

*Easter Saturday*

*April 4, 2026*



*Trinity Lutheran Church*

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**Trinity is a welcoming faith community living together in God's love  
to share the joy of Jesus Christ.**

**To all who gather:** We are Reconciling in Christ, which means we strive to ensure the welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; and to work for racial equity and to commit to anti-racist work.

We welcome believers, seekers, and the curious, regardless of religious background. God makes no distinction based on race; ethnicity; immigration status; economic status; physical, mental, or developmental circumstances; or other life circumstances. God loves and welcomes all people. Therefore, we welcome all people to the life of Christ at Trinity.

*From Pastor Rick:* This community affirms its welcome by accepting me in this place. Diagnosed with Huntington's (HD), my progressing symptoms and neurodiversity are displayed publicly. The uncontrolled movements (chorea) may limit my functionality, or appear in other ways; yet, it is an opportunity to learn and love alongside one another. HD is part of me, but I am not defined by the diagnosis. As for all of us, I am defined as child of God.

**Guests and Visitors:** All are invited to receive the gluten-free bread and wine of Holy Communion (juice is also available). Your offering is your presence in worship. Please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate as you leave. Don't forget your 'Sweet Treat' plate from the welcome desk!

**Worship Note:** The red hymnal *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) page numbers are found in the front while song numbers are in the back. If you have any questions about worship or Trinity, our clergy or welcome table hosts are happy to help.

**Parents and Caregivers:** God's children of all ages are welcome in worship. If helpful, please use the Family Break Room outside the worship space or a "Worship Activity Bag" - available near the welcome table. On Sunday, if needed, we offer a fully trained Nursery; staffed by Tiffany K. and Zoe K.

**Special needs:** Hearing-assistance devices are available during our services. Holy Communion can also be brought to the seats of those who are unable to come forward. Our Welcome Table Hosts can help with any of these special needs.

**Restrooms** are located on the east (Men's & Family/gender inclusive/Handicapped accessible) and west (Women's) sides of our Fellowship Hall, through the double doors.

**TRINITY'S CLERGY LEADERS**

**Pastor Rick Reiten & Pastor Kaari Nieuwlandt**

**IN MINISTRY TODAY**

**Musician:** Clinton Ellerbe

**Worship Assistant:** Vicki Volbrecht

**Fellowship Host:** Rod & Aida Schmidt

**Welcome Table:** Sherry Albertson-Clark

**Bread Baker:** Dan Merz

**\*Please stand as you are able\***

Trinity Lutheran Church  
April 4 - Easter  
Resurrection



**PRELUDE**

*"Gethsemane with The Power of the Cross"*

Keith Getty &  
Stuart Townend arr. Lloyd Larson  
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**GATHER**

**GREETING**

- L: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!  
C: **Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS\***

- L: Loving God, we gather today to confess that we have failed to extend our kindness to the poor and to the hungry.
- C: **We have accumulated enough wealth for our comfort and have been insensitive to the needs of the weak of our community. Forgive us, for we have comfortably closed our eyes to the cry of our neighbor. We have preached to the hungry your Word, without sharing our bread. We cling to our possessions, rather than to you. We keep a distance between Christian and non-Christian. We have failed to exercise the values of equality and justice.**
- L: God, we seek your grace and mercy to forgive us. Unite our hearts to share our resources and stand for justice for all people. Through Christ our Lord.
- C: **Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG\***

*"Resurrection Medley"*

arr. Clinton Ellerbe

*"Christ the Lord is Risen Today/Jesus is Alive/Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"*

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Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus is a - live,

death has lost its vic - t'ry and the grave has been de - nied;

Je - sus lives for - ev - er, He's a - live, He's a - live!

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day. Al - - le - lu - ia!

