



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Anchored in Faith. Serving Our Neighbor. Singing God's Praise.

*Mission: To be a caring and diverse community of people who know and share
the love of God through Jesus Christ.*

Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day April 20, 2025

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"The last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH. *You are invited to join with us as we seek to be God's loving community for all who enter here. You are received as a friend . . .*

- *just as you are, created by God.*
- *whatever your color, culture and customs, your age, abilities, sexual orientation or gender identity.*
- *wherever circumstances find you... in the midst of change or challenge or pain, in need of strength and hope, or in search of spiritual fullness and friendship.*
- *whether you are a new visitor or an old friend, have no church home, have doubts or do not believe, or want to follow Christ and pursue peace and justice in Christ's name.*

You are embraced as an expression of the diversity and beauty of the creation God has given us. We invite you to join us in our commitment to being an anti-racist, LGBTQIA+ embracing, community- loving congregation.

You are welcome here!

*The presence of children is a gift to the church and a reminder that our congregation is growing.
Please welcome our youngest brothers and sisters and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.*

✠ THE SERVICE ✠

↓ ANNOUNCEMENTS

↓ PRELUDE *Echo Fanfare*

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✠ GATHERING ✠

(Arrows indicate when the congregation may sit ↓ or stand ↑ as able. **Bold print** are responses spoken by the congregation.)

↑ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water is poured to refill the baptismal font

Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers and give new life
to beloved servants of your church; waters that
extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our
own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and
Risen One.

Amen.

↑ HYMN *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* #365

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!**
- 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!**
- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.;
Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4

↑ GREETING

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving
grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the
Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

↑ CANTICLE OF PRAISE Page 204

**1. Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good-will to
all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of
surpassing worth; we exalt you, we adore you, we
lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels
bow before you; here on earth our songs we
raise.**

**2. Glory to be Christ forever, Lamb of God and
Lord of love. Son of God and gracious Savior, you
have come from heav'n above; on the cross you
died to save us; now you reign at God's right
hand. Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your
promise firm we stand.**

**3. Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone to
you we call; Holy One in faith we name you, God
most high, yet near to all: Jesus Christ, with God
the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright. For the
peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

↑PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, **you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

↓ FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

↓ Psalm 118:1-2,14-24 (read responsively)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God’s mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare, “God’s mercy endures forever.”**

¹⁴The 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!**

¹⁶The 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.**

¹⁸The 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.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

↓ SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human, ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in its own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Alleluia. Lord and Savior; open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

↑GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again." ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

↓SERMON

↓CHOIR *Come, Proclaim the Victory* (Incorporating *Crown Him with Many Crowns*)

New words by J. Paul Williams

New music by Joseph M. Martin, incorporating *Crown Him with Many Crowns* ©1999 Alfred Publishing Co., Inc.

vv 1-3 choir

v. 4 Please stand and join the choir in singing this verse:

***Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.***

↑NICENE CREED

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Let us profess our faith in the words of the 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 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(The congregation is encouraged to take the position which is most prayerful to you.)

You may choose to sit or stand as you are comfortable.

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Kindle new life in your church. Encourage all who seek creative ways to share the good news of Christ's resurrection. Bless mission developers and new ministries, that their work plant seeds that flourish. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Nourish new life in all of creation. Shower forests and grasslands, deserts, and mountains with life-giving rains. Grant us delight in your glory that shows forth in all that grows this season. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Empower new life among the nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring new hope for peace and reconciliation in places of war and strife. Raise up leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Bring new hope among all who are in need, especially neighbors without homes or food, and those whose housing or food supply is at risk. Bring healing to all who are fearful, ill, or grieving, especially *Matt Marcheschi, Mary Kay Wentz, Henry G., Klaus Hofmann, Paul M., Jason Hayes, Shari, Sonya, Michelle Koka, Janine Carr, Fern Stern, Anna Streissguth, Starr Brown, Mary Waller, Nevi Zabilski, Ann Kenyon, Matt Fleischman, Ginny Parsons, Lou and Stevie O'Connell, Ryan Simpson, Elizabeth Madaras, Peter Dow, Jane McDermott, Mary Goglio, Marla Anderson, Constance Farber, Alan Petersen, Annalise Simmons, Helen Pedersen, Tricia, Pam Clisham, Deanna Madarasz, Jackson Bohm, Nancy Stich, Patricia Runo, Michael Rasmussen, Gail Cromack, Kate Ganschow, Michael Lamb, Maddy Pearce, Christine Winberg and Dorothy Wingire.* God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the ministries of your Word, for Trinity Church Council, the Strategic Exploration Team, the priesthood of all believers, First Presbyterian Church in Alameda, the Lutheran Church of Kagitumba in Rwanda and our Sunday School. We pray for the fullness of the lives of Pamela Wong and Jim Ostergren as they celebrate their birthdays this week. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Awaken new life in this place. Open our hearts to ways you are calling us to be at work in the world and our community. Give us courage to boldly share your love for all people beyond our walls. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

At this time, you are invited to pray the prayers of your heart, either silently or aloud.

