

**TRINITY  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

8:45 AM

APRIL 19,  
2026

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**Trinity Lutheran Church - Third Sunday after Epiphany**

3701 Jefferson Ave Midland, MI 48640

April 19, 2026, 8:45 am



**PRELUDE**

*Day of Arising*

David M. Cherwien

*Trumpet Tune in F Major*

Scott M. Hyslop  
Rich Helling, trumpet  
Charly Sly, organ

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Come, you who walk the long road of questions.  
Come, you who carry sorrow, confusion, or quiet hope.  
Come, you who are weary of the journey and unsure of what comes next.

For the risen Christ draws near—  
**not in spectacle, but in companionship,**  
**not in certainty, but in conversation,**  
**not in distance, but in presence.**

And at the table—  
in the breaking of the bread—  
our eyes are opened, our hearts burn within us,  
and we remember:

**Christ is alive.**  
**Christ is with us.**  
**Christ is revealed among us.**

For this is the place where strangers become companions,  
**where sorrow gives way to joy,**  
**and where the risen Christ is made known.**  
**Let us worship the Lord.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

*Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!*  
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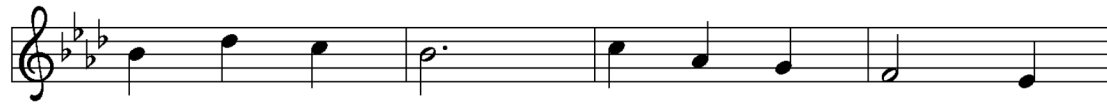
# Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:  
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



*Refrain*  
 Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE: This Is the Feast



*Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of

all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Risen Christ, you meet us on roads we did not plan, in places of questions and quiet disappointment. Walk with us and draw near, opening your Word until our hearts burn within us and hope begins to rise again. Stay with us, Lord, in the ordinary moments of our lives; sit at our tables and take, bless, break, and give, until our eyes are opened to your presence among us. Where we are weary, renew us; where we are afraid, send us with courage to share the good news that you are alive, you are with us, and you are made known among us. **Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### KIDS' PRAISE

*At this time children age 3 – grade 5 are now dismissed, at the parent's discretion, to the Chapel.*

## FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

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*Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

*The reading is concluded:*  
 Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19

I Love You, Lord, for You Have Heard My Voice

1 I love you, Lord, for you have heard my voice.  
 4 How can I pay you, Lord, for all your gifts?  
 5 Pre - cious to you the dy - ing of your saints.

You turned to me and heard my cry for mer - cy.  
 I will lift up the cup of full sal - va - tion.  
 I am your faith - ful ser - vant, freed from bon - dage.

An - guished by death and o - ver - come by sor - row,  
 I will ful - fill my vows to you, my Sav - ior.  
 I'll pay my vows and, with your peo - ple, thank you.

I turned in my dis - tress to you in prayer.  
 With all your saints, I'll call up - on your name.  
 Come to God's house, O peo - ple; praise the Lord!

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SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23

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*The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.*

*The reading is concluded:*  
 Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

*Repeat alleluia*  
 Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

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*The colorful story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.*

*After the reading:*  
 The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Jeff Gramza

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #368

With High Delight Let Us Unite



1 With high de - light let us u - nite in  
 2 True God, he first from death has burst forth  
 3 Let prais - es ring; give thanks, and bring to



songs of great ju - bi - la - tion. You pure in heart, all  
 in - to life, all sub - du - ing. His en - e - my now  
 Christ our Lord ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed by



bear your part, sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To  
 van - quished see; his death has been death's un - do - ing. "And  
 word and deed to ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So



set us free for - ev - er, he is ris'n and sends to  
 yours shall be like vic - to - ry o'er death and grave," says  
 shall his love give us a - bove, from mis - er - y and



all earth's ends good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.  
 he, who gave his life for us, life re - new - ing.  
 death set free, all joy and full con - so - la - tion.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God,  
receive our prayer.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome & Introduction

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Today, we rejoice as we welcome these new members into our congregation, as they commit themselves to worship, service, and fellowship in this church family. We give thanks for God's work in their lives and ask for God's continued guidance as we walk together in faith.

Presentation of New Members

(Each new member or family is introduced by name.)

Hear these words from Holy Scripture: "For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."  
—Romans 12:4-5

Statement of Faith and Commitment

Pastor (to the new members): Beloved in Christ, we welcome you as members of this congregation and invite you to share in our mission to proclaim the Gospel, serve our neighbors, and grow together in faith.

As you join this community, I ask you before God and this congregation: Will you, with God's help, participate in the life of this church—worshiping, praying, growing in faith, and serving others? Will you seek to live as a faithful disciple of Jesus, bearing witness to God's love in your daily life?

