

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## Easter Festival Worship Service

April 5, 2015 -- 11:00am

ENTIRE SERVICE IS ON THE SCREEN

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### WE ARE GOING HOME

The Lamb who was slain has begun His reign!  
Hallelujah! The Crucified One is now risen,  
indeed! Jesus lives to bring us home. He promises,  
“In My Father’s home are many rooms. If it were  
not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare  
a place for you?” (*John 14:2*).

### Welcome, Prayer Card and Pew Envelope Explanation

(rise)

Opening Hymn: “*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*”

LSB 461

### Easter Greeting

- P** Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### Call to Worship

- P** I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and at the end He will stand on this earth. (*Job 19:25*)
- C** He is risen!
- P** God set Him free from death and raised Him to life.  
Death could not hold Him in its power. (*Acts 2:24*)
- C** He is risen!



**P** But three days later, God raised Him to life  
and let Him be seen. (*Acts 10:40*)

**C He is risen!**

**P** He has set a day when He will judge the world's people with fairness.  
And He has chosen the Man Jesus to do the judging for Him. God has  
given proof of this to all of us by raising Jesus from death. (*Acts 17:31*)

**C He is risen!**

**P** Yet God raised Jesus to life! God's Spirit now lives in you  
and He will raise you to life by His Spirit. (*Romans 8:11*)

**C He is risen!**

**P** Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life.  
Everyone who has faith in Me will live, even if they die. And everyone  
who lives because of faith in Me will never really die. (*John 11:25-26*)

**C He is risen!**

**P** "Don't be afraid! I am the First, the Last and the Living One. I died, but  
now I am alive forevermore and I have the keys to death and the world of  
the dead." (*Revelation 1:17-18*)

**C Christ is risen!**

**P** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## Hymn: "Singing with the Exiles"

(verses 4-10)

4 God's anointed breaks the gates  
Now set free we celebrate  
Buried with Christ we have died  
That to life we may arise

8 Stricken, smitten, afflicted  
Cut off for those addicted  
To their sin and crushed by death  
Christ gave all e'en his last breath

5 Get out, flee your life of sin  
Christ, our conqueror comes to win  
"I have swept your guilt away.  
Salvation for you today."

9 "Briefly I deserted you  
Yet with great compassion true  
Became nothing in the grave  
Now arisen you to save."

6 "My mouth is like a sharp sword."  
Just one word from Christ our Lord:  
"Cleansed, forgiven, justified  
Healed, restored for you I died."

10 Christ is ris'n and I shall rise  
Hallelujahs fill the skies  
Sandals, robe, and ring for me  
Home with Christ eternally

7 By His wounds You have been healed  
Body, blood of Christ our shield  
Look the Lamb who takes away  
All our sin and guilt today

A ten verse hymn by Pastor Paul Roggow  
Text: Paul Roggow  
Tune: LSB 783

## Confession of Our Sins

- P** Risen Lord Jesus, we sing about the victory over sin that You have won for us through Your death and resurrection; but we don't live it very well. We still cave in to sin's attractiveness every day. Sometimes we even indulge in it. Worst of all, we remain reluctant to confess our sins and so receive the forgiveness and cleansing that You have promised.
- C** **I deny my sins as much as possible, Lord. When I cannot deny them, I try to justify them—to You and to those I've wronged—with outlandish excuses or feeble attempts to make up for them. When none of this works, I plummet into feelings of failure, despair, and worthlessness. Lord Jesus, enable me to realize that my sins are undeniable. They are inexcusable. They are unrepayable. But they are all forgivable. That's what Your resurrection is all about! Enable me to come clean before You — and to believe that by Your love I am forgiven.**

*A time for silent reflection.*

## Absolution

- P** God is gracious and freely forgives all who come to Him in repentance and faith. I announce this precious forgiveness to each of you in the name of the Father and of the risen ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **We thank God for this wonderful gift!**
- P** Christ is risen!.
- C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Hymn of Response: “*He’s Risen, He’s Risen*”

*LSB 480*

## Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You have risen from the dead and live and reign for all eternity. We thank and praise You for Your blessed passion, Your glorious resurrection, and your promise to return and take us home. Fortify our faith and strengthen our hope as we journey from this veil of tears to the New Jerusalem; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** **Amen.**

*(seated)*

Today's Scripture lessons have as their theme "We Are Going Home."

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 55:6-13*

- L** <sup>6</sup>“Seek the LORD while He may be found;  
call upon Him while He is near;  
<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the LORD, that He may have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.  
<sup>8</sup>For My thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways My ways, declares the LORD.  
<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are My ways higher than your ways  
and My thoughts than your thoughts.  
<sup>10</sup>“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there but water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup>so shall My word be that goes out from My mouth;  
it shall not return to Me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.  
<sup>12</sup>“For you shall go out in joy  
and be led forth in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall break forth into singing,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
<sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall make a name for the Lord,  
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Colossians 3:1-4*

**L** <sup>1</sup>If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Bell Choir: “*All Hail the Risen King*”

*(rise)*

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 28:1-10*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**P** <sup>1</sup>Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead, and behold, He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him. See, I have told you.” <sup>8</sup>So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell His disciples. <sup>9</sup>And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell My brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## A Confession of What We Believe

*(Based on 1 Corinthians 15)*

- P** For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance:  
that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,
- C** **I believe Jesus suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified and died.**
- P** That He was buried, that He was raised on the third day  
according to the Scriptures,
- C** **I believe Jesus was buried, descended into hell,  
and the third day He rose again from the dead.**
- P** And that He appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, He  
appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time.
- C** **Thanks be to God who gives me the victory through Christ's mighty  
resurrection!**

*(seated)*

## Children's Message

Sermon Hymn: *"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"*

*LSB 457*

Sermon: *"We Are Going Home"*  
(Isaiah 55:6-13)

*(outline on handout)*

Offering & filling out of pew information envelopes

*(rise)*

## Prayers of the Church

### The Lord's Prayer

- C** **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.**

*(rise)*

## **Benediction**

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen! Raise your praises high!
- C** **With heartfelt thanks we follow Christ, His wondrous love to see.**
- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen, nevermore to die!
- C** **From death to life we follow Christ, from cross to victory.**
- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen, death's dark reign is done!
- C** **God's Holy Spirit guide our steps till life on earth is past.**
- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen! Victory is won!
- C** **So by God's grace we take our place in paradise at last!**

## **Pastoral Announcement**

*New Bible Class begins next Wednesday, April 8 at 7:00pm  
on "Why Does God Allow Evil to Exist?"*

**Closing Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"**

*LSB 803*

# JOIN US!

As members of Trinity Lutheran Church, it is our privilege and joy to welcome you to our Easter Festival Service as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

If you do not currently have a church home, we invite you to join us any Sunday morning at 11:00 am for worship as we thank our Lord for the precious gift of His Son who has enabled us to live with Him forever.

*He is Risen!*  
*He is risen indeed!*