



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of the ELCA



Holy Humor Sunday
Second Sunday of Easter
April 27, 2025

In-the-Sanctuary and Livestreamed Worship

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WELCOME ADULTS AND CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Thank you for worshipping God with Trinity Lutheran today! Blessings to you and your family. Special welcome to visitors and guests. It is good to worship together. This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, “God shows no partiality” (Acts 10:34); Christ’s resurrection truly brings life to everyone. Easter, therefore, is not just one day or one weekend, Easter and all the promises of new life in Christ are celebrated for seven weeks – the SEASON of Easter. The liturgical color is white.

A few notes on the service today—

- *In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus’ victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.*
- *Most of the service is printed in your bulletin. Please participate as you are able. The **bold** print within this bulletin indicates “**all read**”. This bulletin is produced in fairly large print so all can participate fully.*
- *Asterisk (*) indicates all stand if you are comfortable participating in this way. You are welcome to be seated for the entire service, or to stand for select opportunities as marked with the asterisk.*
- *Children of all ages are always welcome to worship with Trinity. There are bulletins for children, too.*
- *All are invited to enjoy conversation, coffee, and treats in the fellowship hall after worship.*
- **Today is a special Sunday**, when churches around the world recognize “Bright Sunday” or “Holy Humor Sunday.” Begun by the early Greek Christians, centuries of the Christian faithful have observed “days of joys and laughter” with picnics and parties to celebrate Jesus’ surprising resurrection. Trinity enjoys this tradition and many here love to laugh!
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TODAY’S WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Preacher	Pastor Amy Chalupnik
Pianist	Harry Walsh
Scripture Reader	Rosalie Bell
Worship Tech	Jared Klatt
Asst. Tech	Cory Kosloske
Ushers	Judy Harn, Karen Stupar, Kim Kjellberg, Steve Stupar
Greeters	Drexler Family

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Joy is loose,

In the wiggles of the children,

In the whispers of the teens,

In the smiles of the adults.

We praise God for this glorious day,

Let our praise break forth

in the most unlikely places and in silly ways.

May resurrection joy and praise fill our hearts and come through in song and Scripture.

Let the laughter be deep, for we are God's people.

Resurrection people.

Amen.

*OPENING SONG

Awake, My Heart, with Gladness
Tune: Prepare the Royal Highway

ELW 378 v. 1-3
ELW 264



1. A wake, my heart, with glad ness, see what to day is done;
2. Now hell, its prince, the de - vil, of all their pow'r are shorn;
3. This is a sight that glad - dens what peace it does im - part!



now, aft - er gloom and sad - ness, comes forth the glor - ious sun.
now I am safe from ev - il, and sin I laugh to scorn.
Now no - thing ev - er sad - dens the joy with - in my heart.



My Sav - ior there was laid - en where our bed must be made - n
For Chr - ist a - gai - n is free; in glor - i - ous vic - to - r - y
No glo - om shall ev - er sha - ke, no fo - e shall ev - er ta - ke,



when, as on w - ing - s in flight, we soar to real - m s of light.
he who is str - ong to save has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
the hope which Go - d's own Son in love for me - e has won.

***GREETING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The redeeming grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the abounding love of God, and the blessed communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you. Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O Great God,

we come into your presence with joy and longing to be surprised.

We thank you that you have given to us the gift of laughter and delight.

We thank you for the unreasonable gift of forgiveness offered by your son, Jesus Christ, on the cross.

We thank you for the exorbitant gift of salvation and new life through Jesus – in this world and the next.

We thank you for the outrageous resurrection and witness of silly, stumbling, doubting disciples.

These things give hints as to your nature and your purpose for us and for all the earth.

May we find that in giving into laughter there is healing and hope and abundance and blessing.

