
Third Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 18, 2021

Welcome

P Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

P Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

Silence is kept for reflection

P God of grace and glory, **you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

P Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and ☩ frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! **Amen.**

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.

Opening Hymn *In the Morning When I Rise*

1 In the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
give me Jesus.

Refrain

Give me Jesus,
give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest,
give me Jesus.

2 Dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
give me Jesus. *Refrain*

3 Just about the break of day,
just about the break of day,
just about the break of day,
give me Jesus. *Refrain*

4 Oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die,
oh, when I come to die,
give me Jesus. *Refrain*

5 And when I want to sing,
and when I want to sing,
and when I want to sing,
give me Jesus. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray together. **Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

First Reading *Acts 3:12-19*

Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. “And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

....*The Word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

²**You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"**

³Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; the Lord will hear me when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

⁶**Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord.**

⁷You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

⁸**In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me rest secure.**

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

....*The Word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse (spoken by all)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still

with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

....*The Gospel of the Lord.*

Praise to you, O Christ.

Youth Time

Meditation

Hymn ***My Faith Looks Up to Thee***

1 My faith looks up to thee,
 thou Lamb of Calvary,
 Savior divine!
 Now hear me while I pray,
 take all my guilt away,
 oh, let me from this day
 be wholly thine!

2 May thy rich grace impart
 strength to my fainting heart,
 my zeal inspire;
 as thou hast died for me,
 oh, may my love to thee
 pure, warm, and changeless be,
 a living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread
 and griefs around me spread,
 be thou my guide;
 bid darkness turn to day,
 wipe sorrow's tears away,
 nor let me ever stray
 from thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream,
 when death's cold, sullen stream
 shall o'er me roll;
 blest Savior, then, in love
 fear and distrust remove;
 oh, bear me safe above,
 a ransomed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 the Church

A On this third Sunday of Easter, we pray for all in any need, responding to each petition with words echoing today's psalm, "Hear us when we call."

(A brief silence.)

Holy and righteous God, for the church, we pray: for our own congregation and for TOL, for the churches of all our neighbors and around the globe, and especially for Christians in Nigeria and wherever martyrdoms threaten. O God our Savior, bless your people, and have mercy on us. ***Hear us when we call.***

For the earth we pray: for the well-being of terrains, plants, and animals wild and tame, for the birds, especially songbirds whose numbers are decreasing, and for this week's Earth Day, that good will come from the worldwide observance. O God our Creator, restore your handiwork, and have mercy on us. ***Hear us when we call.***

For peace we pray: for the end of warfare, terrorism, and cruelty to the poor, for a respectful treatment of refugees and all who are incarcerated, and especially for Northern Ireland and other places of civil unrest. O God our Sovereign, bring peace to the nations, and have mercy on us. ***Hear us when we call.***

For justice we pray: for the liberation of all who are oppressed, for an end to ethnic and economic prejudice, and especially for all court cases in this and every land. O God our Refuge, protect the vulnerable, and have mercy on us. ***Hear us when we call.***

For all who are sick and suffering, for those who have no access to the coronavirus vaccines, for the people afflicted with the virus variants, for everyone who fears receiving medical advice and assistance, for those who live with chronic pain, for those whose pain is known only to you, and especially for those we name in our hearts. O God our Caregiver, heal the sick, and have mercy on us. ***Hear us when we call.***

For ourselves, when we believe and when we doubt, and for our dear ones for whom we pray: O God our Comforter, hold us close, and have mercy on us. ***Hear us when we call.***

We remember before you all the witnesses of the resurrection, the saints of old, those who have died by violence or by the coronavirus, and especially our relatives and friends. O God our Resurrection, give us life now and forever, and have mercy on us. ***Hear us when we call.***

Receive these prayers into your heart of mercy for the sake of the holy and righteous one, Jesus Christ, our wondrous Redeemer. ***Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray. **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.**

Prayers and Announcements

Prayer Petitions

We remember in our prayers today: Glenda and Ralph Fretz, Lacy Stang, Arlene Lyman, Evelyn Miske, Grace Derby, Bill Krieger, Chelsea Hotchkiss, Carol Diana, Don and Dorothy Ehlers. We remember those impacted by war and violence and those affected by natural disasters, and we pray for our men and women in the armed forces.

Worship on Cable TV: If you are unable to join us for in-person or Zoom worship, Lutheran worship is available on Cable TV channel 5, MeTV, Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Pastor Steve Biegner and Pastor Jeremiah Smith lead this inspiring worship.

