



## 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.*

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Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

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**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

*Come Home*

*(Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling)*

Tune: Thompson, Will Thompson, 1847-1909

Arr. Leila Viss

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## ✝ GATHERING ✝

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

## ↑ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate One,  
**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In ✝ Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever. **Amen.**

## ↑ HYMN *Take my Life , That I May Be \** #583 *Refrain*

*Take my life, that I may be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

**1 Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee. Refrain**

**2 Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect and use  
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. Refrain**

**3 Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only for my King;  
take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee. Refrain**

**4 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne. Refrain**

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, adap.;  
Spanish text: Vicente Mendoza, 1875-1955

## ↑ 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.**

## ↑ KYRIE *Glory to God* p. 147

*In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.*

*For the peace from above, and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.*

*For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being  
of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us  
pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.*

*For this holy house, and for all who offer here their  
worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy.*

*Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
Amen.*

## ↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Creator God, **you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## ↓ FIRST READING

Isaiah 43:16-21

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD,  
 who makes a way in the sea,  
 a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse,  
 army and warrior;  
 they lie down; they cannot rise;  
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things  
 or consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup> I am about to do a new thing;  
 now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?  
 I will make a way in the wilderness  
 and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup> The wild animals will honor me,  
 the jackals and the ostriches,  
 for I give water in the wilderness,  
 rivers in the desert,  
 to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself  
 so that they might declare my praise.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ↓ Psalm 126

<sup>1</sup> When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
 then were we like those who dream.  
<sup>2</sup> **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our  
 tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said  
 among the nations, "The LORD has done great  
 things for them."**  
<sup>3</sup> The LORD has done great things for us,  
 and we are glad indeed.  
<sup>4</sup> **Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
 like the watercourses of the Negeb.**  
<sup>5</sup> Those who sowed with tears  
 will reap with songs of joy.  
<sup>6</sup> **Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
 will come again with joy, shouldering their  
 sheaves.**

## ↓ SECOND READING

Philippinas 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup> If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup> Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup> More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to lay hold of that for which Christ has laid hold of me.

<sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have laid hold of it, but one thing I have laid hold of: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal, toward the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## ↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

p. 151

*Return to the Lord, your God,  
 for he is gracious and merciful,  
 slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.*

## ↑ GOSPEL

John 12:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 12<sup>th</sup>  
 chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. <sup>3</sup> Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> "Why was this perfume not

sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?"<sup>6</sup> (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.)<sup>7</sup> Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial."<sup>8</sup> You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

#### ↓ SERMON

#### ↓ HYMN *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less* \* #596 vs. 1 & 4

**1** *My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
no merit of my own I claim,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

#### Refrain

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.*

**4** *When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
oh, may I then in him be found,  
clothed in his righteousness alone,  
redeemed to stand before the throne! Refrain*

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

#### ↑ APOSTLES' CREED p. 105

Let us profess our faith in the words of the 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

*(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.

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

#### *A brief silence.*

The church declares your praise, O God. Guide us in the example of Isaiah's imagination, Paul's transformed identity, and Mary's faith and devotion; that our lives, too, may be poured out in love as we trust in your promises. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

The earth declares your praise, O God. Make a way for the planet's future in the sea and the wilderness, the mountains and plains, the tundra and wetlands. Repair habitats and sustainable ecosystems on, above, and beneath the ground. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

The nations declare your praise, O God. Where religious differences divide, bring together those who worship you in the name of Jesus Christ and those who call to you with different names. Guide interreligious dialogue, that faith may unite rather than divide communities.. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

The people declare your praise, O God. Restore those whose hope has been dampened through a health diagnosis, job or home loss, divorce, or death. Bring healing to those in need, especially *the family of Helen, 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.* May all who weep now sing songs of joy again. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the ministries of your Word, for Trinity Church Council, the Strategic Exploration Team, the priesthood of all believers, First Baptist Church in Alameda, the Lutheran Church of Kagitumba in Rwanda and our Sunday School. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

