

# Trinity Lutheran Church – ELCA

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**Third Sunday of Easter**

**April 23, 2023 – 9:00 am**

**Live streaming on Facebook and YouTube (Trinity Lutheran Sparta)**

**Our worship service will also be recorded  
and will be available on our website [www.tlcsparta.org](http://www.tlcsparta.org)**



## Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Recognition of Ella Manske – Girl Scout Gold Award

Ring of the Bell

### **\*Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
by whose hand we are given new birth,  
by whose speaking we are given new life.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are welcomed, restored, and supported  
as citizens of the new creation.

Holy God,  
Satisfy the world's need through this living water.  
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.  
Where despair prevails, grant hope.  
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.  
We ask this through Christ,  
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.  
**Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** *Worship Team*

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Message from the Education Committee  
- Honoring our Education Leaders

Special Music – *Sunday School*

**First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], <sup>36</sup>“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the

Lord our God calls to him.”<sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”<sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19**

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,

<sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given ear to me  
whenever I called.**

<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;  
I came to grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup>**Then I called upon the name of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”**

<sup>12</sup>How shall I re-pay the LORD  
for all the good things God has done for me?

<sup>13</sup>**I will lift the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD.**

<sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all God’s people.

<sup>15</sup>**Precious in your sight, O LORD,  
is the death of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my  
bonds.

<sup>17</sup>**I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all God’s people,

<sup>19</sup>**in the courts of the LORD’s house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

**\*Gospel: Luke 24:13-35**

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel and join with me in the Gospel Acclamation.

**\*Gospel Acclamation** (spoken)

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia**

This is the Holy Gospel according to Luke the twenty fourth Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it

is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Special Music: *Sunday School*

**\*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.**

## **\*Prayers of Intercession**

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

### *A brief silence.*

Ever-present God, you make yourself known in the bonds of community. Reveal yourself to us in the faces of all we meet. Strengthened by your body and blood, let us boldly live out your good news. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You are the authority to whom we dedicate our lives. Help us keep in our hearts the needs of those most vulnerable. Move us to care for any who are disregarded or oppressed. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Mothering God, you feed and comfort those who hunger. Open the hearts of those who hoard resources and lead them to share your abundance. We pray for anyone hungering for your comforting presence this day. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You pour out your love on those who are oppressed. Support and comfort anyone who is marginalized. Form this community to listen faithfully and speak honestly in our ministry together. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

## **\*Sharing of the Peace**

Offering – “*And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus*” (Philippians 4:19)



*Thank you for your continued support of Trinity's ongoing mission to serve the people of God in our community and the world. You may place your offering in the plate as it passes, you may also mail it in, leave it in the lockbox outside the main door, or use one of the electronic means available. Scan the QR code to donate now to Trinity's General Fund. Thank you!*

**\*Offertory:** *We Are an Offering*

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**\*Offering Prayer**

Holy God, you provide all that we need every day. Open our hearts that we may trust you with all needs. Call us ever deeper into the discipline of generosity. Take these gifts we bring and multiply them for the work of your kingdom.

**Amen.**

**\* The Lord's Prayer**

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

**\*Blessing**

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.

**Amen.**

Ring of the Bell

**\*Sending Hymn:** *Greta & Guthrie Gasner*

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**Thanks be to God.**

<b>Attendance for Sunday, April 16, 2023 – 146</b>
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<b>April 23, 2023</b>	<b>April 30, 2023</b>
<b>Greeters:</b> Youth	<b>Greeter:</b> Joanne Benning
<b>Readers:</b> Youth	<b>Reader:</b> Julie Ender
<b>Ushers:</b> Alice Olson, Paul Amundson, Chuck Amundson, Mark Baltz, Dan Amundson, and Al Jenkins	<b>Ushers:</b> Alice Olson, Paul Amundson, Chuck Amundson, Mark Baltz, Dan Amundson, and Al Jenkins
<b>Communion servers: No communion</b>	<b>Communion servers: No communion</b>
<b>Music:</b> Worship Team	<b>Music:</b> Tony Gasner
<b>Coffee Fellowship:</b> Call Committee	<b>Coffee Fellowship:</b> Opportunity to serve
<b>Flower Pick Up – Friday, April 28:</b> Sharon Nelson	<b>Flower Pick Up – Friday, May 5:</b> Barb Selbrede
<b>Pew Restocking – Month of April:</b> Jo Ellen Siver	<b>Pew Restocking – Month of May:</b> Need a volunteer for May-Contact Myrt
<b>Money Counting – April 24:</b> Fred Olsen-Nancy Oswald-Gail Baltz	<b>Money Counting – May 1:</b> Schedule being prepared
<b>Altar Team – Month of April:</b> Diane Dammen, Sharon Nelson & Cynthia Lockington	<b>Altar Team – Month of May:</b> Judy Bernett & Nila Larson
<b>Food Pantry:</b> Tuesday, 4/25: Deb Page & Brittany Michalski Wed., 4/26: Alice Olson & Robbie Dockerty	<b>Food Pantry:</b> May 3: Mary Herrman & Sheila Abbott
<b>Nursing Home Bulletin Delivery: Apr. 28:</b> Morrow Home: Phil & Diane Dammen Rolling Hills: Carol Thorsen	<b>Nursing Home Bulletin Delivery: May 5:</b> Morrow Home: Doug Dengel Rolling Hills: Gary & Betty Peterson

## ***A Big Trinity Thank You to all Sunday School and Confirmation Leaders***

### **Sunday School Teachers**

**Anita Jensen - Sunday School Superintendent**  
**Kevin Peterson**  
**Nila Larson**  
**Shirley Weibel**  
**Katie Kirkhoff**  
**Kory Lueck**  
**Matt & Dawn Jacobson**  
**Tony & Christin Gasner**  
**Jeff & Tracy Kingsley**  
**Kaiyla Endres**

### **Confirmation Leaders**

**Jim & Jackie Peterson**  
**Missy Erickson**  
**Taylor Donskey**  
**Wendy Spori**  
**Sarah Morrow**  
**Michelle Hyatt**