Sons of men and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia! Raise your joys and


tri - umphs high. Al - le - lu ia! Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply:

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


1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds




in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has




tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry




here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"




Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



5 Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus is a - live,




death has lost its vic - t'ry and the grave has been de - nied;



9 Je - sus lives for - ev - er, He's a - live, He's a - live!

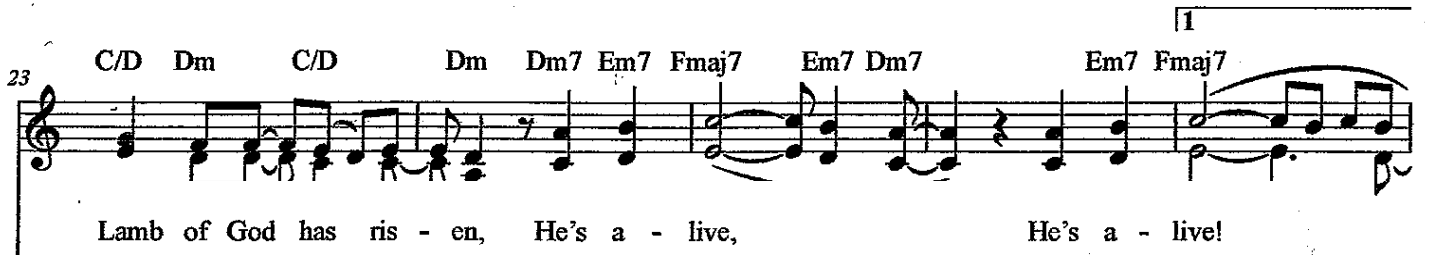


14 He's the Al - pha and O - me - ga, the first and last is He, the



19 curse of sin is bro - ken and we have per - fect lib - er - ty; The

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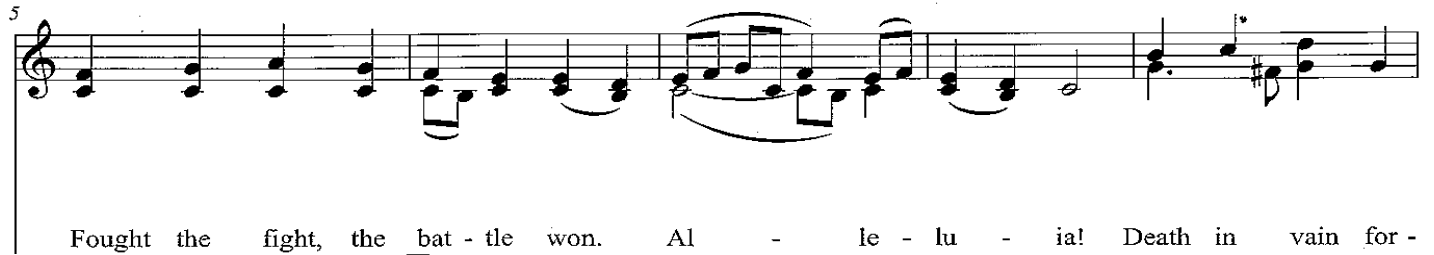


Lamb of God has ris - en, He's a - live, He's a - live!



3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done. Al - - - le - lu - - ia!

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Fought the fight, the bat - tle won. Al - - - le - lu - - ia! Death in vain for -

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- bids Him rise. Al - - - le - lu - - ia! Christ hath o - pened par - a - dise.

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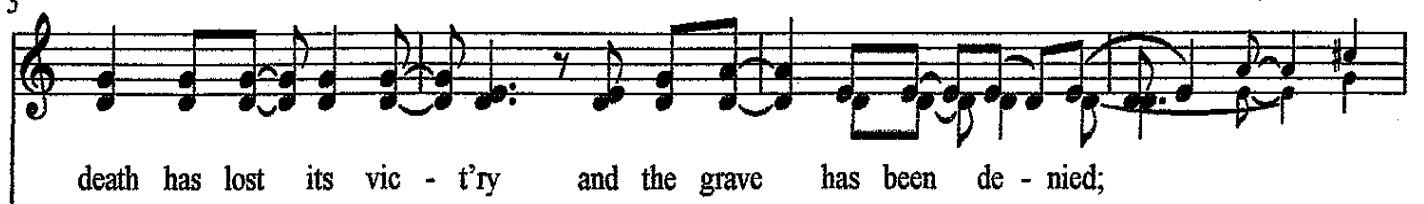


