



THE FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

9:00 AM  APRIL 20, 2025

BECAUSE HE LIVES:

Death Has Lost Its Sting

As we observe Easter, it is good for us to review the details: *who, when, where*. It reminds us that the resurrection of Christ is not fairytale or fable. It is a historical event – *the* historical event on which everything else hinges. But we risk missing the point if we simply recall the historic details of Easter. We must also see its significance: Jesus won! And that means something for us, today and every day. ***Because He Lives***, not only is our eternity secure, but we have everything we need to live our present lives.

Death can sting in many ways. It can make every joy we experience temporary; it can separate us from people we love; it can make us fearful of what follows. Yes, death *can* sting in many ways. But because Jesus lives, death has lost its sting for those who put faith in him. Because Christ lives, we have all the proof we need that God accepted Jesus' death as the complete payment for all our sin. His resurrection is the assurance that our Christian loved ones are not lost. Because he lives, all who die in him will rise to a world of unending joy. On Easter we celebrate that Christ has defeated death. Even if it still causes tears, it does not cause dread. Because he lives, death has lost its sting.

THE MISSION OF TRINITY

*The members of Trinity are joined together in Jesus' love to **worship** our Lord, **grow** in his Word, and **share** it with others.*

WE WILL CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER IN TODAY'S SERVICE.

St. Paul writes that everyone who receives the Lord's Supper must "recognize the body of Christ," and therefore "ought to examine themselves" (1 Cor. 11:27-29) before eating and drinking. He also writes that it is God's desire that as his people commune, they do so as "one body" (1 Cor. 10:17), "perfectly united in mind and thought" (1 Cor. 1:10). **For this reason, Trinity follows the biblical and historic practice of closed (or member) communion.** We welcome members of WELS or ELS congregations to commune with us. If you are not a member of a church in fellowship with Trinity, please refrain from communing today. We want nothing more than to receive the Lord's Supper with you, but we want to do so in the unity of faith that Jesus wants for his people (cf. John 17:20-23). **We hope that can happen soon!** Please speak to our pastor after the service, and he would be happy to further explain our practice and help you work toward full unity with us.

Acknowledgments

Setting Four from *Christian Worship*

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from *The Holy Bible, New International Version®*, NIV®. Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.™ Used by permission of Zondervan. All rights reserved worldwide.

Software distributed in partnership with Northwestern Publishing House.

Created by *Christian Worship: Service Builder* © 2025 Concordia Publishing House.

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Resurrection Dialogue

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.
Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

I will not die, but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Lord's right hand is majestic in power. The Lord's right hand has shattered the enemy.
Death has been swallowed up in victory.

The Lord will not abandon me to the grave. He has made known to me the path of life.
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

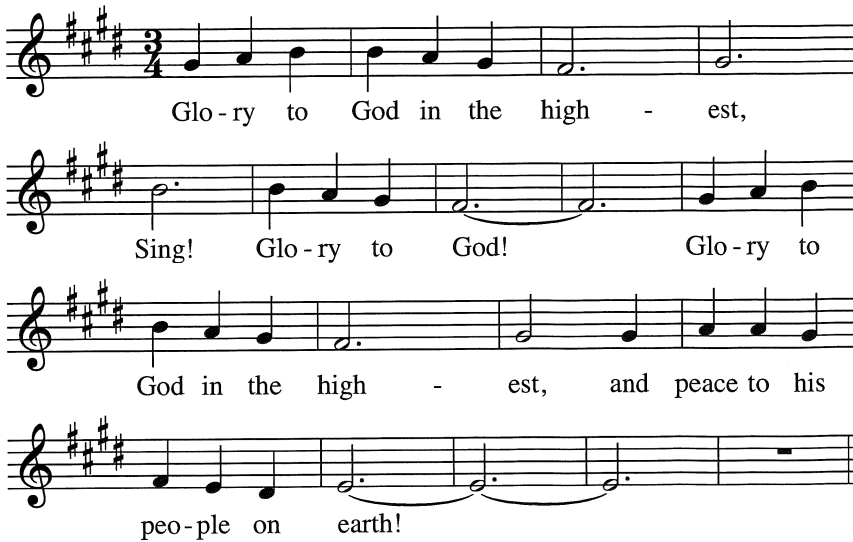
Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?
Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.
The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Glory to God



Refrain twice (once by cantor, once by congregation)

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father
We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory!

Refrain

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
Receive our prayer!

Refrain

For you alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord, the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father!

Refrain

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through Baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;
⁸he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears
from all faces;
he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.
The LORD has spoken.

⁹In that day they will say,
"Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.
This is the LORD, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 16B

Refrain

This is the day the LORD has made.

Let us re - joice and be glad in it.

Tone

LORD, you alone are my portion / and my cup;
you make my / lot secure.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant / places;
surely I have a delightful in- / heritance.