A moment is offered for prayers from the congregation

Trusting in the promises of the resurrection, we remember with thanksgiving our beloved dead. Sustain us with a living hope until we are reunited with them and all the saints at the heavenly banquet. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

✠ MEAL ✠

↑ SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

↓ OFFERING

↑ GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

↑ PREFACE FOR THE DAY

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

↑ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, in the highest. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-sanna in the high-est, ho-sanna in the high-est.

↑ JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

↑LORD'S PRAYER

You are invited to pray in the version or language of your choice.

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.

↓INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life. Thanks be to God!

↓DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

*The cup we serve is non-alcoholic. **Gluten-free wafers are offered for those who have need. Please indicate your need to the pastor as you approach to receive the host.** If you do not wish to take communion you may come forward for a blessing or remain seated.*

↓LAMB OF GOD

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O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

↑POST COMMUNION BLESSING

**May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and give you peace.
Amen.**

↑PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Let us pray. Living One,
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

↑BLESSING

↑HYMN *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* #367

- 1** *Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
- 2** *Eternal is the gift he brings,
therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still he comes to give us life
and by his presence stills all strife.
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
- 3** *Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph;
grant grace sufficient for life's day
that by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
- 4** *Adoring praises now we bring
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

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↑DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!
Alleluia!**

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

↑ POSTLUDE *Hallelujah Chorus*

G.F. Handel

Please stand for the singing of the Hallelujah Chorus

***Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah
Hallelujah!
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah
Hallelujah!***

***For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth!
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah! (3x)***

***The kingdom of this world is become
The kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ!
And he shall reign for ever and ever! (3x)***

Forever, and ever, forever, and ever

***King of kings and Lord of lords!
(Forever, and ever, hallelujah)
King of kings and Lord of lords!
(Forever, and ever, hallelujah)
King of kings, and Lord of lords.***

***And He shall reign forever and ever! Forever and
ever, hallelujah!***

***And He shall reign forever and ever!
King of kings, and Lord of lords (2x)
And He shall reign forever and ever!***

***Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah
Hal-le-lu-jah!***

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* Denotes a selection from the 2024 favorite hymns list.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AT TRINITY

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 54

IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK:

Mon 4/21 *Easter Monday- Trinity offices closed*
9:30am Craft Group
Tues 4/22 7:30am Tuesday Morning Bible Study (meets on Zoom)
Wed 4/23 *No Bible Study this week while Pastor Jill is on vacation*
Thurs 4/24 6:00pm Council Meeting (meets on zoom)
Sun 4/27 8:45am Pop-up Choir Rehearsal
9:30am Worship
No Book Study today- will resume next Sunday, 5/4

EASTER BRUNCH Trinity will host our Easter Brunch immediately following worship this morning. Please join us! A free-will offering will be collected to help cover the cost of the brunch.

PASTOR JILL WILL BE ON VACATION this coming week. Pastor Rebecca Swee will be our Guest Pastor next Sunday, April 27th. Pastor Jill will be available for calls and emails beginning Monday, April 28th.

LAST CALL! RIDE THE RAILS TO STOP CANCER *A Relay for Life (American Cancer Society) fundraiser*

Our first fundraiser for the 2025 Trinity Terrific Trekker's Relay for Life Team is here! Join us for a fun afternoon riding the steam train. Here is the information: **Sunday, April 27th, 2025** A 90 minute train ride departing from the Sunol Train Depot (6 Kilcare Road, Sunol) Rides leave at 10:30am, 12:30pm and 2:30pm. Tickets: \$25 Adults \$15 children 2-12 Free for children under 2 years old. Please reserve your spot by contacting Joanne Robinson. She will collect the money and make reservations. You may also contact her with any questions. Money needs to be in by Friday, April 18th (Good Friday). Checks payable to American Cancer Society.

UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE AVAILABLE TODAY! Please take one from the church entryway. If you would like a digital copy as well, please let Jessica know and she will send you one via email.

THE MIDWAY SHELTER MEAL is April 27th. We need volunteers for all parts of this meal. Please see the sign-up sheet in the entryway if you can provide a part of the meal.

Assisting in Worship:

This morning:

Assisting Minister: Meg Brogan
Reader: Demeter Lamb
Greeters: Gunther Hofmann & Joanne Robinson
Children's Attendant: *not available this morning, but children who need a little break from worship are welcome to come to the Fellowship Hall with their adult, where there will be a children's area set-up.*
Coffee Hour: Easter Brunch
Altar Guild: Joanne Robinson

Next Sunday, 4/27

Assisting Minister: Anita Burnaford
Reader: Chuck Bangert
Greeters: John Kofranek & Marilyn Ohm-Smith
Children's Attendant: Mary James
Coffee Hour: Margie Sherratt
Altar Guild: Joanne Robinson

Next Week's Scripture Readings:

Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 118:14-29
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31