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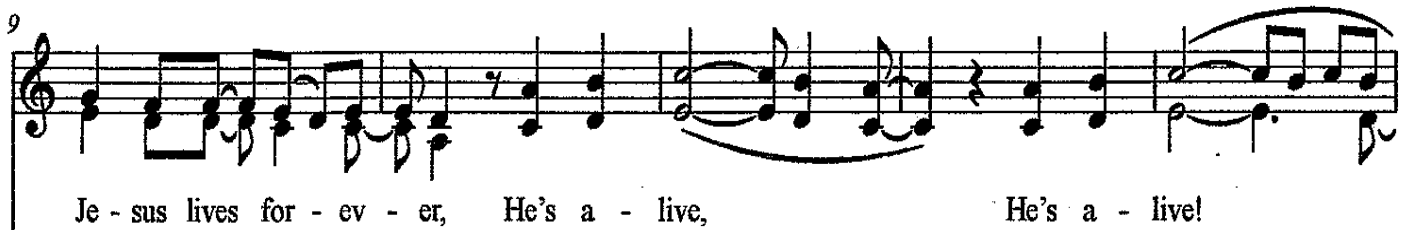
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C/D Dm C/D Dm Dm7 Em7 Fmaj7 Em7 Dm7 Em7 Fmaj7

Lamb of God has ris - en, He's a - live, He's a - live!

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ENDING

maj7 Em7 Dm7 Em7 Fmaj7 F/G G F/G G F/C

Hal - le live! Hal - le - lu - jah, Je - sus is a - live!

15

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

**\*THANKSGIVING FOR LIFE\***

- L: Just as God's work of creation never ends, our lives in Christ are renewed each day. Let us, together, give thanks for the life given to each of us. We give you thanks for your divine spark, the breath of creation that you breathe into us each day.
- C: **We give you thanks for crafting our bodies that you sustain.**
- L: We give you thanks for your creation that we live among.
- C: **We give you thanks for your creative spirit, that transforms us throughout our life.**
- L: We give you thanks for the joy of family and friends who enrich our lives.
- C: **We give you thanks for the ways you call us to pursue passion and purpose.**
- L: We give you thanks for restoring our minds and spirits.
- C: **We give you thanks for healing our brokenness.**
- L: We give you thanks for our interconnectedness- for making us the Body of Christ, interwoven with all peoples and all of creation.
- C: **We give you thanks for life in Christ through your Holy Spirit, for your never ending promise through Jesus' death and resurrection, for our mission to care for one another and all creation, for your calling us to be your hands and feet of peace and justice in the world.**

L: Loving God, with joy and unending praise we raise our voices to you, as together we proclaim, "Alleluia! Jesus is risen!"

C: **Jesus is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY\***

Loving God, With joy and unending praise we raise our voices to you, as together we sing, "Hallelujah! Jesus is risen!" Amen.

**WORD**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & OFFERING**

**Pastor Kaari**

**\*GOSPEL\***

**JOHN 20:1-18**

L: The Gospel according to John chapter 20.

<sup>1</sup> Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes. <sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, <sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE**