I keep my eyes always / on the LORD.
With him at my right hand, I will not be / shaken. **Refrain**

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue re- / joices;
my body also will / rest secure,
because you will not abandon me to the realm / of the dead,
nor will you let your Holy One / see decay.
You make known to me the / path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at / your right hand.

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

Tune: Dale A. Witte

Setting: Dale A. Witte

Music: © 2002 Northwestern Publishing House. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 715790

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

⁵¹Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— ⁵²in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. ⁵⁴When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵“Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?”

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Psalms 118:24

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone

This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Tune: © 1982 GIA Publications, Inc. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 715790

Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

¹On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷“The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.”” ⁸Then they remembered his words.

⁹When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹²Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

440 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

Sermon

Colossians 3:1-4

You Are Risen Indeed!

¹Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Lord of life, fill our hearts with joy this day, for you have risen and conquered the grave. Imprint the message of victory on our hearts and implant it in our minds. Through the good news of your resurrection renew our hope and revive our faith. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

By baptizing us into your name, you have connected us to your death and rising. You have put our sin to death and have given us a new life. Enable us each day to think of ourselves as dead to sin and alive to you, so that we may walk in newness of life in all we do. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

In this fallen world, death and sorrow surround us. Touch the hearts of those who grieve the loss of a Christian they love. Direct their eyes to your empty tomb and ease their pain by reminding them that their loved ones will one day rise again. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lord, many people grieve without hope. Let the message of resurrection reach them and awaken faith in their hearts. Use us as your instruments to bring the word of life to their souls and the message of hope to their hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Stay by the side of all who are suffering. In your wise mercy, heal those who are sick, receiving treatment for illness, recovering from illness or surgery, or hurting in body or mind. Remind them that your victory over death is a fact, and comfort them with your promise to raise them and give them and all believers new, glorified bodies like yours. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Risen Savior, feed our faith with the message of your resurrection. Come to us in your Word and in the feast of your Sacrament to sustain and strengthen us until we feast with you in eternal glory.

Amen.

Offering

The members of Trinity Lutheran Church have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and throughout the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

*At this time, we ask both members and guests to fill out the **friendship register** found at the end of each pew. When you've written your information, please pass it to the next person until everyone has had a chance to sign it. Thank you for helping us serve you with the gospel!*

THE SACRAMENT

As you have the opportunity, take a moment for self-examination before receiving the Sacrament. You may wish to review the "Christian Questions" beginning on page 295 of the hymnal or read through a "Holy Communion" hymn (659-677).

Stand

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might.



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



Tune: Kermit G. Moldenhauer

Tune: © 2002 Kermit G. Moldenhauer, admin. Northwestern Publishing House. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 715790

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Institution

...The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

The musical score is written on ten staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us." This phrase is repeated twice, followed by "sin of the world; grant us your peace." and finally "A - men. A - men." The score ends with a double bar line.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.
A - men. A - men.

Tune: Kermit G. Moldenhauer
Tune: © 2002 Kermit G. Moldenhauer, admin. Northwestern Publishing House. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 715790

Be seated

Distribution

In order to receive communion today, we ask that worshipers be able to check all of the following boxes:

- ☐ I repent of all my sins, holding nothing back from God (1 John 1:9).
- ☐ I believe that Jesus took away my sins when he died for me on the cross (John 3:16; 1 John 3:5).
- ☐ I believe that in communion I receive Jesus' true body and blood along with the bread and the wine (Mt. 26:26-27; 1 Cor. 10:16).
- ☐ I have stated my agreement with all the teachings of this church family, as I have learned to know them through their Catechism or Foundations Class.

If you are not able to check all these boxes today but would like to commune with us in the future, please speak to our pastor after the service. He would love to help make that happen!

Distribution Hymns

675 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

441 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

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.
Amen.

Seasonal Closing Hymn

577 Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love

TRINITY NEWS

EASTER BREAKFAST : Please join us after the Easter Dawn service for Easter breakfast and thank you to everyone that helped with food, set-up, serving and clean-up today!

CALLS: The call from Sarah Strackbein to teach Pre-School has already been returned. Please keep Jacob Beilke and his family in our prayers as he deliberates the call for Principal and 5-8 grades.

CALL MEETING: Voters of the congregation are invited to attend a call meeting using the same list previously this Wednesday at 7 pm.

CHOIR: Thank you to the worship choir for making our services special this week. Also, thank you to all our soloists and instrumentalists for all your work!

MONDAY NIGHT SERVICES will resume at 6:00 pm on Monday, **April 28th**.

DITCH CLEANING: We would like to do our Adopt-A-Highway ditch cleaning on **Friday, April 25** from 5-7 pm **and April 26** from 9-11:30 pm. If you can help, please sign up on the Narthex bulletin board or let Travis Rist know at 507-995-9420. Thanks!

GAMES & GOSPEL: Join us Sunday, **May 4th** at 2:00 PM for the MVL spring musical, Newsies, with dinner to follow. The musical will be held at MVL and tickets are purchased at the door. Please sign up in the Narthex so we have an idea of how many will be going. We are open to suggestions for the dinner location so when you sign up, feel free to post ideas for where you'd like to eat! Questions, please see JoElyn Krohn or Nicole Lehman.

