

Sight Marches Victorious over Blindness

Third Sunday of Easter

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Trinity Lutheran Church is a *family* because God welcomed us into his *family*. Our mission is to grow closer to God, to our brothers and sisters in Christ, and to share this sense of belonging with the surrounding community, welcoming more souls into the *family* of God.

3rd Sunday of Easter

The Third Sunday of Easter gives the church one more opportunity to focus on the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus. Just as Jesus repeatedly appeared to his disciples in the weeks following his resurrection, it is good for us to direct our attention to these appearances since they have the power to replace spiritual blindness with sight.

Spiritual blindness can take many different forms. In some cases, it might be complete resistance and hostile opposition to the message of Jesus. In others, it might be confusion about Jesus' identity. In still others, it might be a lack of confidence in the full implications of that identity for time and eternity.

No matter the specific form spiritual blindness takes, Easter had the power to replace it with sight. Easter reveals the truth about Jesus' identity. It also reveals the implications of the identity. It gives us the ability to see where we sinners stand with a holy God (Gospel). It gives us the ability to see the path through life that is worth pursuing as opposed to those that lead to a dead end (First Reading). It gives us the ability to see who holds our future in his hands and is worth our eternal worship (Second Reading)

Serving in Worship

Preacher
Organist
Ushers

Pastor Matthew Langebartels
Zach Maedke
David Frievault & Dylan VanErmen

Greeting and welcome.

Hymn

512 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

- 1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.

- 2 Crown him, ye martyrs of our God
who from his altar call;
extol the stem of Jesse's rod
and crown him Lord of all.
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod
and crown him Lord of all.

- 3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace
and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace
and crown him Lord of all.

- 4 Ye Gentile sinners, ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall;
go spread your trophies at his feet
and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet
and crown him Lord of all.

- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe

and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

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The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Confessions of Sin

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.

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.

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.

Amen.

Prayer and Praise

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Oh, Taste and See

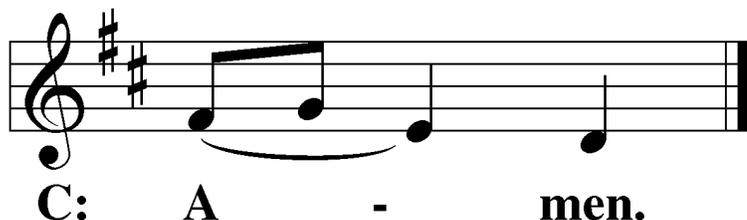
C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Children's Devotion

The children's devotion is a shortened version of the sermon intended to communicate God's truths in a simplified way. Children 12 and under are encouraged to come forward and participate in the devotion.

First Lesson

Acts 9:1-22

Saul goes from physical sight to blindness and from spiritual blindness to sight.

¹Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

⁵"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. ⁶"Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

⁷The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

¹⁰In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!"

“Yes, Lord,” he answered.

¹¹The Lord told him, “Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. ¹²In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.”

¹³“Lord,” Ananias answered, “I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. ¹⁴And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.”

¹⁵But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. ¹⁶I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.”

¹⁷Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. ²⁰At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. ²¹All those who heard him were astonished and asked, “Isn’t he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn’t he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?” ²²Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 30

Refrain

At the works of your hands, O Lord, I
lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

Psalm tone

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Refrain

At the works of your hands, O Lord, I lift up my voice in song;
I sing for joy.
Sing to the LORD, you saints of his;*
praise his holy name.
For his anger lasts only a moment,*
but his favor lasts a lifetime;
weeping may remain for a night,*
but rejoicing comes in the morning.

Refrain

To you, O LORD, I called;*
to the Lord I cried for mercy.
Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me;*
O LORD, be my help.
You turned my wailing into dancing,*
that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

Second Lesson

Revelations 5:11-14

The angels and elders praise Jesus for his death and resurrection

¹¹Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. ¹²In a loud voice they were saying:

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!”

¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honor and glory and power,
for ever and ever!”

¹⁴The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day

Christ Jesus has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand.

Gospel

2 Timothy 1:10

Jesus appears to his disciples a third time.

¹Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ²Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³“I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

⁵He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?”

“No,” they answered.

⁶He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer

garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. ⁹When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” ¹¹So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day

459 Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

- 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n again;
Christ has broken death's strong chain.
Hark, the angels shout for joy,
singing evermore on high:
Hallelujah!
- 2 He who gave for us his life,
who for us endured the strife,
is our Paschal Lamb today.
We too sing for joy and say:
Hallelujah!

3 He who bore all pain and loss
comfortless upon the cross
lives in glory now on high,
pleads for us, and hears our cry:
Hallelujah!

4 He whose path no records tell
has descended into hell;
he the strong man armed has bound
and in highest heav'n is crowned.
Hallelujah!

5 He who slumbered in the grave
is exalted now to save;
now through Christendom it rings
that the Lamb is King of kings.
Hallelujah!

6 Now he bids us tell abroad
how the lost may be restored,
how the penitent forgiv'n,
how we, too, may enter heav'n.
Hallelujah!

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Sermon

John 21:1-14

Catching Contemplations

Apostles' 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.

Friendship Registers

Offering

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Welcome New Members

Bill Langin

Michael & Tara Mech (Oliver & Jocee)

Brothers and sisters,

As we welcome *these new members* to our Christian family, I encourage you in the name of Jesus to keep *them* in your minds, hold *them* in your hearts, and pray for *them* again and again. Show *them* the face of friendship and offer *them* a hand of support. Encourage *them* with your “works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”

The peace of Christ be with us all. **Amen.**

Friend(s) in Christ,

After a review and instruction in the simple teachings of the Bible and our Lutheran church, you have requested to become *a member(s)* of this congregation. You have come to worship today to confess your unity with us and to take your place as a part of this faith community. I now ask you:

Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? If so, answer: I do.
I do.

Do you believe that the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and this congregation, as you have come to know them, are faithful to the Word of God? If so, answer: I do.
I do.

Do you desire to remain faithful to the teachings of Christ, be diligent in the use of God's Word and sacraments, and lead a godly life as the Lord gives you strength? If so, answer: I do, and I ask God to help me.
I do, and I ask God to help me.

Is it your desire to join us in worship and mission and support this work with your prayers and gifts? If so, answer: It is, and I ask God to help me.
It is, and I ask God to help me.

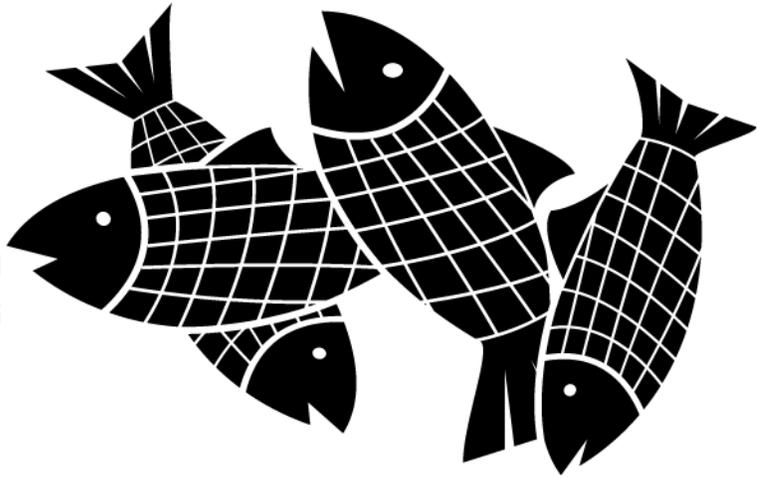
With sincere joy we welcome you as *a member(s)* of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Gracious Father, we thank you for leading Bill, Michael, Tara, Oliver & Jocee to desire to become *a member(s)* of our congregation and for giving *them* joy to confess *their* faith to us. Guide us with your wisdom as we worship and work together. Mold our minds and hearts in a single Christlike will so that we may be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heave
hallowed be thy name,
thy Kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bri
and forgive us our trespass
as we forgive those,
who trespass against us
and lead us not into tempta
but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever Amen



Hymn

675 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing
v. 1, 5-8

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who has washed us in the tide
flowing from his piercèd side.
Alleluia!

- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie.
You have conquered in the fight,
you have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

- 6 Now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise,

and your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!

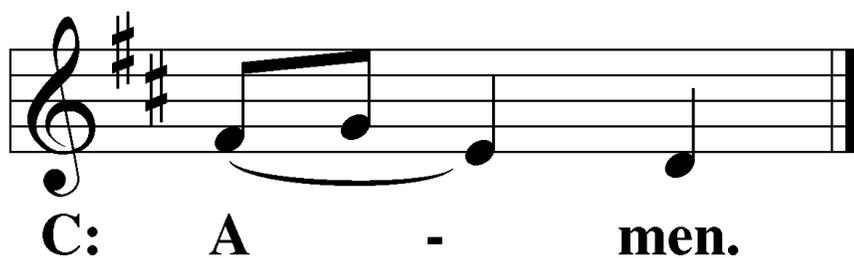
7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days,
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

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Please stand.

O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Please be seated.

Hymn

885 *There Is a Higher Throne*

1 There is a higher throne
than all this world has known,
where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue
will one day come.
Before the Son we'll stand,
made faultless through the Lamb;
believing hearts find promised grace;
salvation comes. (Refrain)

Ref Hear heaven's voices sing;
their thund'rous anthem rings
through em'erald courts and sapphire skies;
their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, pow'r,
strength, thanks, and honor are
to God our King who reigns on high
forevermore.

2 And there we'll find our home,
our life before the throne;
we'll honor him in perfect song
where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye
as thirst and hunger die;
the Lamb becomes our Shepherd-King;
we'll reign with him. (Refrain)

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Announcements

- May Newsletter & Forward in Christ Magazines are located in back of our Church.
- Special Voter's Meeting May 15th after church to approve disability insurance for pastor. In switching pastor's insurance this wasn't planned for and has to be added. It wasn't announced before the previous voters meeting and so couldn't be voted on.
- Teen Fundraiser-Bake Sale May 8th, time to be determined
- Women's Faith and Fellowship meets Tuesday May 10th at 6 p.m. We will continue our Study of Esther
- Spring Cleanup is Saturday, May 14th starting at 8 a.m.- 12 p.m.
- Preschool Rummage Sale, May 12-14 (start dropping off week of May 8th) Volunteers needed to help set-up and organize donations. Items may start to be dropped off starting Monday, May 9th. Help is needed to sort and set up. Speak with Mrs. Henry ASAP!
- Confirmation Sunday, May 15th
- Special Voter's Meeting is May 15th directly after service.
- The Ascension of our Lord Worship Service May 26, 6 p.m.
- St. Matthew's has called Pastor Langebartels to serve as their vacancy pastor. The voters discussed and approved this. The vacancy will start in June. St. Matthew's new worship time will be 11 a.m. Some Sundays pastor may have to leave a little early.
- Pastor on vacation, May 27th- June 13th
- VBS helpers needed for the week of July 25th -29th. All grade levels, art/crafts also. Please speak to Mrs. Henry anytime if interested in helping. Helpers and Staff meeting will be in May

Attendance 4-24: 81

Offering 4-24: \$1,534.89

General Fund Balance as of 4-24: \$26,824.37

May

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:15 am SS & Bible School 9:30 am Worship Service	2	3 Pastor Conference 6:30 pm English Improvement	4	5 11:30 am Ladies Aid	6	7

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