**Pastor Kaari**

**\*SONG OF THE DAY\***

*"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"*

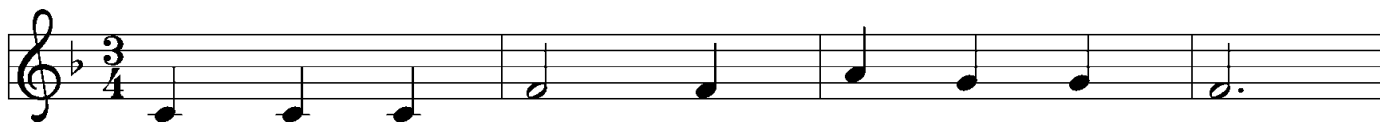
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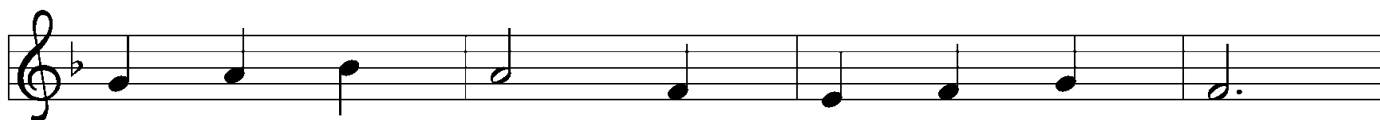
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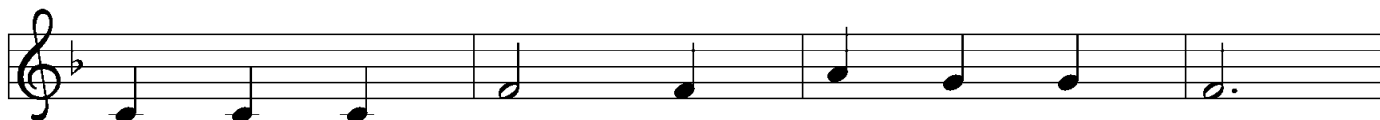
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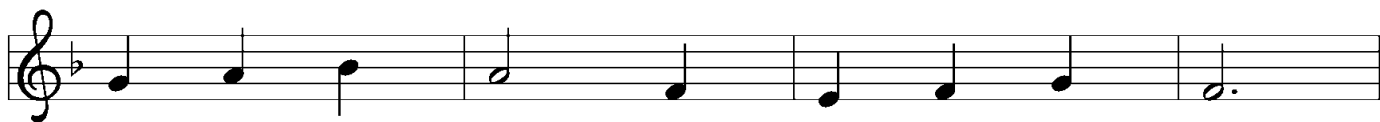
1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.



Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.  
un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
You look for Je - sus who is not here.



For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
He who gives life did death un - der - go,  
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.



e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
and in its con - quest his might did show.  
On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

*Refrain*



Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

**\*CREED\***

L: We believe in God

**C: who is older than eternity  
and younger than our next breath;  
who is beyond describing  
yet knows us all by name;  
who inspires faith  
yet cannot be contained by religion.**

L: We believe in Jesus Christ,  
Flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone;

**C: He came in the body  
To give worth to every human life.  
He touched the untouchable,  
Loved the unlovable  
And endured slander, persecution and death.**

L: We believe that God's Kingdom comes on earth  
Through Christ's suffering love.

**C: He rose from the grave as living proof  
That what is laid down in faith  
Will be raised in glory.  
He ascended to heaven  
To be present at all times to all people.**

L: We believe in the Holy Spirit,

**C: Who leads us into truth and freedom,  
Who gives good gifts to all God's children,  
Who works through prayer and politics,  
Through justice, care of creation  
And the healing of all nations.**

L: We celebrate the potential god has given:

**C: The life in our bodies,  
The yearning in our souls,  
The promise of good things in store  
For those who love and serve their maker.**

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**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE\***

L: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**\*OFFERING\***

*Our offering this Easter Saturday is our collective voice raised in praise of love for all God's gifts.  
Thanks be to God.*

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER\***

L: Thank you, God, for the air.  
Thank you, God, for families that we can share with in good times and bad times.  
Thank you, God, for the gifts of other families, friends, visitors, and strangers.

**C: Amen.**

## MEAL

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: Beloveds. Beloveds. Beloveds.

We come to this Table because we are claimed in covenant Because we are still learning what covenant and togetherness means

how it looks and moves and feels

Because we long for liberation

Because we thirst for justice

Because we know the need—fierce and urgent—

for grace and freedom and nourishment in our flesh and our bones

Because this is not a table of a Lutheran table.

This is Christ's table

and you are invited to bring your whole lives

and all are welcome here. Period.

Because we remember:

On the night he was arrested

while the powers and principalities

of Empire, and supremacy, and dominance raged,

Jesus— a brown skinned, radical, healer, community organizer, insurrectionist—

gathered people, invited their fears and longings, invited people into radical solidarity,

justice-love-in-action, healing of and in the world to which, for which, he gave his life over and over and over.

