **Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.**

Congregation Sings:

Adoring praises now we bring

And with the heav'nly blessed sing:

"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"

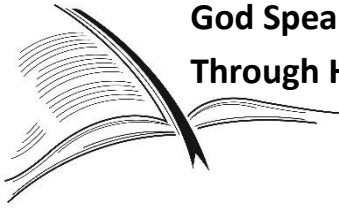
Be to the Father and our Lord,

To Spirit blest, most holy God.

All the glory, never ending! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! (WS 732:4)

Prayer (Pastor)

Congregation (speaks): **Amen**



God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Lesson

Job 19:14-27

Job was in misery, and yet he believed what he could not see but knew from the LORD his God. Job took courage from knowing that

he had a living Redeemer and he would see that Redeemer in person in the resurrection. Job's certain and expectant hope is our own.

*My relatives have failed me,
my close friends have forgotten me.
The guests in my house and my maidservants count me as a stranger;
I have become a foreigner in their eyes.
I call to my servant, but he gives me no answer;
I must plead with him with my mouth for mercy.
My breath is strange to my wife,
and I am a stench to the children of my own mother.
Even young children despise me;
when I rise they talk against me.
All my intimate friends abhor me,
and those whom I loved have turned against me.
My bones stick to my skin and to my flesh,
and I have escaped by the skin of my teeth.
Have mercy on me, have mercy on me, O you my friends,
for the hand of God has touched me!
Why do you, like God, pursue me?
Why are you not satisfied with my flesh?
"Oh that my words were written!
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!
Oh that with an iron pen and lead
they were engraved in the rock forever!
For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.^[b]
And after my skin has been thus destroyed,*

*yet in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!*

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 16:5-7,11

Pastor: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;

Cong: you hold my lot.

P: The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

C: indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

P: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;

C: in the night also my heart instructs me.

P: You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy;

C: at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

New Testament Lesson

1 John 5:1-13

Confidence is a gift of Easter. Confidence because we have Scripture's testimony that Jesus is the Son of God who has lived and died for us and our forgiveness. Confidence that we are children of God by His grace. Confidence to prevail in this sinful world as God's children, redeemed and kept by Him.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. If we

receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

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

C (sings): Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



Confession of Faith: The Apostolic Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into Hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Hymn: 191(1-3,5-6) -- Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!

The Sermon

Text: *John 20-19-31*

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

"The Living Savior Wants You to Know Where You Stand"

- I. He sends you with authority to use the gospel
- II. He equips you with faith in the gospel

Congregation (sings): Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold me with Your free Spirit.

Hymn: As Surely as I Live, God Said

1 "As sure - ly as I live," God said, "I would not
 2 To us, there - fore, Christ gave com - mand: "Go forth and
 3 "All those whose sins you thus re - mit I tru - ly
 4 "What you will bind, that bound shall be; What you will

have the sin - ner dead, But that he turn from
 preach in ev - 'ry land; Be - stow on all my
 par - don and ac - quit, And those whose sins you
 loose, that shall be free; Un - to my Church the

er - ror's ways, Re - pent, and live through end - less days."
 par - d'ning grace Who will re - pent of sin - ful ways.
 do re - tain Con - demned and guilt - y shall re - main.
 keys are giv'n To op'n and close the gates of heav'n."

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| <p>5 The words which absolution give
 Are his who died that we might live;
 The minister whom Christ has sent
 Is but his humble instrument.</p> | <p>6 When ministers lay on their hands,
 Absolved by Christ the sinner stands;
 He who by grace the Word believes
 Forgiveness, sure and sweet, receives.</p> |
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- 7 Praise God the Father and the Son
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
 As was, is now, and so shall be
 Forever and eternally!

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Benediction (Pastor)

C (spoken): **Amen.**

Hymn: 193 – Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Silent Prayer

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Welcome! to all who have gathered for worship this morning.

Guest and Visitors, we invite you to sign our guest book. We look forward to having you worship with us again! Please speak to the members or pastor if you wish to learn more about the Gospel ministry at Trinity.



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)

Pastoral Acts



Marriage

Isaac Allen Everett and Hannah Lee Ayers were joined in marriage at Trinity on Friday, April 9, 2026. We pray for the Lord's blessing on Isaac & Hannah and their marriage.

“What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate” (Mark 10:9).

This Week's Schedule

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



Today

9:15 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tomorrow

8:00 a.m. and following -- Spring Clean-up (weather permitting)

Saturday (April 18)

9:15 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. Worship Service Greeter: Randy Estes

11:45 a.m. Church Council & Women's Circle

Lawn Mowing:

This week - Tom Bettinger

Next week - Randy Estes



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

News & Notes



Spring Clean-up at Trinity is scheduled for **tomorrow** beginning at 8:00 a.m. Next Sunday, April 19, is the make-up date if the weather does not permit the work tomorrow.

Pastoral Absence: Pastor Eichstadt will be in Eau Claire, WI this week for the ILC Board of Regents meetings and Coordinating Council. He will, Lord-willing, return home Thursday. You can still reach him throughout the week via cell phone: 507-380-1068. In case

of immediate need, you may also contact congregation chairman, Dennis Lux.

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.

Please share your thoughts by next Sunday when the Church Council will discuss summer plans.

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: Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY, is requesting a graduate from the ILC Education Program to serve as teacher / Pastor Rob Sauers of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL, has returned the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ / Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ, is considering the call to teach grades 3-4 and serve as associate principal at Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, 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 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.

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



April Cleaners

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

Basement: Helke



"STOP DOUBTING AND BELIEVE!"

JOHN 20:27