

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH.

The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod

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*The Third Sunday Of Easter*

*April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021*



**Our hymns for today: 463, 465, 477, 461, 680, 475**

## AS WE GATHER

Welcome to all who join us for worship today. We pray that God will bless you with a stronger faith through our worship service. If you are visiting, please fill out our guest book located in the narthex, and introduce yourself to our pastor as you leave worship.

## PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

O God, you give faith to believe in the healing power of your Word: Put away from us, we entreat you, temptations to doubt Your providential care and give us those things that are profitable for our salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Divine Service Setting Four, Page 203

### Christ, The Lord, Is Risen Today! Alleluia!

LSB 463



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Hail, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
All your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



Of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
When con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



At the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

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*Stand*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\cdot\text{I}\cdot$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace, we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. Therefore, in the stead and by the command of my Lord, Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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

**Introit**

*Psalm 30: 1-5; antiphon: Psalm 16:11*

In your presence there is fullness of joy; \*

at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, \*

and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, \*

and you have healed me.

O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; \*

you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, \*

and give thanks to his | holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. \*

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes in the morning.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

In your presence there is full- | ness of joy;\*

at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

## Kyrie

LSB 204



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son, You saved this fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the fear of everlasting death, neverending gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## The First Lesson

*Acts 3:11-21*

<sup>11</sup>While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made this man walk? <sup>13</sup>"The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. <sup>17</sup>"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

Christ has risen from the dead. [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor, He has given him dominion over the works of his hands; he has put all things under his feet.

## Epistle

*1<sup>st</sup> John 3:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 24:36-49*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter, vs. 36-49.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate before them. <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

**P** This is the Holy Gospel of the Lord!

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ!**

## Apostles' Creed

**G** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

# Now All The Vault Of Heaven Resounds

LSB 465



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -  
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer  
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and  
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us  
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's  
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 life And by His pres - ence stills all  
 day That by our lives we tru - ly  
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!" Al - le -  
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing! Al - le -  
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Al - le -  
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing! Al - le -



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

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Sermon



## Prayer of the Church

*Stand*

### Preface

*LSB 208*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

*LSB 208*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us, and given Your only Son that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life. We praise You, for Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him. Grant us, O Lord, that faithfully eating His body and drinking His blood, we may receive the fullness of Your grace and truth in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## **Lord's Prayer**

- C** **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.**

## **The Words of Our Lord**

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you. Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 210

**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Sit*

*If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, you are invited to communion. If you are not a member of the LCMS and desire to commune at this altar, please contact Pastor Verseemann to arrange new member classes so that the confession of Christ from this altar and pulpit may become your confession of faith. As a confirmed member we will then be one in faith and you will joyously be invited to receive Christ's body and blood from this altar for the strengthening of your faith. Peace in Christ.*

## Distribution

### Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts To Heaven And Voices Raise

LSB 477



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:  
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:  
3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
See the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;  
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va - tion bled—  
Once He died, and once was bur-ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,  
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir-it, Fount of love and sanc-ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.  
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor-ship and a - dore.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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# I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB 461



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to  
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious  
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry  
guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.  
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.  
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;  
He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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# Thine The Amen, Thine The Praise

LSB 680



1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -  
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the  
 3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the  
 4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the  
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more



lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head  
 prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree  
 ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee  
 won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise  
 dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree



Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the  
 All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the  
 Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the  
 Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the  
 Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly



sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the  
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the  
 sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the  
 sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the  
 ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the



vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.  
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.  
 liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.  
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.  
 splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

*(Personal Prayer Of Thanksgiving After Receiving The Lord's Supper)*

Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this Holy Supper of Your body and blood. Keep us in Your favor, and in our faith in You as our Savior, that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the one true saving faith unto life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of Your Name. Amen.

