



He is risen!
He is risen indeed!

*Evangelical Lutheran
Church of the Holy Trinity*

The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 4, 2021

Welcome in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ! If you come as a visitor today, we hope you will leave as a friend. We count it a privilege and a blessing to have you with us in worship. If you are not presently a member of any congregation, please feel welcome to gather with us around Jesus in this community of his disciples at Holy Trinity. Come and worship with us again!

Invitation to Communion: Holy Communion is the body and blood of Jesus Christ by which our Lord is truly present to forgive sin and bring life and salvation. All baptized Christians who believe this promise are welcome to commune. Parents with children are encouraged to come to the altar together. Children who do not yet receive communion will receive the blessing of the Church from the Pastor.

Procedure for Communing: We will be using a form of processional communion. An usher will release each pew to come forward at a time to avoid a long line in the aisle. Pick up a communion cup on either side at the first pew. The pastor will place a host in your open palm. Turn to either the left or right side to the deacon or communion assistant to receive wine. After consuming the host and wine, pour any remaining wine into the container, then discard your cup. Children who have not yet received their First Holy Communion should come forward for a blessing. Please maintain social distance between non-family members.

Gluten-free wafers are available; let Pastor know when you come forward to receive.

Significance of the day: Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

*(Assembly responses are in **bold type.**)*

Prelude

String Music for Easter
Youngstown State University Student String Quartet

Greeting / Announcements

(As the ministers enter, stand to face the baptismal font.)

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God, O Living One,
for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly.
Oceans and aquifers praise you. Rivers and streams bless you.

All life is sustained by you, our Source.
We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life.

Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life,
 bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God.
 Here, death is washed away forever.
 Here, we are grafted into the tree of life,
 with leaves for the healing of the world.
 Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly,
 into this community, and throughout all creation.
 Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions.
 Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace,
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Hymn We Know That Christ is Raised

(The Cantor will sing the Hymn. The words are for your reflection.)



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
 Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
 The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God,
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
 as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
 Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

(At the beginning of the entrance hymn, Jesus Christ is Risen Today, turn to face the cross at the rear of the church.)

Hymn Jesus Christ is Risen Today

(Stanzas 1, 2, and 3 will be sung by the Cantor. **Stanza 4 will be sung by the assembly.**)

The image displays a musical score for the hymn "Jesus Christ is Risen Today". It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are arranged in four stanzas. The first three stanzas are for the Cantor, and the fourth is for the assembly. The music is in a common time signature and features a simple, hymn-like melody. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Easter Dialogue

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

We are illumined by the brightness of his rising.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Death has no more dominion over us.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death.

Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through you Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Word

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

A reading from Acts:

34 Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41 not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118 1-2, 14-24

(The Psalm will be sung by the Cantor.)

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.
- 2 Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.
- 15 Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"
- 16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter."
- 21 I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.
- 22 The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

A reading from 1 Corinthians:

1 Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, 2 through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

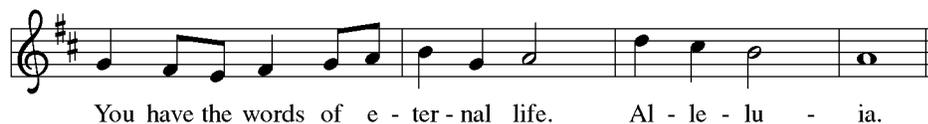
3 For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, 4 and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8 Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. 11 Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

(Sung by the Cantor.)



Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed.
Therefore, let us keep the feast.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

(The reading of the Easter Gospel.)

1 When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2 And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3 They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” 4 When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. 5 As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. 6 But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” 8 So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day Now the Green Blade Rises
(Stanzas 1, 2, and 3 will be sung by the Cantor. Stanza 4 will be sung by the assembly.)

1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
 He that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,

love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;

love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

A: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love, responding, “Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.”

(Brief silence)

A: Praise to you for your power revealed in the resurrection! Fill your church with the power of your love that is stronger than death. Send us to tell the good news wherever death holds sway. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Michael; our pastors, musicians and other church leaders who share the good news. Hear us, O God,

C: **your mercy is great.**

A: Praise to you for your life at work in the resurrection! Fill all of creation with your life. Bring it to blossom and flourish; use it to remind us of your persistent grace. Cultivate our care for what you have made. Hear us, O God,

C: **your mercy is great.**

A: Praise to you for the peace made possible in the resurrection! Fill the nations with your peace. Draw together people of all nations and languages; reveal new possibilities and inspire new beginnings. Hear us, O God,

C: **your mercy is great.**

A: Praise to you for the hope of the resurrection! Fill all in need with hope: those who are afraid or confused, those who are sick or suffering, those who are dying, and those who grieve. Assure them of your promises. Hear us, O God,

C: **your mercy is great.**

A: Praise to you for the joy of your resurrection! Fill this assembly with joy as we are called your beloved in baptism. Multiply that joy so that we share it at home, at work, and in our community. Hear us, O God,

C: **your mercy is great.**

A: Praise to you for your faithfulness revealed in the resurrection! Fill us with trust, that we join with Margaret, Dotty and all who have gone before us in proclaiming: “your mercy endures forever!” Hear us, O God,

C: **your mercy is great.**

A: Are there others for whom we should pray?

P: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Meal

Offering

Music during the Offering Interlude

(Youngstown State University Student String Quartet)

(The assembly stands. The deacon, on behalf of the people, prays.)

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk
and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup

we remember our Lord's passover from death to life

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us

and on these gifts of bread and wine,

that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son.

Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

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.**

Breaking of Bread

Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us,

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all is now ready.

(The assembly sits.)

Recessional Hymn

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

(Assembly to sing the whole hymn.)

1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
 3 To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and gaze up - on the
 4 "You see him now, as-cend-ing high up to the por - tals of the
 5 O ris - en Christ, as-cend - ed Lord, all praise to you let earth ac -

ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
 stand, Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! and with his faith-ful fol-l'wers
 sky?" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior!" thus they
 sky." Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall
 cord: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end-less a - ges

trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.
 see their Lord as-cend in maj - es - ty.
 say, "this is his glo-rious tri-umph day!" Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -
 see re - turn-ing in great maj - es - ty."
 run, with Fa - ther and with Spir - it one.

A musical score for a vocal part, likely a soprano or alto, in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are: "lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!". The accompaniment is written on a bass clef staff, providing harmonic support with chords and single notes.

Dismissal

Alleluia, Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Finale on *Lasst uns erfreuen*

(Hobby)

Serving Today

Presiding Minister	Pastor Brenda Martin
Organist	Maidene Hackett
Cantor	Lauren Faber
Liturgical Deacon	Catherine Mott
Communion Assistant	Alyssa Martin
Lector	Linda Oman
Acolyte	Griffin Richardson
Dove bearers	Sidney Richardson Max Hildebrand
Head Usher	Chuck Lanning
Altar Guild	The Richardson family

Welcome Dana School of Music Student String Quartet, Youngstown State University

Today we welcome a Dana School of Music String Quartet, Youngstown State University. Instrumentalists are: Claire Lyons, violin; Brendan McEnvoy, violin; Marina Furman, viola; Hannah Schively, cello. The Quartet will provide Prelude and Offertory music this morning.

Acknowledgments

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Pastors in residence:

- The Rev. Martin Roth**, Pastor Emeritus, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
- The Rev. Julia Fraser**, chaplain at St. Paul Homes
- The Rev. Brian Riddle**, Thiel College Campus Pastor
- The Rev. Dr. Curtis Thompson**, retired, Thiel College

This Week at Holy Trinity

Sunday, April 4, 2021, *The Resurrection of Our Lord*

- 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
NO Sunday Church School/Confirmation
7:00 p.m. AA Big Book meeting

Monday, April 5, 2021

- 7:00 p.m. Property Committee
Office Closed

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

- 7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

- 7:00 p.m. Weekday Communion

Thursday, April 8, 2021

- 10:00 a.m. Weekday Communion
6:30 p.m. Finance Committee

Saturday, April 10, 2021

- 8:30 a.m. Property Outside workday
5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 11, 2021, *2nd Sunday of Easter*

- 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion
10:45 a.m. Sunday Church School/Confirmation
7:00 p.m. AA Big Book meeting

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

- 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. AA and AA Women's Discussion

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

- 7:00 p.m. Weekday Communion
Council reports due today

Thursday, April 15, 2021

- 10:00 a.m. Weekday Communion
5:00 p.m. Officers' Planning Meeting

Saturday, April 17, 2021

- 5:30 p.m. Liturgy of Holy Communion

College Applications

Applications for Holy Trinity College Scholarships are available. Deadline for submitting applications is June 1. Please contact the church office for information.

Outside Work Day

Outside Property Work Day, Saturday, April 10, 2021, 8:30 am – 12:00 noon to plant small trees, bushes, and flowers. New mulch will also be laid in many areas. You are asked to bring work gloves, wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, and brooms. Please contact the church office between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. or Property Manager Ed Pitcher (724-475-2304) if you can “dig” in and help!

Good Shepherd April Request

The Good Shepherd Center is our church community social service agency that supports the needs of many in the area. The Good Shepherd Center's request for Holy Trinity for **April is canned vegetables**. Donations may be dropped off at the church office or directly at the Food Pantry.

Please Pray For

Permission is necessary to add a person to the prayer list. Please ask before your call the office. Thanks.

Health and Healing:

Jeff (nephew of Judi Moinet)	Kate (friend of Paul and Sue Bittler)
Marie (sister-in-law of Henry and Ruth Heil)	Jim
Tammy (friend of Jill Murrin)	Nancy (friend of Linda Armstrong)
Nancy Ullstrom	John L (father of Catherine Mott)
Morris (brother-in-law of Louise Gilmore, uncle of Jennifer Martin)	Brenda (sister-in-law of Betty K. Junk)
Lori McCann	Carl
Donnie (friend of Wayne and Darla Swift)	Paul
Betty K.	Dillon (friend of Ed Pitcher and Beth Harpst)
Hank (son of Henry and Ruth Heil)	Belle (granddaughter of Linda Bateman)

Christ's comfort for those who grieve the death of:

John Winschel (friend of Bonnie Long)
Margaret Callen
Dorothy "Dottie" Spence
Coleen Barwell (member of Flying Quilts)

In Military Service

Specialist (SPC) Andrew McCall, Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado (son of Mark and Jane McCall, grandson of Karen McKay and the late Jim McKay)
Sgt. First Class Nicholas Carman, US Army, Fredericksburg, Virginia (grandson of Nancy Ullstrom)
Admiral Richard Childs, Assistant Surgeon General of the USA (nephew of Harvey Childs)
CDR Ryan Leary, USN, Operation Officer, 7th Fleet, Yokosuka, Japan (son of David and Judy Leary)
Tim Ross, Navy Special Forces, (grandson of Rae Johnson, nephew of Lori McEwen)