

CONFESSION OF SINS

- P: We come into God's presence this joyous day to worship Jesus, our Risen Savior. But we have not always worshiped him as we ought, and we justly deserve to be cast out of God's presence forever. Therefore, let us confess our sins to our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, and plead for his mercy.
- C: Dear Jesus Christ, my Risen Savior, I confess to you that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions, in what I have done and what I have not done. Because of this, I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in your love and forgiveness, I plead: have mercy on me, a sinner.**
- P: Jesus was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. (Rom. 4:25) His death made the full payment required for all your sins. His resurrection is God's proof that he accepted that sacrifice and has declared you "not guilty." Therefore as a called servant of Jesus Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Christ is risen!
- C: Amen. He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**
- P: Let us pray.
Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever
- C: Amen**

(Please be seated.)

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON – Isaiah 25:6-9 (Read Responsively)

Fear is not our lot and death is not our goal. God prepares for us a feast in heaven guaranteed by Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead.

- P: On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples,
- C: A banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines.**
- P: On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all people, the sheet that covers all nations;
- C: He will swallow up death forever.**

P: The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces;
C: He will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth.
P: The Lord has spoken.
C: In that day they will say, "Surely this our God; we trusted in him and he saved us.
P: This is the Lord we trusted in him;
C: Let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 118

Spoken responsively.

P: The Lord is my strength and my song;
C: he has become my salvation.
P: The Lord's right hand is lifted high;
C: the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!
P: I will not die but live,
C: and will proclaim what the Lord has done.
P: I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
C: you have become my salvation.
P: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;
C: the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.
P: This is the day the Lord has made;
C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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

SECOND LESSON – 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Death is not the end. Because of Jesus' resurrection, we have the victory over death. With death defeated, we have nothing to fear in this life and the life to come.

¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

TRINITY QUARTET

“Halleluja Chorus:

*(Kyara Koepsell, Deb Enderle,
Steve Rausch, Dan Webb-Sunrise service)*

(Please stand)

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia. (Psalm 118:24)

GOSPEL – Mark 16:1-8

The women find the empty tomb, hear the angel's announcement, and run away in fear. But the angel comforts them with the Easter message that rings true today, “Don't be alarmed. Don't be afraid.”

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ² Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³ and they asked each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?”

⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

⁶ “Don't be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’”

⁸ Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

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 for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian 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.

(Please be seated.)

HYMN

152 v.1, 2, 5 - "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"

**1. I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence
gives! He lives, he lives, who once was
dead; He lives, my ever-living Head!**

**2. He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save.
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.**

**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.**

SERMON Text: Mark 16:1-8
Theme: The Empty Tomb Uncovers Two Fears
I. Sinful fear makes us unstable
II. Jesus' resurrection instills holy fear in us.

HYMN 152 v. 7, 8 - "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"

**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!"**

(Please Stand.)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

(Please be seated.)

DISTRIBUTION

Handbell Choir

(Sunrise service)

(Please stand)

CLOSING PRAYER

P: Grant, O Lord, that the lips which here have sung your praises here, may continue to glorify you in the world; that the ears which have heard you speak may be open always to your Word and closed to discord; that the tongues which have confessed your name may always speak the truth without fear; that all of us who have worshiped together today may be united in true love for each other as you have love us, through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen (spoken)

BLESSING

P: "Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! Therefore, brothers and sisters in Christ, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always gives yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." (1 Corinthians 15:58)

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen (spoken)

CLOSING HYMN

341 v. 1, 3 – "Crown him with Many Crowns"

1. Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark how the heav'nly
anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless
King Through all eternity.

3. 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.



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GREETERS

today are:

Jim & Jane Smith – Early Service
Mike & Jill Woodward – Late Service

Next Sunday:

Mark & Kathi Curth – Early Service
Bob & Julie Inniger – Late Service

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of March 28, 2021)

Total Worship Attendance: 212; Early: 84; Late: 128; Adult Bible Study: 26; Teen Bible Study: 3. On-line worship service views for March 21 were 45.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through April 10 are the members of Mark Boehm's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, April 11 will be the members of James Miles' Undershepherd group.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (April 4 – April 11)

TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30; Easter Sunday; Communion.

MON Mornings with Mommy 9:30.

TUE Mornings with Mommy 9:30.

WED On-line catechism 6:30; Handbell practice 6:30.

SUN **Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30;** Children's Lesson; Adult Bible Study; Teen Bible Study 9:20; *Special Voters Meeting/Call Meeting-time to be determined*; Elders 1:00; Outreach 2:00.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

WED Chapel 8:20.

