



Sunday, April 20, 2025

Easter Day

Theme of the Day:

Because He Lives: Rejoicing in Resurrection Hope

Congregation sings or speaks the bolded text

438 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

CW 438

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Please stand.

Dialogue

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: This is the day the Lord has made.

C: We will rejoice and be glad in it.

P: I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

C: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

P: I will not die, but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: The Lord's right hand is majestic in power. The Lord's right hand has shattered the enemy.

C: Death has been swallowed up in victory.

P: The Lord will not abandon me to the grave. He has made known to me the path of life.

C: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

P: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

C: Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.

C: The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.

P: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Word

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before you in righteousness and purity forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading

Exodus 15:1–11

The Lord destroyed Egypt's army in the waters of the Red Sea. In saving them, the Lord gave the Israelites a new identity—not slaves of Egypt, but God's special people and chosen nation.

¹Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: "I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea. ²"The LORD is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. ³The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name. ⁴Pharaoh's chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea. The best of Pharaoh's officers are drowned in the Red Sea. ⁵The deep waters have covered them; they sank to the depths like a stone. ⁶Your right hand, LORD, was majestic in power. Your right hand, LORD, shattered the enemy. ⁷"In the greatness of your majesty you threw down those who opposed you. You unleashed your burning anger; it consumed them like stubble. ⁸By the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up. The surging waters stood up like a wall; the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea. ⁹The enemy boasted, 'I will pursue, I will overtake them. I will divide the spoils; I will gorge myself on them I will draw my sword and my hand will destroy them.' ¹⁰But you blew with your breath, and the sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters. ¹¹Who among the gods is like you, LORD? Who is like you— majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?

P: The Word of the Lord.

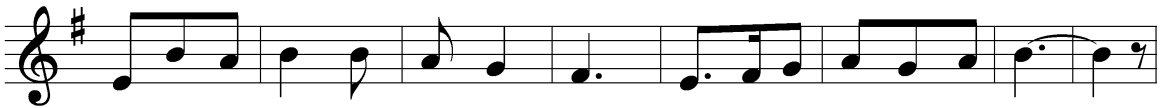
C: Thanks be to God.

Choir: "I Will Rise"- 2nd Service

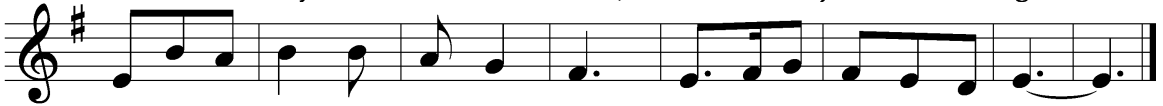
118A This is the Day the LORD Has Made

Psalm 118A

Refrain

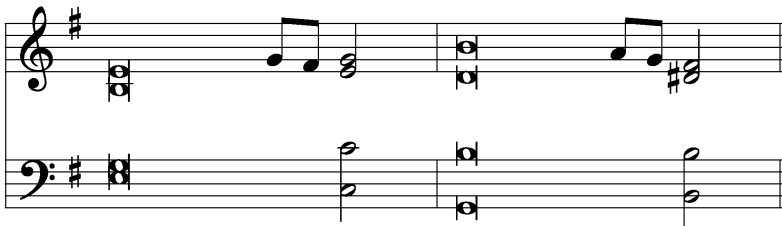


This is the day the LORD has made, let us re-joice and be glad!



This is the day the LORD has made, let us re-joice and be glad!

Tone



The LORD is my strength and / my defense;
he has become my sal- / vation.
The LORD's right hand is / lifted high;
the LORD's right hand has done / mighty things!
I will not / die but live,
and will proclaim what the / LORD has done. *Refrain*

I will give you thanks, for you / answered me;
you have become my sal- / vation.
The stone the builders re- / jected
has become the / cornerstone;
the LORD has / done this,
and it is marvelous / in our eyes.
**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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Second Reading

Colossians 3:1–4

Our new identity includes a type of glory that, for now, is hidden from the world. That glory will be fully revealed when our living Lord comes again on the Last Day.

¹Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

455 Alleluia! Jesus Lives

CW 455 sts. 3–4

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Gospel

John 20:1–18

The first appearance of Jesus after his resurrection was to Mary of Magdala. In that appearance, for the first time Jesus gives his followers this new identity: “my brothers.”

