



TRINITY EVANGELICAL  
LUTHERAN CHURCH &  
SCHOOL

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**Welcome!** The day of Easter may be past, but we Christians celebrate Easter for 40 days, just as our Lord spent 40 days with us before ascending above.

**Theme of the service:** Jesus' rising gives us joy and certainty.

*Suggested silent prayer:* Hymn 277, "God, We Praise You"

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**HYMN 148**

*"The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"*

*Stand*

**M:** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

**M:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**M: ... in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.**

**C: Amen.**

## **SONG OF PRAISE**

*CW 265 "This is the Feast"*

*(After a brief introduction, all sing the refrain and each of the verses. No refrain follows verse 3.)*

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M: Let us pray.**

**M: Jesus, Risen Lord, you command us to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins to all nations. Clothe us with power from on high, your Holy Spirit, that we may carry to the ends of the earth the message of your death for all, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**C: ♪ Amen.**

*Be Seated*

## **FIRST LESSON**

*Acts 4:8–12*

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! <sup>9</sup> If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, <sup>10</sup> then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. <sup>11</sup> He is 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone.' <sup>12</sup> Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

**PSALM 118:19–29**

*(paraphrased, to the tune of Hymn 341;*

*please sing the lines in **bold** only, as the pastor— taking Jesus’ part— sings the other lines)*

1. *(pastor only)* “Open the righteous gates  
That I may enter them.”  
*(all)* “**This is the gateway of the Lord;  
The righteous may come in.**”  
*(pastor only)* “You answered me in need.  
My rescue? You alone!”  
*(all)* “**The stone the builders cast aside  
Is now the cornerstone.**

2. “**This is the LORD’s own work  
And marvelous to see;  
The LORD has acted on this day!  
We praise his victory.  
All glory be to him!  
Hosanna! Send success!  
How blessed is he who comes to us  
In God’s own name, all blessed.**

3. “**God is the LORD, and he  
Has shined on our dark ways;  
Bring branches to the altar horns.  
Process with hymns of praise!**”  
*(pastor only)* “My God, I give you thanks.  
I will exalt your name!”  
“**O, thank the LORD, for he is good,  
His mercy e’er the same.**”

**SECOND LESSON**

*1 John 1:1–2:2*

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched— this we proclaim concerning the Word of life.

<sup>2</sup> The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. <sup>3</sup> We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> We write this to make our joy complete.

<sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

<sup>8</sup> If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup> If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

<sup>1</sup> My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense— Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. <sup>2</sup> He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

**VERSE**      *Refrain (first by pastor, then by all)*

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

M: “Jesus has risen! All hell we defy!  
We are his witnesses— meek but not shy,  
For he gives power that comes from on high.” Alleluia!

***Refrain by all***

*Stand*

**GOSPEL**

*Luke 24:36–49*

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”<sup>37</sup> They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost.

<sup>38</sup> He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.”

<sup>40</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. <sup>41</sup> And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?”

<sup>42</sup> They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup> and he took it and ate it in their presence.

<sup>44</sup> He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

<sup>46</sup> He told them, “This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: ♪ **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be Seated*

**HYMN 160**

*“This Joyful Eastertide”*

*Stand*

**HYMN**

*(today's, sung by all to the tune of hymn 277)*

1. **With one voice God's holy spokesmen  
Sound forth Christ the Risen One,  
Show that God calls out to sinners:  
"My redeeming work is done!  
All your sins I laid upon him;  
Now repaired see all your loss.  
See, I raised him! Your transgressions  
All are nailed to Jesus' cross."**
  
2. **Long ago o'er saddened Eden  
Broke a wondrous, cheering light:  
Satan's venom would be fatal,  
Seem to sink man's hope in night;  
Yet the woman's seed would conquer,  
Crushed by death the serpent's head.  
Even here God speaks by Moses:  
"Seek not Christ among the dead!"** *(Genesis 3:15)*
  
3. **Death could not from life long sever  
David's Christ. Prophetic word  
Said this King would reign forever,  
David's Son, yet David's Lord.  
In the Spirit David saw it:  
No decay could reach Christ's grave;  
Soon God's Holy One would leave it,  
Rise to rule, and rule to save.** *(Psalm 2, Psalm 16,  
Psalm 110)*
  
4. **Like a clear and steady trumpet  
Peals a voice, the Savior's praise.  
Hear Isaiah prophesying:  
"Christ shall live through endless days.  
Once God's Servant, meek and willing,  
Into death his soul shall give.** *(Isaiah 53)*

**Then from him shall all believing  
Grace and endless life receive.”**

- 5. “Christ is risen!” shout the Gospels.  
Peter echoes them, and Paul;  
All God’s writers bear one witness:  
Christ once died and rose for all!  
Sure, O sinners, is forgiveness,  
Sure, grace now and grace in store!  
All who die with faith in Jesus  
Rise to live forevermore! (All are seated.)**

*Be Seated*

## **OFFERING & FRIENDSHIP REGISTER**

*Stand*

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH & THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**M:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs, saying, “Lord, in your mercy, grant us your peace.”

