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LOSE
HEART. **THOUGH OUR
OUTER SELF
IS WASTING AWAY,**



**OUR INNER SELF IS
BEING RENEWED
DAY BY DAY.**



2 CORINTHIANS 4:16





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He is Risen

April 18, 2026

The Third Week of Easter

Serving Us Today

Organist: Jarrod Lentz

Greeter: Randy Estes

We Enter God's House and Prepare for Worship

Pre-service Meditation: Psalm 30 (hymnal p. 129)

Pre-service Prayer:

Savior, I follow on, guided by Thee.

Seeing not yet the hand that leadeth me.

Hushed be my heart and still, fear I no further ill,

Only to be Your own, my prayer shall be. (TLH 422:1)

Lord Jesus, train my eyes of faith to be stronger than my physical eyes, so that I don't become fearful or lose heart because of what I am seeing; but rather that I take fresh hope in Your promises. Amen.

Order of Worship (WS2000 pp. 12ff)

*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: 188(1-4,6) -- Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

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

Congregation



Confession and Absolution

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

(Worship Supplement p. 13)

Congregation (sings):

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise; Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing. We worship You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son, You bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won, Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord, at God's right hand in majesty most high: Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored, With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

P: Let us pray... (Prayer of the Day)

Congregation



God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Lesson:

Genesis 12:1-9

When God called him, Abraham couldn't see where he was going--God said, "I will show you." Abraham

couldn't see how he could become a great nation--God said, "I will give you a son." Abraham couldn't see his coming Savior--God said, "in you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

Epistle Lesson: 1 Peter 2:11-25

Jesus, our resurrected Savior, has given us a living hope and begotten us to an inheritance that is unfading and kept in heaven for us (cf. 1 Peter 1:3ff). This means our citizenship is in Heaven. On earth we are sojourners--just passing through. Peter gives instruction and encouragement for our sojourn through this life.

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor^[c] as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might

follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Gospel Lesson: John 14:1-12

Jesus would soon not be visibly walking with His disciples on the earth, so He told them where He was going and what He was doing. He would not forsake them or leave them, even if they could no longer see Him. Likewise, Jesus is our way, truth, and life. We know God the Father through Him and rejoice that we have a place with Him, the Father, and the Holy Spirit in Heaven--our eternal home.

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.

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: 433 – Jesus, My Truth, My Way

The Sermon

Text: *2 Corinthians 4:16-18*

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

“Look to the Invisible and Do Not Lose Heart!”

- I. What you see is a downward slide.
- II. What you know is an upward call.

Congregation (sings): Create in me a clean heart, O God, and 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 Spirit free.

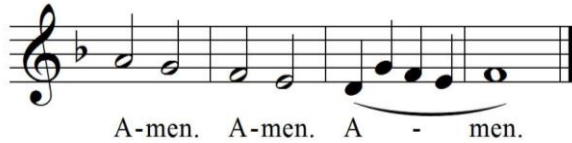
Hymn: 207(1-3, 5-6) – Like the Golden Sun Ascending

Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Congregation



Hymn: 54 -- Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Silent Prayer

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Welcome to worship at Trinity!

Welcome
Glad you're here!

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)

Prayer List: Jackie Steger, Bertie Hein, 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. Bible Class (Pastor Hein Memorial Service)

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

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

Wednesday

1:30 p.m. Bible Study at Gethsemane (1 John)

Next Saturday (April 25)

9:15 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion

Greeter: Laurie White

Lawn Mowing:

This week - Randy Estes



News & Notes

The Church Council and the Women's Circle meet today following the worship 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 will be discussing this today. If you haven't yet shared your thoughts, please do so this morning.

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: The Call Committee for Graduates has extended the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY, to ILC Education Program Graduate Mr. Orrin Hanel / Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ, has returned the call to teach grades 3-4 and serve as associate principal at Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI / Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, has returned the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI / Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI, is considering the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI / 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

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1 Peter 2:12