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 211*

**1** O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
**2** All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Benedicamus And Benediction

LSB 212

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Good Christian Friends, Rejoice And Sing

LSB 475



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to  
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:  
strew His way; Let all the world 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!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS** may be found on the stand outside the center sanctuary doors,  
**P.A. DEVICE AVAILABLE** - Please see an usher if you have difficulty hearing.

**PEW CUSHIONS** are available from a box near the Usher's Stand. Help yourself and please feel free to leave them in your seat after services.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TODAY AT 10:15 A.M.**

**PRE-K** – Blain Powell and Denise Roberts – Downstairs

**KINDERGARTEN – 3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE** – Cathy Kurecki – Downstairs

**4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> GRADE** – Linda Staff – Classroom across from the church office

**HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY** – Elizabeth Verseemann & Tracue England – Conference Room.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** – Pastor Verseemann – Downstairs

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** regularly scheduled hours: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Tuesday through Friday. Pastor Verseemann's hours are 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM (tentative), Tuesday through Friday. If you need to speak with him, please call the church office at 422-3630 to make an appointment.

**Offering for April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021** \_\_\_\_\_

**Weekly Average Offering for 2021** \_\_\_\_\_

**Weekly Offerings Needed for 2021 Budget** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$4,107.92**

**Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**9:00 AM – Worship Service**

**10:15 AM – Sunday School, High School Bible Study, Adult Bible Study**

**11:30 AM – Board of Education meeting in Conference Room**

**5:30 PM – Youth Group Meeting At Church**

**Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

*No Office Hours*

**Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Pastor Verseemann on vacation.*

**Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

**11:00 AM – Worship Service**

**Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**8:30 AM – Quilting**

**Sunday, January 10, 2021**

**9:00 AM – Worship Service**

**10:15 AM – Sunday School, High School Bible Study, Adult Bible Study**

### **Leading us in Worship Today:**

The Officiant	Rev. Matthew Verseemann
The Organist	Kaye Beals
The Elder	Jim Harper
The Usher	Brandon Kurecki
The Altar Guild	Tracie England
The Acolyte	Elena Rivera
The Offering Counters	Bill and Diana Buechsenschuetz

### **Our Volunteers for Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

The Officiant	Rev. Bob Bruer
The Organist	Kaye Beals
The Altar Guild	Elizabeth Verseemann

### **Our Volunteers for Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The Officiant	Rev. Bob Bruer
The Organist	Rachel Verseemann
The Elder	Bill Suechsenschuetz
The Usher	John Pranschke
The Altar Guild	Kristy Pranschke
The Acolyte	Jaret Allen
The Offering Counters	Kent Birmingham, Susan Birmingham

### ***Volunteers To Serve Snacks And Clean Up For Adult Bible Class:***

*April 18<sup>th</sup> Zack & Alicia Parkinson*

*April 25<sup>th</sup> Jim & Sharon Harper*

### **LIFE THOUGHTS in the CHURCH YEAR**

Adoption is not an afterthought for our Almighty God. It delights Him to bring every human life into His family this way (Ephesians 1:5). He even arranged for a human husband to adopt His only-begotten Son (Luke 2:48). This relationship captures the very heart of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. His grace has taught us how no child ever goes entirely unwanted. The same heavenly joy awaits all those who open their homes to little ones in need.

## **NEW PROTOCOL FOR HOLY COMMUNION!!!**

As we SLOWLY return our Worship service to ‘normal’ (ie. Pre-CoVid standards), our congregational members are now invited to either kneel or stand for Holy Communion – whatever you are most comfortable doing. NOTE: In order to help maintain health and safety protocols, our acolyte will wipe down the communion rail with disinfectant after each table of communion. We want to do everything decently and in order in God’s house to bless our worshipers, while also remembering to trust in the Lord in all things.

