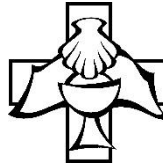


The First Sunday of Easter
 The Sunday of Jesus' Appearances to the Disciples
 April 7, 2024



**SERVICE
 OUTLINE**

INTROIT - Ps. 81:1, 7a, 10, 16b; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2a

Antiphon

Like newborn infants, Alle- | luia,
 long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alle- | luia.*



- A** Sing aloud to | God our strength;*
 shout for joy to the God of | Jacob!
- C** In distress you called, and I de- | livered you;*
 I answered you in the secret place of | thunder.
- A** I am the | LORD your God,*
 who brought you up out of the land of | Egypt.
- C** Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it;*
 and with honey from the rock I would sat- | isfy you.
- C** 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.

Antiphon

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹[In those days:] The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.'

¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

1 John 5:4-10a

⁴[Dearly beloved:] Everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. ⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself.

John 20:19-31

¹⁹[At that time:] On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

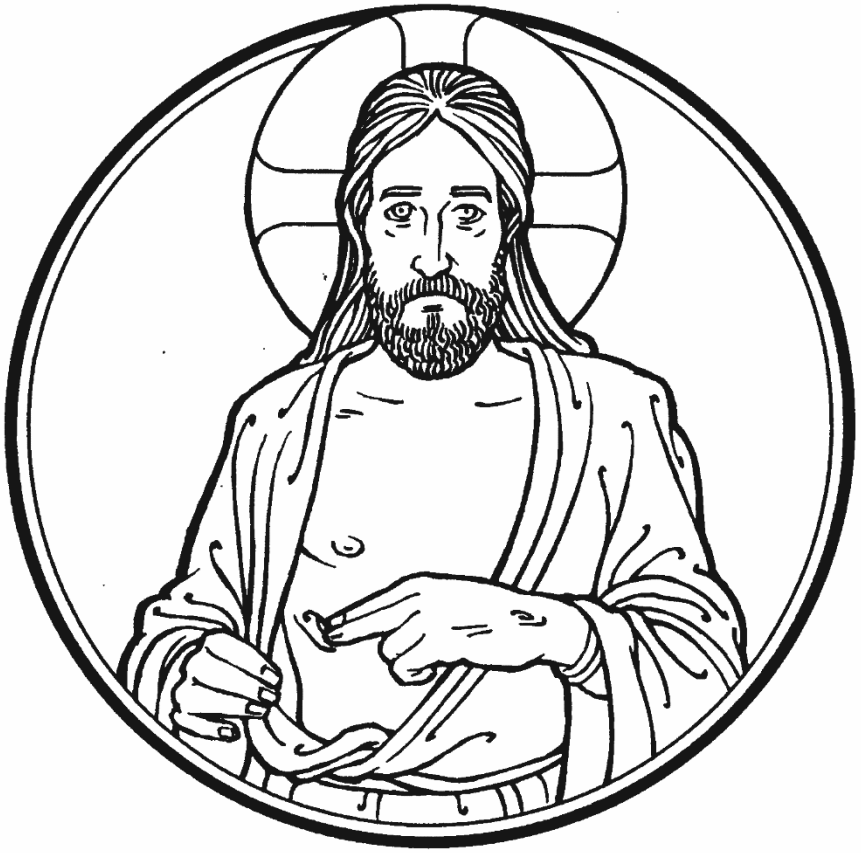
²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe."

²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



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Closing Hymn	481 Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom



THE LORD'S SUPPER is being celebrated today. Trinity Lutheran upholds the Scriptural practice of Closed Communion. God's Word teaches the real presence of Christ's body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. It also teaches that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (see 1 Cor. 11:27-29) and that Holy Communion is a confession of what is taught and believed at this altar (1 Cor. 11:26). Therefore, for your own spiritual welfare, if you are not yet instructed, in doubt, or if you hold a confession differing from that of this congregation (that is, belong to another church body or denomination), and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, you are asked to first speak with the pastor.

The
Word *or the* **Lord**
endures **Forever**



Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum

1 Peter 1:24-25

EVENTS AND INFO

WEDNESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE 6:30PM

Hebrews 13:17-21; Mark 16:9-13a

#482 This Joyful Eastertide.

This service offers a second opportunity for worship during the week and an alternate for those who can't make a Sunday.

- **FLOWERS:** this morning are given to the glory of God in memory of Pat Patton (died March 30, 2020) by her husband, Steve Patton.
- **CONGREGATION LUNCH/BABY SHOWER:** Everyone is invited! On April 28th, immediately following church, your Trinity Life Team will be hosting a baby shower. Soups and salads will be provided. Please place your name on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you plan to attend. This will help us to determine how much food is needed!