Lord Jesus, you came to your disciples on the first Easter and said, “Peace be with you.” We praise you for giving yourself into death to redeem us and for rising from the dead to assure our victory. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: grant us your peace.**

**M:** Jesus, wherever any believers are troubled, or doubt your Word, open the minds of those who hear the good news that all may believe your promises, and, clothed with your power by your Holy Spirit, may be your servants in bringing true peace to all nations. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: grant them your peace.**

**M:** Rule the nations of this world and guide all things according to your good pleasure. Lift up rulers who govern in the interest of the people they serve. Shatter the plans of those who would rob

the resources and hope of their own lands. Where injustice reigns, raise up justice. Where there is war or talk of violence, bring tranquility. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: grant them your peace.**

M: Lead Christian employers to treat their workers well, help Christian employees to do faithful work, provide jobs to believers looking for work and show everyone involved in commerce around us the pointlessness of greed and the value of honesty. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: grant them your peace.**

M: Give healing to your dear ones who hurt and struggle— including \_\_\_\_\_. Give calm to the disturbed, stability to the stressed, rest to the tired and good cheer to the depressed. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: grant them your peace.**

M: Lord, thank you for students of Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School who would have sung here today. Bring the choir here soon. Bless them and their classmates in every way, especially with your Holy Spirit, so they sing your holy songs all their days. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: grant them your peace.**

M: Stone once rejected by the builders, but now Cornerstone of the world's rescue — for all who come to your table to receive your holy body and blood today we have one simple prayer. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: grant them your peace.**

M: Jesus has taught us in peace ever to pray:

**C: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed 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.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **THE SACRAMENT**

M: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: ♪ **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: ♪ **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He protects and preserves his Church in every age and gives us confidence to lift up our heads and watch for Jesus with joy. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

C: ♪ **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.  
You are my God, and I will exalt you. I will give you thanks,  
for you have become my salvation.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full  
of your glory.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

**C:** ♪ **O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.**

*Be Seated*

*After the distribution, all stand*

**C:** ♪ **Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**M:** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** ♪ **Amen**

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. [...] and † give you peace.

**C:** ♪ **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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## WHO IS INVITED TO TAKE THE LORD'S SUPPER WITH US

We invite to the Lord's Table the communicant members of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church and those who are members of other congregations of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS). If you our guest today we ask you to speak with our pastor prior to the service if you would like to join us at the Lord's Table.

Because of the serious nature of this Sacrament, and our Lord's charge that we administer it in accordance with his will, we practice close communion—as did the early Christian Church. We do this out of love for all people to ensure, as far as humanly possible, that all who commune with us:

- ◇ Are baptized.
- ◇ Are aware of the Real Presence of Christ's body and blood.
- ◇ Are trusting only in Christ's merits.
- ◇ Confess with us the truths of Scripture.

Since the Lord's Supper is a public declaration of unity in faith (1 Corinthians 10:17) we ask our children and our dear guests to make a public declaration of faith before receiving the sacrament with us. Our pastor is are happy to discuss with you what kind of discussion with him or classes this might involve.

Jesus' love and forgiveness are freely offered to all in God's Word whether they commune or not. In Christ we all stand on the same level before God. Our motive and goal is love (1 Timothy 1:5). Our love for God compels us to administer his sacrament according to Holy Scripture. Our love for people compels us to practice close communion so that we will not lead anyone into judgment, or encourage anyone to hypocrisy. If it is not possible today, we would love to have you come to the Lord's Table with us soon.

## Our Weekly Catechism Review Page

What does God say about all his commandments? In part, he *warns* us. He is jealous and holy, and his track record shows it clearly.

The drawing gives one of the Bible's most dreadful examples, when God destroyed the whole world with a flood in the days of Noah.

Upshot: We must fear God's wrath and not disobey what he demands.  
(*More next week about how God's law and his mercy fit together.*)



## TRINITY NEWS

**GAMES & GOSPEL** is today at 2:00 pm. We will meet at Kegel Lanes in New Ulm for fellowship and bowling. Please sign up or let JoElyn Krohn know if you haven't done so yet so they know how many lanes to reserve!

**LWMS:** The LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society) Minnesota Valley Circuit will have its Spring Rally *here at Trinity* Saturday, **April 21**, from 8 am to 12:15pm. ***Please sign up if you can come on the narthex bulletin board to help the committee to plan!***

- Registration and Coffee begins at 8 am.

- Opening Devotion and Meeting start at 9 am.

- Main Presentation will begin at 10:35 am. The speaker is Rev. Larry Schlomer, World Missions Administrator.

Rally Theme is "*Where in the World is the WELS?*". The morning will also include a Bible study and election of officers. A lunch will be served 12:15pm. All ladies of our congregation are invited to attend. Men are welcome too. People from twenty-seven member congregations and ten other nonmember congregations also attend. Come join us in worship, fellowship, learning about missions and how we are reaching to the world.

