



Sunday, April 11, 2021

Easter 2

Worship focus:

Celebrate Jesus' Victory: It Gives Peace

OPENING HYMN

141 – “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” (verses 1, 2, &4)
(The “Amen” is sung after the last hymn only.)

**1. At the Lamb’s high feast we sing
Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide
Flowing from his piercéd side.
Alleluia!**

**2. Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell’s fierce pow’rs beneath you lie.
You have conquered in the fight;
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!**

**4. Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin’s pow’r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!**

Please stand.

P: The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON – Acts 26:19-29

Paul testifies to King Agrippa about his vision of the resurrected Jesus on the road to Damascus. The risen Savior turned around Paul's life.

“So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven.²⁰ First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and to the Gentiles also, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds.²¹ That is why the Jews seized me in the temple courts and tried to kill me.²² But I have had God’s help to this very day, and so I stand here and testify to small and great alike. I am saying nothing beyond what the prophets and Moses said would happen—²³ that the Christ would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, would proclaim light to his own people and to the Gentiles.”²⁴ At this point Festus interrupted Paul’s defense. “You are out of your mind, Paul!” he shouted. “Your great learning is driving you insane.”²⁵ “I am not insane, most excellent Festus,” Paul replied. “What I am saying is true and reasonable.²⁶ The king is familiar with these things, and I can speak freely to him. I am convinced that none of this has escaped his notice, because it was not done in a corner.²⁷ King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know you do.”²⁸ Then Agrippa said to Paul, “Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?”²⁹ Paul replied, “Short time or long—I pray God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains.”

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 16

Spoken responsively.

P: Keep me safe, O God,

C: for in you I take refuge.

P: I said to the Lord, "You are my Lord;

C: apart from you I have no good thing."

P: I have set the Lord always before me.

C: Because he is at the right hand, I will not be shaken.

P: My heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

C: my body also will rest secure.

P: because you will not abandon me to the grave,

C: nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

P: You have made known to me the path of life;

C: You will fill me with joy in your presence.

ALL: 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.

SECOND LESSON – 1 Corinthians 15:12-22

Paul reminds us that there would be no true peace or hope without Easter. The risen Christ is the firstfruits of all believers' resurrections.¹²

But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. ¹⁵ More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those who also have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. 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.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia. (John 20:29b)

Please stand.

GOSPEL – John 20:19-31

Jesus appears alive to His disciples on Easter evening and a week later to give them His peace and take away their doubts.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.²³ If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."²⁴ Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."³⁰ Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S LESSON *(Children, please remain in your seats with your families.)*

HYMN OF THE DAY

165 – “O Sons and Daughters of the King” (verses 1, 5, 6)

**1. O sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav’nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**5. When Thomas afterwards had heard
That Jesus had fulfilled his word,
He doubted that it was the Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**6. “Thomas behold my side,” said he,
“My hands, my feet, my body see;
And doubt not, but believe in me.”
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SERMON Text: John 20:19-31

Theme: Peace be with you!

Please stand.

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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.**

HYMN

165 – “O Sons and Daughters of the King” (verses 7 & 8)

**7. No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
“You are my Lord and God,” he cried.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**8. Blessed are they that have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been;
In life eternal they shall reign.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

Offering plates are near the exits for you to place your thank-offering.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

P: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

P: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

P: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocation, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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 give 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.

CLOSING HYMN

211 – “I Know of a Sleep in Jesus’ Name” (verses 1 & 2)

1. I know of a sleep in Jesus' name,
A rest from all toil and sorrow;
Earth folds in her arms my weary frame
And shelters it till the morrow.
My soul is at home with God in heav'n;
My sorrows are past and over.

2. I know of a morning, bright and fair
When tidings of joy shall wake us,
When songs from on high shall fill the air
And God to his glory take us,
When Jesus shall bid us rise from sleep
How joyous that hour of waking! Amen.



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GREETERS today are:

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

Next Sunday:

James & Deb Reichley – Early Service
Mark & Jane Boehm – Late Service

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE (week of April 4, 2021)

Total Worship Attendance: 293; Early: 91; Late: 202; Maundy Thursday: 122; Good Friday: 119; Mornings with Mommy: 43. On-line worship service views for March 28 were 46.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through April 24 are the members of James Miles’ Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, April 25 will be the members of Clark Inniger’s Undershepherd group.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (April 11 – April 18)

TODAY **Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30**; Children's Lesson; Adult Bible Study 9:20; Teen Bible Class 9:20; Elders 1:00; Outreach 2:00; **Special Voters Meeting & Call Meeting 2:00.**

MON Worship Committee 6:00; Board of Ed 6:00; Ladies Aid Guest Night 7:30.

