



# Trinity Lutheran Church

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Easter  
April 12, 2026



## Welcome

### Invocation:

P: Let us worship together in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

### \*Confession of Sin and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God in mystery and majesty. In the presence of the living God let us confess our sin.

C: **We confess that we often set our minds towards things of death, and not on the life that is revealed in Christ. In our fear and trembling we can quickly turn from You towards ourselves. Our fear leads us to doubt your promise, harm our neighbor, and neglect your creation. We repent of our sin and ask that You renew us, O God, so that we may live each day in the newness of life that is ours through Christ's resurrection. By the mercy of Your beloved Son forgive us our sin, renewing us to love and serve our neighbour by the leading of Your Holy Spirit.**

P: Christ Jesus proclaims, "Do not be afraid!" to all whom He greets after His resurrection from the dead. He proclaims those same words to us still today. It is my joy as a called servant in Christ's church and by Christ's authority to speak these words of life to you – in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven! You do not have to fear. Rejoice and be at peace, alive in the everlasting mercy and love of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hymn: "In Christ Alone"

## Apostle's Creed

## Children's Story

Children will go down to Sunday School

### God's Word: Acts 5:29-42

But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup>The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him." <sup>33</sup>When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. <sup>34</sup>But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law, respected by all the people, stood up and ordered the men to be put outside for a short time. <sup>35</sup>Then he said to them, "Fellow Israelites, consider carefully what you propose to do to these men. <sup>36</sup>For some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him; but he was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and disappeared. <sup>37</sup>After him Judas the Galilean rose up at the time of the census and got people to follow him; he also perished, and all who followed him were scattered. <sup>38</sup>So in the present case, I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone; because if this plan or this undertaking is of human origin, it will fail; <sup>39</sup>but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them—in that case you may even be found fighting against God!" They were convinced by him, <sup>40</sup>and when they had called in the apostles, they had them flogged. Then they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. <sup>41</sup>As they left the council, they rejoiced that they were considered worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of

the name. <sup>42</sup>And every day in the temple and at home they did not cease to teach and proclaim Jesus as the Messiah.

### **God's Word: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

<sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**Hymn:**

“We Walk by Faith Not by Sight”

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### **Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31**

When 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.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” <sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So 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.”

<sup>26</sup>A 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.” <sup>27</sup>Then 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.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But 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.

### **Message**

**Offertory:**

Offering will be received at this time

**Prayers of the People:**

**Lord's Prayer:**

**Benediction:**

**Sending Hymn:**

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

WOV 723

**Dismissal**

**P:** Go in the peace of Christ, you are loved and sent.

**C:** **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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