## **WORSHIP CONTINUES ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS AT 11:00 AM!!!**

For those members who are still concerned about returning to worship, we’d like you to prayerfully consider attending Trinity’s worship on Wednesday mornings. We normally average only 6 worshipers, in a sanctuary that can hold 300. Social distancing continues to be practiced. Facemasks, hand-sanitizer, and gloves are available. We do not use common hymnals at this time. The entire service is contained in a bulletin that is only touched by you, and can be taken home or tossed after the service. Offering plates are not being passes, but worshipers place their offerings in a collection box, when they pick up their bulletin. You can have confidence in the safety you will enjoy in our Wednesday worship services, in addition to the confidence that we always have in our Savior, Jesus, to protect us at all times!

NOTE: As we near summer, and our members begin to travel, vacation, and attend activities on the weekends, please prayerfully consider attending worship on Wednesday mornings, as your Sunday morning alternative!



**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING TODAY, AFTER  
SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE CLASS IN CONERENCE ROOM**



**YOUTH MEETING TODAY, AT CHURCH, 5:30-7:30 PM!**

*A Very Happy Birthday to:*

<i>Terry Sadowski</i>	<i>April 18<sup>th</sup></i>
<i>Rachel Buckley</i>	<i>April 19<sup>th</sup></i>
<i>Art Jacoby</i>	<i>April 20<sup>th</sup></i>
<i>Matthew Kurecki</i>	<i>April 22<sup>nd</sup></i>

*Family prayers for*

*Holly Flanigan, and Joe Flanigan (and family)*

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by  
Anonymous, for blessings received!*

*The worship folders are given to the glory of God by  
Mike and Cathy Kurecki for blessings received!*



### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR THE MEMBERS OF TRINITY**

The members of the Association Churches of the LSA are encouraged to volunteer at the LSA Resale Shop at any time, but especially on Trinity's designated Thursday. Trinity has been assigned the second Thursday of each month, from 3:00-8:30 pm, as "our time" for volunteering and serving. You do NOT need to stay the entire time, but can come and go as you please. However, we want to make this a little more fun for the members of Trinity. So here's what we're going to do. At 5 pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month, all of our members, who are volunteering, will go out to eat together at a local eatery. As a result, you can volunteer from 3-5 pm, and then join us for supper. Or, you can meet at the LSA Resale Shop at 5 pm, join us for supper, and then head back to serve from 6:30-8:30 pm. A little bird told me there is often times dessert at the Resale Shop at 6:30 pm. Please join us on Thursday, January 7th!

### **OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE MEMBERS OF TRINITY**

There are many ways to get involved at Trinity, and Trinity needs your gifts and service! If you would like to volunteer in any of the following ways, please let Pastor know, or feel free to call Judy Rich, our church secretary, at: (217)422-3630. Trinity would love to have you volunteer, and serve our Lord in any of the following ways: Would you like to sing in our choir?..... Sing a solo during worship?.....Play an instrument to accompany the organ, or as a solo?.... Usher?.....Serve on the Altar Guild?.....Be an Acolyte (for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders)?.....Help teach Sunday School?.....Provide snacks and coffee on Sunday mornings, for Adult Bible class?..... Help our groundskeepers?.....Join our Quilters?.....Video Tape our Worship services?..... Help with Vacation Bible School?.....Send greeting and care cards to our inactive members?... Do extra cleaning at our church?.....Provide snacks for Pastor's New Member classes?..... Plan and lead fellowship events?.....Help with office work, when Judy needs help?..... Provide meals to sick members?.....Babysit, when a special need arises?....and on, and on....



**REMINDER:** Because of privacy concerns, hospitals no longer notify us when a member has been admitted so, if you or a family member are hospitalized and would like a pastoral visit, please make the pastor or the church office aware. Thanks!



If you have a family member in the military you would like us to pray for once a month, please let Pastor Verseemann know.



**YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS PROVIDE FOR THE MINISTRY OF GOD'S WORD AT TRINITY** As we all know, Trinity is a small congregation, and yet God continues to bless the ministry of His Word in this place. Your support is vitally important to the on-going ministry of God's Word at Trinity. When you are unable to worship in person, please consider mailing in your offering to the church, bringing it to the office, or by giving your gift on-line at: [www.tithe.ly](http://www.tithe.ly) Thank you.