**150TH ANNIVERSARY CLOTHING** is being displayed for the last time so get yours now. This will be up during the month of April to be ordered the beginning of May. Order forms are on the table in the Narthex.

**MESSY MONDAY** will again be continuing this Spring on Monday, April 23rd from 6:15 to 7:00 pm in the kindergarten room. All children ages 2-5 years old along with their parents are welcome.

**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS:** Thank you for supporting Trinity with your Thrivent Choice Dollars listed on page 15. Your support is much appreciated!

**LUTHERAN PIONEER DISTRICT CAMP**— All girls completing Kindergarten through 12th grade are invited on Thursday, June 14th-Saturday, June 16th to join for Summer Camp in New Ulm, MN at Flandrau State Park, Group Camp.

Check in is 6 pm on Thursday and pick-up is 3 pm on Saturday. Registration deadline is May 22. Cost is \$35/first child and \$20 for each additional child and moms can stay also for an additional \$20. Please pick up a registration in the office if you are interested in joining them!

## OTHER TRINITY NEWS

**MINNESOTA OWLS** (ORGANIZATION OF WELS LUTHERAN SENIORS) will hold their annual spring rally at Martin Luther College on Monday, April 16. Registration and fellowship will be held in the Chapel of the Christ from 9:00 to 10:20. To register (\$10.00 fee includes lunch in the cafeteria) contact Dale Markgraf at demarkgraf@gmail.com.

**MVL SEEKS DIRECTOR OF MISSION ADVANCEMENT:** Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School is searching for a Director of Mission Advancement. The position is open to male candidates in good standing of a WELS or ELS congregation. Contact MVL Principal Tim Plath at [tplath@mvlhs.org](mailto:tplath@mvlhs.org) or 507-354-6851 for more information, as well as a job description and application.

**BENEFIT CONCERT FOR BRANCH LUTHERAN SCHOOLS OF HAITI** on Saturday, April 21 at 7 pm at Peace Lutheran Church in Mankato, 2090 Commerce Drive is hosting Music by “Dr. T and the Academia Nuts”, with special Guest Adrian Lo, plus numerous surprise quests. Sandwiches, snacks and beverages provided. Peace writes, “Pleased join us!”

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH** in rural Courtland is holding their annual Pork Chop Dinner today from 11am to 1pm.

**NICOLLET FIREMAN’S BREAKFAST** will be held on Sunday, April 22nd from 9 am to 1:00 pm at the Fire hall 3rd St.. You are cordially invited.

**MLC:** The Governing Board and faculty of Martin Luther College invite you to join the campus family of MLC to give thanks and praise to Jesus for the gospel ministries of the following faithful servants:

Ronald Ohm and Cynthia Whaley for 40 years of ministry and Lawrence Lotito for 25 years of ministry.

A service of thanksgiving to the Lord will be held on Sunday, April 29, at 3:00 pm in the Chapel of the Christ. Congratulatory messages may be sent in care of: Office of the President, MLC, 1995 Luther Ct., New Ulm, MN 56073-3300.

**MVL’S YEAR END SACRED CONCERT** will be held on Sunday, April 22 in Chapel of the Christ at MLC at 7:00 pm. Following the concert there will be a reception to recognize the anniversaries of Mr. Jim Buboltz, 25 years; Mr. Jeff Koepsell, 40 years, and Mr. Ron Wels, 40 years and retirement.

# This Week's Calendar

- Sunday:** Worship — 9:00 am  
**Monday:** Bible study—7 pm  
**Wednesday:** Bible study—9:00 am  
Catechism — 4:30 pm  
**Thursday:** School at Wow Zone-5:00 pm  
**Friday:** Trinity early dismissal-12:50 pm  
**Saturday:** LWMS Spring Rally-8:00 am  
Worship—5:30 pm

**WE PLAN A QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING** on Wednesday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. Topics on which to vote may include holy communion procedures and plans for funds from the sale of the child care center.



## Our Response to God's Grace

**Saturday attendance:** 25  
**Sunday attendance:** 169

Operating (General Fund)	\$	4041.25
Missions	\$	195.00
MVL	\$	135.00
Capital Fund	\$	525.00
Electronic funds	\$	110.00
Organ Fund	\$	200.00
Thrivent Choice Dollars (school)	\$	2709.00
Thrivent Choice Dollars (church)	\$	1840.00

**Bulletin:** Tom & Mary Grefe

**Organist:** Joyce Lendt

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# April 2018

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8 Worship Service 9:00 am Sunday School 10:30 pm	9 School Faculty—3:15 pm 6 pm—CEA Meeting	10 Thrivent Retirement presentation by Amy Pearson in Fireside room— 5:00 pm or 7:00 pm	11 4:30 pm Catechism class 7 pm—Council	12	13 8 am—Trinity chapel 1 pm—Princtpals meeting	14 5:30 pm —Worship Service
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