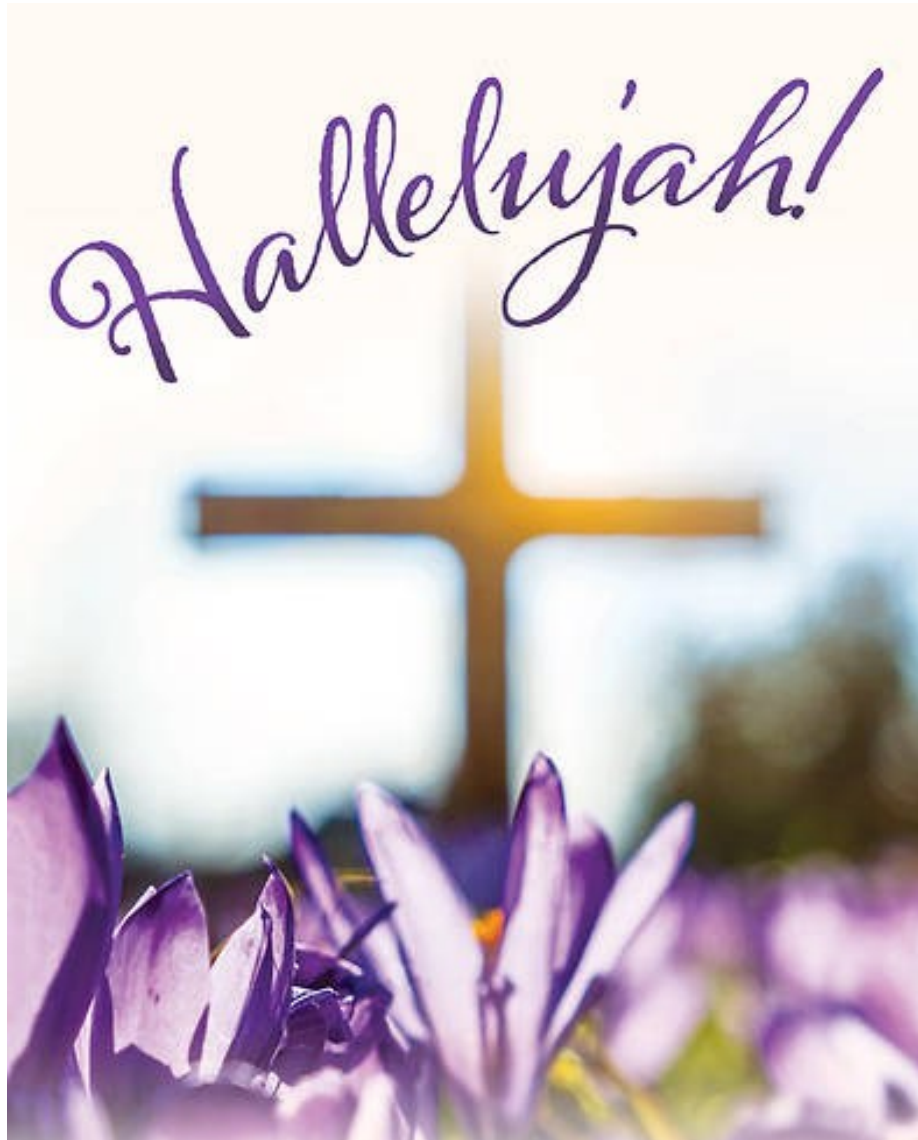


Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026



Trinity Lutheran Church

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WELCOME TO TRINITY!

**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

Worship Assistant: Delores Wisner

Welcome Table Hosts: Emily Moore

Communion Team: Rick & Shelley Aust, Liz & Paul Johnson

Fellowship: Faith Formation & Trinity Youth and Family

Bread Baker: Dan Merz

AV Technician: Claire Pickerel

Please stand as you are able

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Resurrection

PRELUDE

"Easter Prelude"
Brass Quartet

Laurel Buchart Sanders

GREETING

L: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

GATHERING HYMN

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

ELW #365

Latin carol alt.; Charles Wesley

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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!

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & OFFERING

Pastor Kaari

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Easter Festival"
Trinity Chancel Choir

Michael Bryson
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GOSPEL

JOHN 20:1-18

L: The Gospel according to John chapter 20.

¹Early 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. ²So 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." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹² 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. ¹³ 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." ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ 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." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ 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.'" ¹⁸ 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

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

ELW #367

Paul Z. Strodach

M: *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln

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1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in there - praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 set fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 and heart and will on things a - bove that we
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

APOSTLES CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord.
C: **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**
L: Lift up your hearts
C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

L: In the night...
...gave it to the disciples, saying:
C: **Take and eat, this is my body given for you.**
Do this in remembrance of me.
L: ...gave it for all to drink, saying:
C: **This cup is the new promise in my blood, shed for you and for all people, for the forgiveness of sin.**
Do this in remembrance of me.

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

"Glory of the Cross"
Bells of Trinity

Francis Callahan
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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

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.

BLESSING

L: The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

C: Amen.

***SENDING SONG**

"Halleluiah Chorus"

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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

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

Janet Linker
OL #OC19-48

A HUGE thank you to all those who shared their gifts with us this morning!

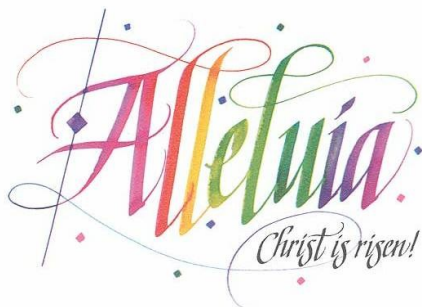
Piano/Organ-Carrie Hansen

Trinity Chancel Choir, directed by Tessa Espinosa

Bells of Trinity, directed by Austin Naylor

**Brass Quartet: Kristen Rasmussen, Jennifer Daigle,
Chris Valquez & Raymond Arango**

Amy Jo Martinson, Timpani



So, how can you learn more about Trinity?

Visit our website at 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)

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