Tickle our souls with the brush of your Spirit to renew our worship and our living.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Acts 5:27-32

²⁷ When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE Psalm 118:14-29

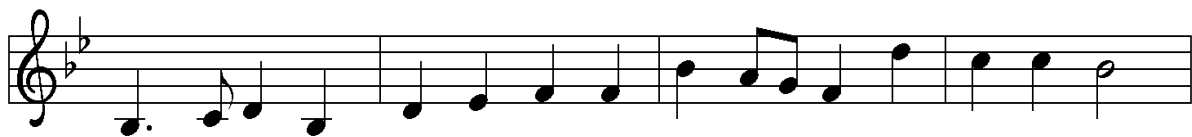
- ¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.
¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**
¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”
¹⁷ **I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**
¹⁸ The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.
¹⁹ **Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**
²⁰ “This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter.”
²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**
²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
²³ **By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**
²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
²⁵ **Hosanna! O LORD, save us!
We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!**
²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD;
we bless you from the house of the LORD.
²⁷ **The LORD is God and has given us light.
Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.**
²⁸ You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.
²⁹ **Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God’s mercy endures forever.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

I’ve Got the Joy, Joy, Joy

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Setting Ten



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

***GOSPEL John 20:19-31**

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE





1. Take time to be fu - nny, re - joice in the Lord
2. Take time to be si - lly, it's good for the soul
3. Old Sar - ah and A - bram a chi - ld they lacked
4. For hu - mor is ho - ly, it sanc - ti - fies life,



1. Let laugh - ter ex - plode and have fun with God's Word
2. Too ma - ny are som - ber, gra - bb - ing con - trol
3. But God's an - gels prom - ised and she birth - ed Isaac
4. Re - plen - ish - es hope and oft soft - ens ad - vice



1. For Laugh - ter is heal - ing, gives strength to the weak
2. Let go and let God's love wash ov - er your soul
3. In He - brew that's "laugh - ter", go check if you want
4. It un - der - cuts sor - row, de - flates haugh - ty pride



1. God loves to see smiles, for they lift up the meek.
2. Heav - en - ly trans - cend - ence can be your life's goal.
3. Gen - es - is Sev - en - teen is where it is found.
4. So - o smile and hang on, re - joice in life's ride.

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*CREED

We believe in God who made us in God's image.
God had the last laugh and conquered the devil when God raised Jesus from the dead.
We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Lord and Savior.
We live, we love, we laugh, because we are like him.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, co-equal and co-eternal with the Father and the Son.
Our counselor, our guide, our motivator – the Spirit is our joy!
When we take ourselves too seriously, when we don't claim the
happiness that is rightfully ours as God's beloved,
when we forget that God will have the last laugh in this world,
strengthen our belief, o holy Trinity.
Let us live well in resurrection wonder!
Amen.

PRAYERS

After each petition...
God of all joy, **receive our prayer.**

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.

OFFERING and MUSICAL OFFERING

GRATITUDE

Harry Walsh, Composer
Tom Anderson, Soloist

Let us give thanks to the risen Christ with our offerings!

Tithes and Offerings may be placed in the offering plates passed by the ushers.

Other ways to give:

- Mail to Trinity Lutheran Church P.O. Box 776 Monticello, MN 55362
- Give online through the Trinity website—go to www.tlcmonticello.org and click the link for "Online Giving (onetime or weekly giving from bank acct)"
- Use your smartphone and take a pic of QRC code — one-time gift from your bank account



ANNOUNCEMENTS and OPEN MIC JOKE TELLING

*BLESSING

May the God of Isaac, the source of all laughter,
enliven your joyful heart and holy sense of humor.

May Jesus Christ ✝ who conquered death and all evil,
give you the gift of faith and hope.

And may the Spirit of love and joy be your guide,
throughout this week and beyond.

Amen.

*CLOSING SONG

Good Christian Friends

ELW 385 v. 1-3

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might - y stone is
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with

of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:

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

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***DISMISSAL**

Go in laughter; go in grace. Keep the Lord in your heart and a smile on your face.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Harry Walsh

In our Thoughts and Prayers

- Dick Bakke
- Cole & Kathy Brooks
- Dawn Burrows
- Colleen Commerford
- Chuck Ebert
- Erv & Mary Ehrmann
- Lonny Feldt
- Diane Frencl
- Lance Gubrüb
- Cole Harn
- Judy Harn
- Jerry Harn
- Penny Hounshell
- Tammy Johnson
- Chad Kalway
- Jim & Shirley Kalway
- Jerry Kashmark
- Kathy Knudson
- Barbara Koosman
- Larry & Mary Kounkel
- Marcy Malone
- Family of Audrey Murray
- Mary Nemcek
- Cindy Neuwirth
- Ki Orre
- John Peterson
- Shawn Picht
- Brad Ray
- Liz Ray
- Kathy Ray
- Steve & Linda Ray
- Helen Rettman
- John Simola
- Mike & Ann Sines
- Lucky Sopiwnik
- Milly Stephens
- Abigail Stupar
- Steve & Mary Swenson
- Jeffrey Town
- Selma Tuenge
- Bev Ubl
- Sue Yeazle
- Gretchen Yonak
- Jim Yonak
- Mary Ziemann

