



## 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.*

### The Third Sunday after Easter April 19, 2026

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Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

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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

Parents/caregivers of children who are six or younger are welcome to take their children to the children's room during the worship service for childcare. If you are new or visiting Trinity, please see a greeter who will show you where the children's room is located. You are welcome to bring them back for a blessing during communion or pick them up at the conclusion of worship.

## ↓ PRELUDE

## ✠ 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!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water is poured to refill the baptismal font*

Merciful God,  
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ,  
you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit,  
you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

## ↑ HYMN

*That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*  
#384 vs. 1,2,4

- 1 That Easter day with joy was bright;  
the sun shone out with fairer light  
when, to their longing eyes restored,  
th'apostles saw their risen Lord!**
- 2 O Jesus, king of gentleness,  
with constant love our hearts possess;  
to you our lips will ever raise  
the tribute of our grateful praise.**
- 3 All praise, O risen Lord, we give  
to you, once dead, but now alive!  
To God the Father equal praise,  
and God the Spirit, now we raise!**

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

## ↑ 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

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- 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, **your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. 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.**

✠ WORD ✠

↓ 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.

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

↓ Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19      (read responsively)

<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 repay 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!**

↓ SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:17-23

<sup>17</sup> If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person’s work, live in fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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 24:13-35

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## ↓SERMON

### ↓CHOIR *With High Delight Let Us Unite*

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## ↑ APOSTLES' CREED

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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.

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

### *A brief silence.*

Living Savior, just as you journeyed with the disciples to Emmaus, accompany us on our journey of faith. Gather us at your table, that we recognize you in the breaking of the bread. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Almighty God, you provide for the needs of all creation. Bless the fields that are being prepared for planting, and send favorable weather so that the soil may yield an abundant harvest. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of justice, where leaders abuse power, confront them and call them to repentance. Where there is corruption, bring integrity; where there is violence, sow peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing Savior, your resurrection brings hope to a hurting world. Heal those who are sick, especially *Elizabeth Madaras, David Sieber, Lyla Hanson, Dennis Assid, Juliane Pew, Tracie Rasmussen, David Wentz, Harry Olsen, Jose Hernandez, Tanas and his parents, Henry G., Paul M., Sonya, Michelle Koka, Nevi Zabilski, Ann Kenyon, Ginny Parsons, Lou O'Connell, Ryan Simpson, Peter Dow, Jane McDermott, Mary Goglio, Constance Farber, Alan Petersen, Annalise Simmons, Helen Pedersen, Tricia, Deanna Madarasz, Nancy Stich, Patricia Runo, Michael Rasmussen, Kate Ganschow, Michael Lamb, Maddy Pearce, and Dorothy Wingire.* Strengthen the weary, give courage to the despairing, and comfort the dying. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the ministries of your Word, for Trinity Church Council, Trinity's Transition Team, the priesthood of all believers, Napa Valley Lutheran Church in Napa, 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. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Gracious One, you have made us your own through the gift of baptism. Unite us in genuine love for one another and uphold this community in your name. 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*

Eternal Light, we give thanks for all who have nurtured your church's life in ages past. Bring us at last with them to the brightness of your glorious presence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through 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. Holy One,  
through this meal you have made your home  
among us and are making all things new. Send us  
now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our  
enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations.  
In the name of Jesus, Amen.

## ✠ SENDING ✠

### ↑BLESSING

↑HYMN      *This Joyful Eastertide*      #391

**1** *This joyful Eastertide,  
away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the Crucified,  
has sprung to life this morrow.*

#### *Refrain*

*Had Christ, who once was slain,  
not burst his three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain.  
But now has Christ arisen,  
arisen, arisen, arisen.*

**2** *My flesh in hope shall rest  
and for a season slumber  
till trump from east to west  
shall wake the dead in number. Refrain*

**3** *Death's flood has lost its chill  
since Jesus crossed the river.  
Lover of souls, from ill  
my passing soul deliver. Refrain*

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848-1934

### ↑DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### ↑ POSTLUDE

# THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AT TRINITY

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 42

## IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK:

Mon 4/20	9:30am	Craft Group
Wed 4/22	7:30am	Tuesday Morning Bible Study (meets on Zoom)
	10:00am	Women's Bible Study (meets on Zoom)
Thurs 4/23	6:15pm	Council Meeting
Sun 4/19	8:45am	Pop-up Choir Rehearsal
	9:30am	Worship

**OUR APRIL MIDWAY MEAL NEEDS SOME VOLUNTEERS.** Please see the sign-up sheet in the church entryway if you can provide a portion of the meal for next Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Last Call! SYNOD ASSEMBLY:** We need one more delegate. The Assembly will take place in 3 parts- an in-person gathering on May 30<sup>th</sup> in San Jose from 9am-3pm, a business meeting from 9am-Noon on Zoom on 6/13 and a budget meeting, also on Zoom from 9am-Noon in the fall (date not yet determined). If you are interested in being our delegate, please see Jessica.

**G-SQUARED (Geoff Burnaford and Gunther Hofmann)** will be taking part in a fundraiser next Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Healing Garden on Webster Street. Please see the insert in today's bulletin for more information. G<sup>2</sup> hopes to see you there!

**TOMORROW YOUTH REPRETORY (TYR) is back for their Spring Performance Session.** This season's performance is called "Little Red Meets a Wolf". Performances will take place at Trinity over the next four weekends. You can come see this show at one of these performance times:

*Fri. 4/24 7pm; Sat. 4/25 3pm or 7pm; Sun 4/26 3pm; Fri 5/1 7pm; Sat 5/2 12pm, 3:30pm, 7pm; Sun 5/3 3:pm or 6:30pm; Fri 5/8 7pm; Sat 5/9 12pm; 3:30pm, 7pm; Sun 5/10 3pm or 6:30pm; Fri 5/15 7pm; Sat 5/16 12pm, 3pm, 7pm; Sun 5/17 3pm*

### A synopsis of this play:

The story is all over town. As Little Red went into the forest to deliver breads and cakes to her sick grandma, Little Red Met A Wolf. And then, in sinister fashion, the wolf attacked and ate the little girl. Fortunately, a hunter who was passing by spotted the wolf, and rescued Little Red. And now Little Red is safe back at home, and everyone is so glad.

There's only one problem: The story wasn't exactly true....

And now that lie is starting to have unintended consequences. And now the town is whipped into a fury. And now all the best hunters in the land are descending on the forest, in search of wolves that they believe are all "Big and Bad."

As her lies add up, and the world closes in, Little Red must set out on a journey to save the very thing she once demonized. But with her story spinning further and further out of her control, can she really make things right?

Written by TYR's Tyler Null, and featuring a slew of popular songs recognizable to the young and less-young, this original take on the classic tale explores prejudices that we find in the world around and also inside of us, and how we face our mistakes.

**Assisting in Worship:**

Assisting Minister: Mary Kay Wentz  
Reader: Mark Schoenrock  
Greeters: Marvera Kline  
Children's Attendant: Kaye Fitzsimons  
Coffee Hour: open  
Altar Guild: Marvera Kline

**Next Week's Scripture Readings:**

Acts 2:42-47  
Psalm 23  
1 Peter 2:19-25  
John 10:1-10