**Pastor Verseemann is on vacation this week. Rev. Bob Bruer is "On-Call" in Pastor Verseemann's absence. If a need or an emergency should arise, please contact Pastor Bruer at: (217)791-5675.**

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Due to Governor Pritzker's ruling, we are now able to have worship services limited to fifty people or less. Trinity will have two services each week. Please call the church office (217-422-3630) to sign up to attend a service.

**Our two service times are:** Sundays at 9 AM and Wednesdays at 11 AM.

**The Main Safety Protocols to follow are:** First of all, if you feel unwell, have a fever, cough, or shortness of breath, do not enter the church building. Only the MAIN ENTRANCE DOOR will be unlocked. Please wear a mask when entering the church building. Please use the hand-sanitizer and disposable gloves provided on the table inside the main entrance. If you don't have a mask, please use one from the table as well.



Attention Nurses! We have a new location for the first aid supplies AND diabetic kit. It is on the bottom right of the mailboxes in plastic containers which are marked with a red cross. The diabetic kit is marked "diabetic kit". There is also orange juice in the refrigerator in the office.

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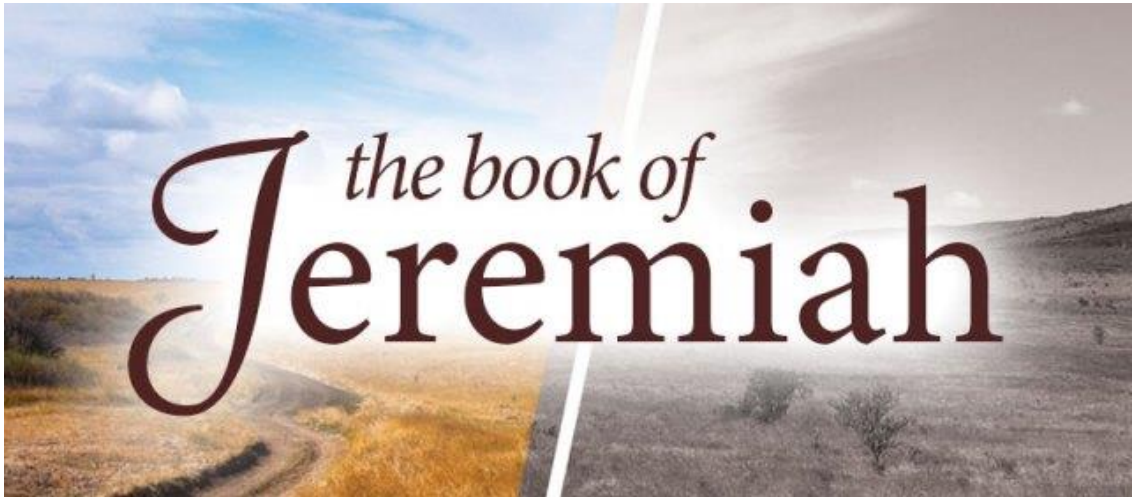
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### **CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY AT TRINITY!!**

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to take an actual seminary class? Well here's your opportunity. Dr. Reed Lessing (Pastor Verseemann's favorite professor) of Concordia University, St. Paul, Minnesota, will be teaching a class this summer at Trinity, called: "The Book Of Jeremiah - Overcoming Life's Sorrows". This class will be held Monday-Wednesday, June 21-23. This class is for both pastors and laity. However, because of all the expenses involved, this is not a free class. The registration fee for laity is: \$100/person (which includes, continental breakfasts, one lunch, snacks, and an evening reception).

For more information, please speak with Pastor Verseemann, about this wonderful opportunity to learn God's Word from an excellent teacher, as he unfolds The Book Of Jeremiah, as we all face "Life's Sorrows".