HOLY COMMUNION: The Bible teaches us that Holy Communion is a public demonstration of participants' united confession of the Bible's teachings (1 Cor. 10:17). Since we strive to follow all that the Bible teaches, we believe that members of this congregation or the WELS or ELS synod are united in the true teaching and may commune together. All guests should speak with a pastor before Communion, to first determine if unity of faith exists. We're eager to establish a unity of faith and to declare this oneness at Communion with you.

LWMS HEARTLAND & OHIO CIRCUIT RALLY will be held this coming Saturday, April 10, 2021 at Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Mansfield, from 9:30am to noon. Guest speaker will be Pastor Scott Miller, Home Missionary and LWMS Pastoral Advisor. Sign-up on line at sites.google.com/site/lwmsheartland/. There is also a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Please let Cheryl Kretz (419-326-6993) know if you are going.

FREE WILL OFFERING: We will have a free will offering for Traci Hummer as a gift when her ministry at our school comes to an end at the end of this school year. Watch the bulletin for details.

RAIN, CLOUDS, AND PUDDLES: Mornings with Mommy meets on Monday, April 5 or Tuesday, April 6 in the church basement from 9:30-10:30. We have activities planned for you to enjoy with your children ages 0-6. Join us to play with rainbow colored oatmeal, put on a raincoat and splash in puddles, make a rain stick, and explore blue rice. Register online at tlcienera.org or call 262-391-7994.

SPECIAL COMMUNION SERVICES: We will continue to offer special communion only services once a month. The next one will be April 18 at 1:00pm. Please email or call the school office to sign up.



DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS the 7th and 8th graders will not be able to take their biannual Chicago Trip. They will, however, be able to take a 3 day trip to southern Ohio where they will participate in various learning activities and new experiences.

The students thank you for supporting this trip with your purchase of spaghetti dinner tickets. To continue to raise funds we are also hosting a meat package raffle. Each ticket is \$10 and the drawing will be held on April 30, 2021. The package includes:

- 4 lbs. T-bone steaks
- 4 lbs. rib steaks
- 8 lbs. skirt steaks
- 8 lbs. sirloin steaks
- 16 lbs. chuck roasts
- 20 lbs. hamburger (1 lb. pkgs.)
- 12 lbs. hamburger patties

If you would like to purchase tickets, please see any 7th or 8th grade student/parent, Mr. Koepsell, or by calling the school office at 419.326.4685.

A SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING will be held Sunday, April 11. We will be discussing the future of busing at our school as well as masonry work on the school. The congregation (all voters, men, and women) and school parents are encouraged to attend to voice your opinions on these important matters. The time is to be determined.

CALL MEETING: In conjunction with the Special Voters Meeting, there will also be a Call Meeting on Sunday, April 11th to call a second pastor. All voters are encouraged to attend. All members, men and women, regardless of voting status, are welcome as well.

WE WANT YOU!



Our school is in desperate need of a full time bus driver to drive morning and afternoon routes each school day throughout the school year. We are also in need of substitute bus drivers. If you are interested in either position, please contact the school office or any school board member. Drivers need not be a Trinity member, so if you know of someone who may be interested, please share with them.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School lesson packets for three-you-olds, containing lessons 20-25 are available for pick up in the narthex on the left side of the Sunday School table. Students in Preschool through eighth grade may find lessons-on-video at nph.net/ss-at-home. Lesson packets that go with the videos are on the table in the narthex. The Bible lesson are adjusted for Holy Week and Easter so for today/this week is #11, "Jesus' Enemies Deny the Resurrection." May God bless us and our children as we hear and read these lessons from the Bible.

LADIES AID GUEST NIGHT: Mary Ann Gallant will be sharing her trip to Israel at the Ladies Aid Guest Night Monday, April 12th at 7:30pm. The presentation will take place in the narthex with current CoVID restrictions in place. Everyone is welcome. There will be a short business meeting following the presentation.



"Thanks to all the people who have given me birthday cards and Christmas cards during my time in Vancrest Nursing Home." Norm Schaller

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL REGISTRATION: Now is the time to get your children registered for the 2021-2022 school year. **The deadline is April 12th.** If you have not received your registration packet, or if you know of someone who is interested in our school, please contact the office, either by phone or email. We are still accepting students to our preschool/prekindergarten program, as well. Simple registration forms can be found on the table in the narthex or they also be obtained from the school office, along with the complete Pre-K packet.