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ²So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!” ³So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. ¹¹Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹²and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. ¹³They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?” “They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.” ¹⁴At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. ¹⁵He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”). ¹⁷Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

443 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

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CW 443

Sermon Text: Psalm 51:18-19

Sermon Theme: Rejoice in the Resurrection Hope

Please stand.

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 truly 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.

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Friendship Registration

Guests: Please fill out name, address, and phone number.

Members: Please fill out name and any new information.

Please, return the booklet to its original location. Thank you!

The Sacrament

Please stand.

Preface

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up 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 and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

All: 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 \dagger 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 \dagger 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.

938 This Is the Feast

CW 938 sts. Ref-1, 5, Final Refrain

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Please be seated.

Distribution

Choir Sings "I Will Rise"- 1st Service

441 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

CW 441

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471 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

CW 471

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469 Welcome, Happy Morning

CW 469

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Please stand.

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his mercy endures forever.

P: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: 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.

445 He's Risen, He's Risen

CW 445

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Announcements

WELCOME! Thank you for joining our Trinity family in worship today. We invite you to keep growing with us through God's Word and Sacraments. If you have a question, please speak to a pastor or a Trinity member. If you are a guest, please pick up a guest packet and give your name and address in the friendship registration located in each pew. Ask the ushers if you need a pocket-sized aid for the hearing impaired. Large print bulletins are available upon request, with the Hymns for the service printed in them. A Nursery with our service on TV is located off the lobby for parents who need to calm young children.

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. For preparation before you communion, you could read about the Sacrament of Holy Communion from Luther's Small Catechism on page 293, or you could review the Christian Questions that Martin Luther wrote for those who were about to communion on page 295.

CALL RECEIVED: Jeff Falck received a call to serve St. Paul's in Plymouth, Nebraska as the 6th-8th Grade Teacher and school Principal. Please keep the members and families at St. Paul's along with Jeff and his family in your prayers as he learns more about the blessings in Plymouth, in Ohio, and where he would serve in God's Kingdom.

CALL MEETING DATE Our first Call meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, April 27 at 9:30 AM (between services) - please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend this meeting. Pastor Krueger will be leading the meeting. Voters will consider a list of qualified candidates and vote to extend a Call to a Pastor at that time. Questions: Contact Congregational President Ron Bower or Staff Minister Falck.

IMMANUEL VICAR PROGRAM SUPPORT OPPORTUNITY Members desiring to support this program should make their gifts directly to Immanuel Lutheran. We are no longer actively collecting for this at Trinity.

LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATION OF OHIO (LSGOO) If you are not taking advantage of this excellent opportunity to direct a portion of your Ohio tax liability directly to our school's ministry, please check out www.lsgoohio.org or talk to Mr. Falck.

THE SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN LUTHERAN ACTIVITIES LEAGUE ACADEMIC DAY Was held Saturday, April 12th at HCA. We had many students participate with many awards received. Top finishes overall during the day included Henry Boehm for his poetry piece in Forensics and Miranda Achey & Max Falck taking first place in their grade levels for the Spelling Bee. All art projects will be on display in the school gym today through Tuesday, at which point they will be sent home with the children. Congratulations to Karlie Sherman and Kendra von Stein for taking best in grade for their projects and Kendra von Stein for also taking best in show for her second project!

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE The contract for construction of the 86'x20' storage addition on the west side of the school gym has been signed. There are several items that anyone in the congregation could assist with or do to offset the cost of the project. These items include elements on the front and back end of the project such as site-prep work and finish work. If you have any questions you can call committee co-chairmen Jamie Siferd or James Miles.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS Sunday Bible Class on 1 Corinthians will resume on May 11th with our study on chapter 14. Before that we celebrate the fellowship that we share with each other and our Risen Savior on April 20th. The following Sunday, we have a call meeting to call a pastor. Finally, on May 4th, we will have the opportunity to hear the 8th grade examination as they give thanks to God by demonstrating what they have learned.

LAST CHANCE: Did you register your kids yet? Easter for Kids and the Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 26 from 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM, with the egg hunt afterwards. Please register your children (age 3 - 5th grade) by Monday, April 14 You can register online at tlcjenera.org or pick up a registration form in the back of church. The Egg Hunt is for toddlers through 8th Graders. Questions—contact Jenny Boehm 262-391-7994.

VOLUNTEERS are still needed to help at Easter for Kids on Saturday, April 26 from 9:30 AM -12:00 PM. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you are able to help. You can specify what you would like to help with—crafts, music, games, registration, snacks, or group leaders.