The gifts of the Spirit declare your praise, O God. We thank you for artists who proclaim the gospel. Inspire music, poetry, and images that proclaim the new thing you are doing. God, in your mercy, **receive 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*

The communion of saints declares your praise, O God. Giving thanks for those who have died, we trust in the one who has made them his own: Christ Jesus, our crucified and risen Savior. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**

## ✠ MEAL ✠

### ↑ SHARING THE PEACE

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

### ↓ OFFERING

### ↑ GREAT THANKSGIVING

p. 152

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

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### ↑ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

p. 153

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

### ↑ 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

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread. **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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**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

### ↑ 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. Generous Host, **you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

✠ **SENDING** ✠

↑ **BLESSING**

↑ **CHOIR**

*Guide My Feet*

Text: African American spiritual

↑ **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

**Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE** *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

Tune: *Sojourner*, African American spiritual

Alternate accompaniment hymnal version

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\* Denotes a selection from the 2024 favorite hymns list.

# THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AT TRINITY

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 43

## IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK:

Mon 4/7	9:30am	Craft Group
Tues 4/8	7:30am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study (meets on Zoom)
Wed 4/9	10:00am	Women's Bible Study (meets on Zoom)
Thurs 4/10	12:00pm	Lent Luncheon and Program (fellowship hall)
Sun 4/13	8:45am	Pop-up Choir Rehearsal
	9:30am	Palm Sunday Worship

*Call to Allyship* book study follows worship- in the sanctuary

**THE EASTER EGG HUNT IS ALMOST HERE!** We are collecting wrapped candies or other small items to be stuffed into Easter eggs. If you would like to contribute, please bring in your donations by Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. There is a basket in the church entryway to place your contributions.

*Please note: all items must be individually wrapped, so please avoid things like loose jelly beans.*

**THE MISSION & SERVICE COMMITTEE** will continue their 2025 focus of letter writing for advocacy in April with letters to our congress representatives asking them to protect and strengthen programs for children and families, namely the SNAP and WIC programs. Please join us **this morning** and April 13<sup>th</sup> during Coffee Hour to participate.

Our February letter writing to our congress representatives directed towards Social Security and Medicare collected 26 letters to each of our Congress people, which means 78 letters were collected and sent!

**BOOK STUDY** on "Call to Allyship" meet this morning after worship in the sanctuary (we've outgrown the meeting room!).

**OUR NEXT LENTEN ACTIVITY** will take place next Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Beginning at Noon, it will be a light luncheon with program following. The theme for our program is "All Things Trinity!", where we will have asy conversation time to share our stories about Trinity and hear what your dreams are for the future. Please see the sign-up sheet in the church entryway to RSVP for lunch, which will be provided by Trinity, so that we can plan accordingly.

## **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 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025** A 90 minute train ride departing from the Sunol Train Depot (6 Kilkare 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 18<sup>th</sup> (Good Friday). Checks payable to American Cancer Society.

**UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORY COMING SOON!** Please see Jessica this morning to review and confirm your entry in the Church Directory so that we have the correct phone numbers and email addresses ahead of printing new copies. We hope to have the most up to date directories in your hands on Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

**COFFEE HOUR NEEDS HOSTS.** Please look at the sign-up sheet and see where you might be able to fill-in.

**THE MIDWAY SHELTER MEAL** for April is April 27<sup>th</sup>. 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: Demeter Lamb  
Reader: Mary James  
Greeters: Mark Schoenrock  
Children's Attendant: Karol Luque  
Coffee Hour: Jessica Fleischman  
Altar Guild: Marvera Kline

### **Next Sunday, 4/13**

Assisting Minister: Kaye Fitzsimons  
Reader: Anita Burnaford  
Greeters: Chuck & Sherri Bangert  
Children's Attendant: Jessica Fleischman  
Coffee Hour: *Needs a host*  
Altar Guild: Joanne Robinson

### **Next Week's Scripture Readings:**

Isaiah 43:16-21  
Psalm 126  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
John 12:1-8