TUE Principals' Conference 9:00a.m.

WED Catechism 6:30; Handbell practice 6:30.

THU Good Samaritan Bible Study 11:00a.m.

FRI Principals' Conference.

SAT Principals' Conference.

SUN **Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30** Communion; Adult Bible Study; Teen Bible Study 9:20.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

WED Chapel 8:20.

CHILDREN'S LESSON: Children are asked to remain in their seats during the lesson.

A SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING will be held **today**, April 11, at 2:00pm. We will be discussing busing concerns as well as masonry work on the school. We are encouraging ALL parents or guardians of our school children along with all confirmed members of Trinity to attend to get information and give input. Only voting members will be allowed to vote on the issue. In conjunction with this meeting, there will be a Divine Call meeting to call a second pastor. Voters are encouraged to attend both meetings.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School lesson packets for three-year-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 for today/this week is #12, "Mary Sees Jesus." 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 tomorrow evening, 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.

TRINITY SCHOOL PARENTS: Just a reminder that registrations for the 2021-2022 school year are due **TOMORROW!** Please turn them in to the office. If you need paperwork, please contact the office. Registration is also on-going for our pre-school. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please share the information.

WE WANT YOU!



Our school is in desperate need of full time bus drivers 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.

7th AND 8th GRADE CLASS TRIP: Due to CoVID, the classes will not be able to take their biannual Chicago Trip. They will be taking a 3 day educational trip to southern Ohio. We are also hosting a meat package raffle to raise funds. Tickets are \$10 and the drawing will be held on April 30, 2021. The package includes *72 pounds* of beef- various steaks, roasts and hamburger. If you would like to purchase tickets, please see any 7th or 8th grade student/parent, Mr. Koepsell, or by calling the school office, 419-326-4685. Thank you for your continued support!

THE HANCOCK HISTORICAL MUSEUM is planning an exhibit in June on the history of the Famous Dove and its passengers which was shipwrecked off the Virginia Coast in September of 1831. They are inviting people who have photos, documents or items relating to the passengers of the Dove, to share them for the exhibit by donation, loan or allowing the museum staff to scan papers or photos. You may take the items to the Museum at 422 West Sandusky Street, Findlay and ask for Lauren Pepple Etler, or call her at 419-889-4716 to arrange a meeting.

SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE TOMORROW, April 12th. Please turn them into the school office.

MONKEYS, ZEBRAS, AND THE ZOO: Hope you can join us with your kids on Monday, April 19 or Tuesday, April 20 for our next sessions of Mornings with Mommy. We will be exploring and learning about all kinds of zoo animals. Make a trumpeting elephant, walk like a penguin, build a zoo, and put spots on a leopard. Meet in the church basement from 9:30-10:30. Register online at tlcjenera.org or call 262-391-7994.

Bits 'n Pieces

Trinity Lutheran School History, continued

In 1966 the congregation planned for an addition to the original building as the State of Ohio stipulated that there be only two grades per teacher per classroom and that 30 students be the maximum number of students per classroom. The enrollment was 103 students and a second male teacher was called making the faculty two men and two women teachers. The architectural firm of Musser and Rooney of Findlay was engaged and the Gerdeman-Hovest Construction Company of Ottawa's bid of \$31,640 was accepted by the congregation on April 19, 1968. The new addition to the south of a classroom and a combination principal's office/Kindergarten room was dedicated on October 13, 1968. The cost of the new addition including furnishings was close to \$35,000.

In 1984, two more classrooms, a kitchen, restrooms with lockers and showers and a 5,400 square foot multi-purpose room with retractable bleachers were added to the west. A new sloping roof was put on the former part of the school and a new heating system was installed. The architecture work was done by Roth, Eckert and Jacobson, Inc., and the general contractor was Warren Brothers, both of Findlay. The cost was \$485,000. The faculty included two men and three women and the enrollment was 112 students. The dedication service was on February 12, 1984.

In addition to Kindergarten through grade eight, a Preschool was added in 1990.

The Lord has truly blessed the members of Trinity by providing its children with a Christian Day School education but the greater blessings will be seen in eternity when we, by the grace of God, will gather before the throne of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.