New Members: *I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

## Commitment of the Congregation

Pastor (to the congregation): As members of Christ's body, we are called to support, encourage, and walk with one another in love. Will you receive these new members with joy, pray for them, and support them as they grow in faith and service among us?

Congregation: **We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us pray. Gracious God, we thank You for calling these new members into this family of faith. Strengthen them by your Spirit, guide them in their journey, and use them to bring your love and light into the world. May we, as their brothers and sisters, encourage them, pray for them, and walk alongside them in faith. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

*Offer a sign of peace with those around you*

## GATHERING OF GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

## OFFERTORY

*Day of Arising*

Carl Schalk  
Chancel Choir

## OFFERING PRAYER

Risen Christ, all that we have and all that we are flows from your victory over death and your gift of new life. Receive now these gifts as signs of our gratitude and fruits of your grace at work within us. Take what we offer and multiply it, that your resurrection life may be known in acts of love, words of mercy, and lives renewed. Make us a people who give as we have received—freely, joyfully, and boldly—proclaiming with all we are: Christ is risen, and your love endures forever. **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

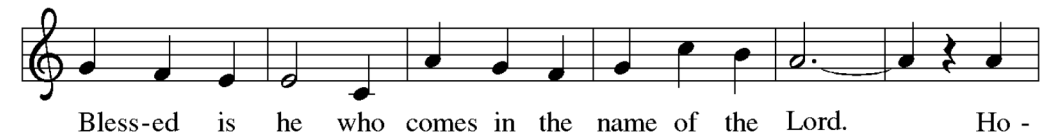
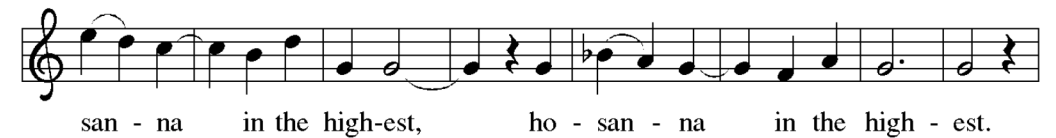
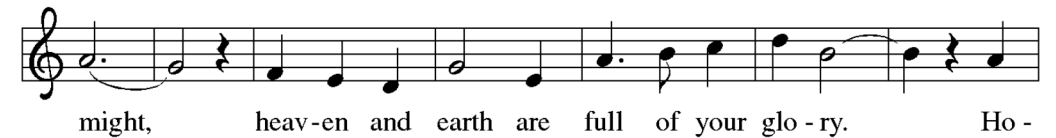
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

## LAMB OF GOD



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



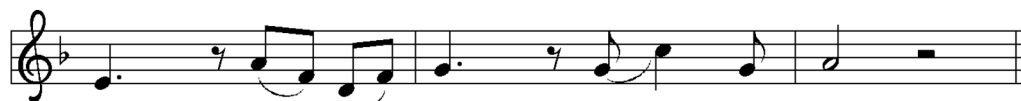
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



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



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



world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Communion will be distributed by coming forward and receiving the bread and wine. The center cups (white) are non-alcoholic grape juice. Upon receiving, please put empty cups in baskets provided. If you prefer gluten free, please ask Pastor who is distributing. Please proceed up the center aisle returning to your seat via the side aisles.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

*Come, Let Us Eat*

ELW #491

*As We Gather At Your Table*

ELW #522

## BENEDICTION

May God the Father, who meets you on roads you did not choose and holds you in every question and turning, walk beside you with steady love and unshakable grace.

May Jesus Christ, the risen Son, revealed to you in the breaking of the bread, set your heart burning with living hope, and open your eyes to his presence in every moment.

May the Holy Spirit, breath of the living God, ignite your steps with courage and joy, sending you back into the world to tell what you have seen and known.

And may you go, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

ELW #548

*Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen*

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# Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,  
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low  
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture  
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



from this meal of love and grace;  
 af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;  
 God has called us to re - ceive;  
 cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion  
 bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed  
 pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,  
 mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.  
 to re - lease and to con - sole.  
 Spir - it - ed then let us live.  
 from this day and un - to death.



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.



God, the won - der of our days.  
 Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.  
 Spir - it, grace by whom we live.  
 Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

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## DISMISSAL

Go now on the road—  
 not alone, but with the risen Christ beside you,  
 even when you do not yet recognize him.  
 Go from confusion into clarity,  
 Go from sorrow into hope,  
 Go from doubt into living faith.

Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*  
 MIT FEUDEN ZART

Clay Christiansen  
 Charly Sly, organ

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