Jesus took bread broke it, shared it, and said:

**C: Take and eat: this is my body.**

**The bread of new life.**

**Share this, and remember.**

L: Then Jesus took the cup, blessed it, gave thanks for it, and said:

**C: Take and drink: this is the power of my life-blood.**

**The salve of salvation. The cup blessing.**

**Share this, and remember.**

L: And so, we do.

We remember. We offer. We receive.

And we share in this nourishing feast.

Because we know how to nourish each other in ordinary and extraordinary ways.

Because we need each other

and we need this sacrament, this visible sign of life-giving grace, flowing and overflowing.

So, come. Come. Come.

rev. anna bladel, *Enfleshed*

**\*LORD'S PRAYER\***

Our Father in heaven, holy be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION & COMMUNION\***

**\*COMMUNION\***

**\*COMMUNION BLESSING\***

L: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.  
C: Amen.

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION\***

Holy, holy, holy, in the wine and in the bread, in every open table, in solidarity. Holy in each embrace that heals and brings peace. Amen.

**SENDING**

**\*BLESSING\***

L: May the abundant and unending grace of God, the love of God that doesn't tire, that was shown to our forebearers and the whole generation of the whole clan, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be upon you forever.  
C: Amen.

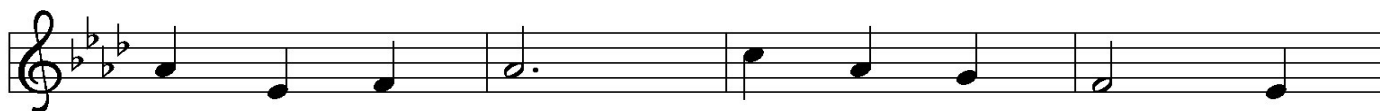
**\*SENDING SONG\***

"Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!"

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Herbert F Brokering & David N Johnson

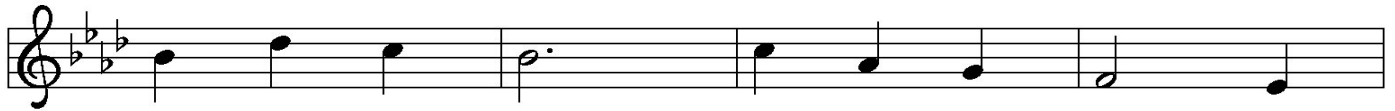
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1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:  
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

### \*SENDING\*

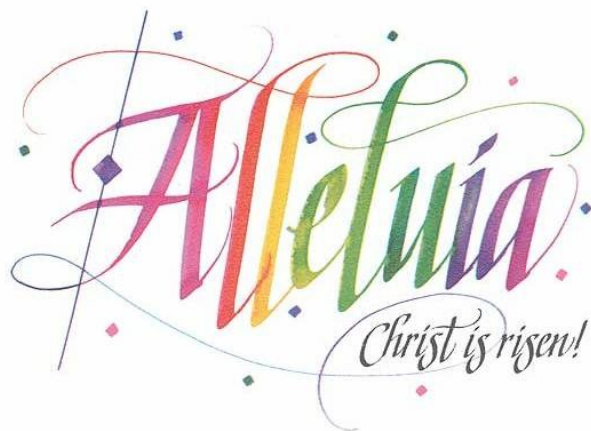
L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

L: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### POSTLUDE



So, how can you learn more about Trinity?

Visit our website at [www.trinitylutheranfc.org](http://www.trinitylutheranfc.org)

Consider joining us for worship or one of our ministry events.

Contact one of our pastors for a chat.

We believe we are not a complete community, and that God is calling new people to join us and to find their place at Trinity.

We invite you join us on the journey of faith!

Saturdays at 5p.m. (Livestreamed & Recorded for Viewing)

Sundays 10:30 a.m. (Livestreamed & Recorded for Viewing)

To watch a recorded service, go to <https://www.youtube.com/@trinitylutheranFC>

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