Salad Luncheon Set Up
 Tuesday 1:00 - 3:00
 Wednesday 8:00am - Noon

Feel free to drop in and help if you are interested.



This Week at Trinity

TODAY, SUNDAY 4/27	9:00am	Worship Service with Holy Humor
	10:00am	Coffee Social
	10:00am	Sunday School
TUESDAY 4/29	10:00am	Bible Study in Trinity Library with Pastor Amy
	1:00pm	Set up for Salad Luncheon
WEDNESDAY 4/30	9:00am	Set up for Salad Luncheon
	7:00pm	Confirmation for ninth graders only
THURSDAY 5/1 May Day!	Noon	Spring Luncheon featuring Pati Kachel (Storyteller)
SUNDAY 5/4	9:00am	Third Sunday of Easter Worship Service/Communion
	10:00am	Coffee Social & Sunday School

Spring Salad Luncheon

Thursday, May 1, 2025 at NOON

Trinity Lutheran Church

449 W Broadway, Monticello, MN

Invite friends - Guys Welcome!

Freewill Offering - Meet Miss Beatrix Potter!



Gathering items for the Synod Assembly!

The Synod and Lutheran Social Services are teaming up to put together 500 packs of snacks and feminine hygiene items. Dollars are also welcome for this project.

Pastor Amy, Gary Nelson, and Larry Kounkel will take the items to the assembly on Saturday, May 3, to be packaged.

Bring to the church by May 1 during office hours

Snack Size Pretzels, Snack Size Gold Fish, Water Bottles, Juice Boxes, Fruit Snacks, Animal Crackers, Protein Bars, Paper Lunch Bags, 50 count
9.8 x 5 x 2 Canvas Toiletry Pouch, 30 count

Especially Needed...

Always Daily Liners, 96 count
Always Ultra Thin Pads, 46 count
Tampax, Super Absorbency, 50 count
Tampax, Regular Absorbency, 50 count
Flushable Wipes, 30 count



Dave Murray,
Jeffrey Town,
and many others!
Happy April Birthdays!



HARNESSING ANXIOUS ENERGY FOR GOOD

ANXIOUS NATION

This film explores the many dimensions of anxiety and the broader mental health crisis in America, particularly among youth (ages 10–26) and families. It examines contributing factors like social pressures, the nature vs. nurture debate, college stress, and the impact on underserved communities. Topics include stigma, isolation, suicide, and the role of social media. The film aims to foster community, encourage open dialogue, and promote compassion and support. A panel of local mental health professionals will lead a discussion after the screening.

Please join us! This is **FREE** but we ask that you please register using the [Eventbrite Link](#) or QR code as seating is limited:



Join us for a **FREE Special Community Screening**

**Wednesday,
May 7th
6:30- 8:15 pm**

**St. Michael
Cinema**

4300 O Day Ave NE,
Saint Michael, MN 55376

Men's Study Group

Meets May 5 & 19, then adjourns for the summer.

All are welcome to join us for viewing "Walking the Bible" Video

Senior Center Breakfast Fundraiser
Today! Sunday, April 27, 8:00am - Noon

All you can eat breakfast will be held at the Monticello Community Center. \$10/\$5 kids

Garage Sale

Trinity Friends and Family Garage Sale

Thursday, May 8, Noon to 6pm

Friday, May 9, 8am to 6pm

Saturday, May 10, 8am to Noon

Please drop off your items, M-Th 9:00am - 4:00pm Starting Yesterday

**SENIOR
RECOGNITION
AND BLESSING
SUNDAY,
June 1, 2025**

Your Trinity family would like to be part of this special event in your life. Graduates are invited to wear their cap, gown, and honor cords.