ALPHA PREGNANCY HELP CENTER DONATIONS: Do you have clothes and toys your children have outgrown? Please consider donating them to the Alpha Pregnancy Help Center. We will offer them to Alpha families along with the Gospel and prayers they will one day be in heaven with us. *Please put all donations in the tote in the south entryway.* Are you interested in other ways to support the Alpha ministry? Contact Cindy at 614.804.4773 or email her: Cindy@justasking.org.

THE LWMS SPRING RALLY will be on Saturday, May 10th @ Immanuel Lutheran Church in Findlay. Registration will begin at 9:00am. The featured speaker will be Rev. Timothy Flunker, and he will be speaking on Home Missions. RSVP to office.immanuelfindlay@gmail.org or sign up on the sheet on the sign-up table. **There will be a DOOR OFFERING for LWMS on Sunday, April 27th.**

SAVE THE DATE:

Pastor's Farewell: May 18th; May 25th – Graduation Sunday

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Women's Ministry is volunteering at the West Ohio Food Bank in Lima on Thursday, April 24 from 1:00-3:00 PM. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you are able to join us. The address is 1380 Kibby St. Lima, OH 45802

RAIN, CLOUDS, AND PUDDLES: Mornings with Mommy meets on Monday, April 21 or Tuesday, April 22 in the church basement. 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 tlcjenera.org or call 262-391-7994.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY On May 4th, our 8th grade confirmation class will be confirmed as part of the 2nd service. Please take the time to encourage, rejoice with them, and keep in your prayers our 8th grade confirmands -- Miranda Achey, Zach Achey, Gage Munsey, Bella Norway, and Olivia Siefker. May God continue to bless and strengthen them as they confess their faith before the congregation and in the community and beyond.

ANNUAL FIELD DAY As was done last year, the local field day will be held on a school day instead of a Sunday. The event is planned for Friday, May 9th beginning at 12:30. The awesome thing about doing the event during the school day is that every student in PK-8 gets to participate! Spectators are welcome - anyone wishing to volunteer can contact Mr. Falck. If anyone really wants to run with the kids, Mr. Falck will be happy to time you and cheer you as you cross the finish line!

CONCESSIONS DONATIONS are needed for the upcoming Track Meet on Friday, May 2nd. Please sign up at the sign up table to help out. Donations will need brought to the school by Monday, April 28th. The concession stand at our track meet helps offset the rental of the facility. Any donation (products or money) will help our proceeds go even further. If you have any questions, contact Principal Falck.

BIBLE STUDY AND DULCIMERS: Women's Ministry will be meeting at Nicki von Stein's house (15932 CR 60 Jenera) for the fourth and final part of "Time—It's a Gift" Bible study on Monday, May 12 at 6:30 PM. Join us for this final lesson as we learn to be content in whatever season of life we are in. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you are planning to attend. Stay after the Bible study to listen to dulcimer music! If you are interested, you can also learn how to play.

DAILY LECTIONARY

Sun: Ex 14:10-31, Heb 7:23-8:13; **Mon:** Ex 15:1-18, Heb 9:1-28; **Tue:** Ex 15:19-16:12; Heb 10:1-18;
Wed: Ex 16:13-65, Heb 10:19-39; **Thu:** Ex 17:1-16, Heb 11:1-29; **Fri:** Ex 18:5-27, Heb 12:1-24;
Sat: Ex 19:1-25, Heb 13:1-21; **Sun:** Ex 20:1-24 Lu 4:1-15

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of April 13th)

Total Worship Attendance: 315, Early: 215, Late: 100; Adult Bible Study: 26; Sunday School: 49;
Teen Bible Class: 9; Preschool Playtime: 12; Online Worship Views for April 6th: 67

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through May 3rd are the members of Dwight Rader's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, May 4th, will be the members of Steve Rausch's Undershepherd group.

GREETERS today are: Tyler & Kathy Smith – early
Joyce Beach & Loretta Jansen – late

Next Sunday: Jim & Jane Smith – early
John & Esther Spaeth – late

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (April 20th through April 27th)

TODAY Easter Worship 6:30 & 9:30; Communion; Easter Breakfast between services

MON Mornings with Mommy 9:30 & 11:00; Church Council 7:00

TUE Mornings with Mommy 9:30

WED Handbells 6:30; Choir 7:30

SAT Easter for Kids & Easter Egg Hunt

SUN **Worship 8:00 & 10:30;** Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20; Call Meeting 9:30

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mon NO SCHOOL

Tue SCHOOL RESUMES; Track Practice 3:15-4:30

Wed Chapel 8:20

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