April Mission: This month we will focus on Augustana's Refugee and Immigrant Driving Program. Over the past 25 years, volunteers have assisted more than 100 participants from 30 different countries to obtain a license or a driver's permit! Obtaining a driver's license enables individuals to gain better access to employment opportunities, healthcare, neighborhoods, and schools. Your donations will be used to help defray program costs. Envelopes are located in the narthex, you can donate through tithe.ly, or you can mail your check to the church office (please indicate on the check that it is designated for the "Refugee and Immigrant Driving Program.") Thank you.

Food Drive: We are so grateful for all your donations – thanks to your generosity, we are almost ready to take another carload of groceries over! We will continue to accept grocery donations of non-perishable items, such as:

Soups and other canned goods (vegetables, tuna, etc.)

Peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, applesauce

Boxes of pantry staples, for example, cereal, rice and pasta

(Please check food expiration dates before donating.)

Paper goods (toilet paper, paper towels, etc.)

Gift cards for Tops or Wegmans

Food items can be dropped off here at TOL Tuesdays through Fridays from 9 a.m. – noon by entering through the far-left front door, where the elevator is situated, and placing the bags of groceries in the bins provided there. The items will then be delivered to Community of Good Neighbors and/or Good Shepherd Lutheran Church pantry. Thank you for your generosity!

Bible Study at Augustana: Pastor Fred will lead an eight-week bible study on Friday mornings, continues this **Friday, April 23**, from 10 – 11:30 am. The topic will be Exploring Joshua. Each session stands on its own, so come to one or all. The group will meet at Augustana and also via Zoom. If you would like a Zoom invitation, email Pastor Fred or call the Augustana church office at 832-5720 and leave a message.

Adult Ed Classes – Spring 2021: Adult bible study, led by Charlie Schmidtke, has two classes remaining, which take place on Mondays at 1 pm in the Fireside Lounge and on Zoom.

April 26 - Women at the crucifixion and at the tomb on Easter.

May 3 - Women at Pentecost and women with Paul.

Adult Retreat “Love in the Time of COVID:” “What have we learned about ourselves and others?” We hope to return to our annual retreat this year and gather again for fellowship, laughter and prayer at the Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Camp on October 1, 2, and 3. Details and restrictions are rather changeable, but a vaccination will be required. There will be more information when we have a clearer picture of the gathering. Let Charlie or Diane Schmidtke know if you’re interested.

Offering: We understand that some people are experiencing financial hardship during this time. For those who are able to continue to make offerings to TOL:

- 1) There is an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary for your offering.
- 2) **Through the US mail** (checks only-please don’t mail cash).
- 3) **Tithe.ly.** Online giving. You can get to Tithe.ly on TOL’s website homepage (www.trinityoldlutheran.com). If you have a smartphone, you can download the Tithe.ly app. Instructions for both ways of giving through Tithe.ly are on our website’s homepage. Call the church office at (716) 836-4868 if you have questions.

Request from Re-opening Committee: We are looking for teams of volunteers to stay for about a half hour after our Sunday service to quickly wipe down the pews and bathrooms with sanitizing wipes. If you’d like to help us with this, please let Nancy Repman know or call the church office and leave a message, letting us know which date or dates you would be willing to help with this. Thank you!

Book Sale Continues: If you’re looking for a good book, a puzzle or DVD, please stop by the Book Sale in the downstairs nursery room any day Tuesday through Friday, 9 am till noon. The tables are filled with something for everyone – children to adults. There are many items to choose from, at surprisingly low prices! Also, you are welcome to bring in your books or puzzles to add to the inventory. All money raised will go toward covering the kneelers to coordinate with the new carpeting.

Operation Christmas Child: We are collecting items for this year’s shoeboxes throughout the year. There is a list of items needed in the Trinity Tidings and a collection box in the narthex for your items. Thank you for your continued support.

Devotional: If you would like a “Christ in Our Home” devotional for April - June, please pick one up in the narthex or call the church office at 836-4868 to have one mailed to you.

Announcements: If you’d like to submit a bulletin or Tidings announcement, please send it to trinityoldlutheran@verizon.net or call 836-4868 by Wednesday morning. Thank you.

People who would like to sing the closing hymn into their masks are welcome to stay. If you choose to leave before this hymn, please be dismissed at this time. SEE you SOON!

Closing Hymn

Lift High the Cross

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied,
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be;

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Text: George W. Kitchin, 1827–1912; rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1874–1956

Music: CRUCIFER, Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875–1947

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Blessing

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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