PINE & 99-TRINITY FOOD STAND: The very first Food Stand starts **May 8th** already! If you can help with serving food or money in the stand please sign up for dates that work for you. If you can help with grilling or set-up you can sign up in those areas also or let Larry Bruegger know at 507-420-9195. Thanks!

LADIES GUILD: In May the Ladies Guild will NOT be meeting on Thursday , May 1 st. We will meet on **May 10th**, at 12:15 pm, at church to attend a concert of the Singing Hills Chorus called the Grooveberry Jams Concert at Hosanna Lutheran Church at 105 Hosanna Drive in Mankato, MN. This Chorus is created for persons living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and their care partners. It is Mankato and North Mankato ACT on Alzheimer's and a member of Giving Voice Initiative. This began in 2017. Anyone that would like to join us is welcome. Meet us at church or attend by driving yourself. Cost is \$10.00 at the door.

AREA NEWS

BLOODMOBILE: The Nicollet American Legion will be hosting the next blood drive on **Friday, April 11, from 11 am-5pm**. Go to Red Cross Blood. org/Nicollet to schedule an appointment or call 1-800-733-2767.

LWMS TRIP TO TULSA CONVENTION 2025: Join us **June 25-30** for the annual LWMS Convention being held in Tulsa, Oklahoma. We would love to fill a bus and travel as a group. Thielen bus lines from Redwood Falls will be our coach. Registration packets are on the table in the Narthex. All Registrations are due by **April 25th** so make your plans now. We hope to see you! Convention registration is now online at <https://whova.com/portal/registration/EVSZBFt2emX@u-zaJ2g7/>

LUTHERAN MILITARY SUPPORT GROUP (LMSG) will celebrate its 10th anniversary on Saturday, **May 3rd, at 10:00 am at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, MN**. A brief service will be held at Trinity Chapel by ELS President Rev. Glenn Obenberger and WELS Civilian Chaplain to the Military Rev. Paul Horn, followed by a ceremony at the ELS Military Monument. This ceremony will include presentations by past and present LMSG Directors, ELS Military Monument designer Jason Jaspersen, and will highlight the past and future work of LMSG in its mission to provide Christ-centered support to Military Service Members, Veterans, and their Families. All are welcome. **RSVP for lunch is requested by April 17th**. Visit www.lutheranmilitary.org for more information.



APRIL 2025

TRINITY EV.
LUTHERAN
NICOLLET, MN
Pastor Micah Plocher

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
March 30 9 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 10:45 Bible Study/K in C	31 7 pm Bible Study	April 1 3:15 pm Faculty 7:00 pm Elders	2 3:30 pm NPS Catechism 5:00 pm Lenten supper TNT Serves-Pasta 6:30 pm Lenten Worship	3 1:30 pm Ladies Guild 7:00 pm Board of Ed	4 8 am TLS Chapel 1 pm Early Dismissal- NO PM Buses	5 11 am CEA Carnival
6 9 am Worship/Comm. 10:30 am Fellowship 10:45 VOTERS meeting /K in C 2 pm SW MN Chorale Concert & Supper	7 7 pm Bible Study	8 6:30 pm Worship Choir Practice	9 3:30 pm NPS Catechism 5:00 pm Lenten supper Worship Choir-Sloppy Joes 6:30 pm Lenten Worship	10 7:00 pm Mens Fellowship @ Nicollet Conservation Club	11 8 am TLS Chapel 5:00 pm Easter for Families 6:00 pm Games & Gospel Dinner	12 8:00 am Spring Church Cleaning 7:00 pm Women, Wine & Word
13 9 am Worship /TLS Sings 10:30 am Fellowship 10:45 K in C	14 7 pm Bible Study	15 3:15 pm Faculty 6:30 pm Worship Choir Practice	16 3:30 pm NPS Catechism 7:00 pm Council	17 12:50 pm TLS Early Dismissal 6:30 pm Holy Thursday Worship/Comm	18 8 am NO TLS 6:30 pm Good Friday Worship	19 9 am Set-up for Easter Breakfast
20 7 am Sunrise Worship 8 am Easter Breakfast 9 am Easter Festival/ Comm.	21 NO TLS-Easter break 7 pm Bible Study ?	22 8 am TLS Resumes 7:00 pm Men' s Bible Study	23 3:30 pm NPS Catechism 8:00 pm CEA Meeting	24	25 8 am TLS Chapel 5:00 Ditch Cleaning	26 8 am Ditch Cleaning
27 9 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 10:45 Bible Study/K in C	28 6:00 pm Worship 7 pm Bible Study	29 3:15 pm Faculty	30 3:30 pm NPS Catechism	May 1 1:30 pm Ladies Guild 7:00 pm Board of Ed	2 8 am TLS Chapel	3