Additionally, throughout the month of April, we will be collecting items for the Hope Crisis Pregnancy Center in Pontiac, Illinois. Items in need are as follows:

- † water bottles (non-used)
- † laundry detergent
- † body wash
- † diaper bags
- † infant grooming kits
- † infant bath towels
- † Diapers Size 6
- † monetary donation
- † Clothing, 24 months-3T both boys and girls

Matthew 19:14 *"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

- **SAVE THE DATE:** VBS is set for June 3-7. Children 3 yrs- 5th grade are welcome to attend. Cookie sign up will be posted in May. We will need preschool teachers and group leaders. See Kathy Faulk or Carla Skare if you are willing to help.
- **IL MARCH FOR LIFE:** will be in Springfield on Wednesday, April 17. Southern Illinois District President Timothy Scharr will preach at a Matins service at Trinity Lutheran Church (220 South Second St., Springfield, 62701) at 10:00; a light lunch will be available at the State House Inn ballroom (101 East Adams St.) at 11:00 (**recommended donation: \$5; please bring a \$5 bill**); rally commences at noon on capitol front lawn; actual march steps off at 1:00 p.m. Free parking for those attending Matins and the following activities is available in State House Inn's parking lot, in the block west of the hotel building, across First Street. A group is going from our congregation (Trinity Lutheran). If you'd like to be part, please let Pastor Boehne know as soon as possible.
- **DOLLARS FOR MISSION (DFM) UPDATE:** On the table in our narthex is a clear donation box for DFM, a mission project of the Central IL District. In 2023, DFM funds were raised to begin ministry in as many as four new prisons in central Illinois. With the funds gathered, CID started to fund one in January, and hopes to start more before the end of this year. Now the DFM project is to gather sufficient money to make sure such new work in prisons and county jails can continue to be funded into 2025, or so work can be started in a new prison or jail in 2025.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

TODAY	9:00am	Sunday School and Bible Study
	10:00am	Divine Service with Holy Communion
MONDAY	8:30am	Preschool
	9:00am	Quilting Ladies
TUESDAY	8:30am	Preschool
WEDNESDAY	8:30am	Preschool (<i>Chapel at 8:45</i>)
	9:00am	Bible Study (Parish Hall)
	10:30am	Bible Study at El Paso Health Care
	6:30pm	Evening Service with Holy Communion
THURSDAY	8:30am	Preschool (<i>Chapel at 8:45</i>)
FRIDAY	8:30am	Preschool
SUNDAY	9:00am	Sunday School and Bible Study
	10:00am	Divine Service with Holy Communion

PASTOR BOEHNE'S SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

- M: Out of Town (Visiting friends)
- T: Office Day
- W: Bible Studies in AM; Bible Study Wenona / Visits; Church at 6:30
- Th: Visits All Day
- F: Organ Trip to Freeburg
- S: Office AM; Church in Wenona 5pm



THOSE SERVING TODAY

Pastor Rev. Jonathan P. Boehne
Elder Tim Matzke
Organist Dr. Tim Fredstrom
Ushers Kevin Parkhouse & Joshua Faulk

SERMON ON JOHN 20:19-31



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“JESUS IS TOUGHER THAN EVERYTHING WE’RE AFRAID OF”

<p>What all are you afraid of?</p>	<p><i>“...the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews...”</i></p> <p><i>Thomas said, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe!”</i></p>
<p>How does Jesus show His toughness?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Through locked doors ▪ Giving Peace ▪ Showing His scars ▪ Breathing the Spirit ▪ Giving Forgiveness of Sins 	<p><i>“Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.</i></p> <p><i>Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.</i></p> <p><i>He breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven.”</i></p>
<p>What is meant by “The Office of the Keys”?</p>	<p><i>Matthew 16:19 “I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”</i></p>
<p>How does forgiveness answer everything we’re afraid of?</p>	<p><i>“As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”</i></p>

DOCTRINE FOR THE DAY – FORGIVENESS

From Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation, CPH, 2017.

209. When my sins condemn me and I am doubting, how can I be sure of my forgiveness and salvation?

I cannot and should not rely on myself in any way—my thoughts, feelings, words, or deeds.

A. Rather, I can be sure because God, who has promised the forgiveness of sins for Christ's sake, always keeps His promises.

B. I can be sure because Jesus has shed His precious, divine blood for my forgiveness and for the forgiveness of all sinners, a sacrifice of infinite worth, acceptable to God. There is nothing left for me to do or add: Jesus' blood has cleansed me from all my sins.

698 **Hebrews 10:12–14** But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until His enemies should be made a footstool for His feet. For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

C. I can be sure because God tells me that I am His and my sins are forgiven as the Gospel is declared to me in the spoken Word, in Baptism, in the Absolution, and in the Lord's Supper. These words and promises of Christ are sure and certain, no matter how I feel or how badly I have fallen short of righteousness. This Gospel is more than simple information; it actually delivers to us the forgiveness of sins and eternal life in Jesus.

699 **Acts 2:38** And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

700 **John 20:22-23** When He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

701 **Matthew 26:28** This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

D. I can be sure because God assures me in Scripture that He has chosen me in Christ, out of pure grace, to inherit eternal life and that no one can snatch me out of His hand (election of grace).

702 **John 10:27-28** My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand.



LAST SUNDAY

The Sunday of Jesus' Resurrection

We spent our 2024 Holy Week focusing on the word "testimony" in the Scripture. God testifies to us in the water of Baptism, in the blood of the Lord's Supper, and in the Scriptures of the Spirit. These are given so that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ and have life in His name.



NEXT SUNDAY - April 14, 2024

Sunday of the Good Shepherd

Ezek. 34:11-16; 1 Peter 2:21b-25; John 10:11-16

Hymns: 710, 709, 483, 475, 740



PRAYER LIST

- † Nancy Eichelberger; Carl Miller; Cory Wills (Kasie's Dad)
- † Larry Byrd (Cancer)
Nick Cargill (cancer – cousin of Amy Whisker)
Evangeline Crump
Roger Fredrickson (friend of Todd Johnson)
Linda Hocker
Ethan Jeffreys (cancer)
Bev Jones (cancer)
Francee Kasten (cancer – niece of Jeanne Brennan & friend of Boehnes)
Kathy Kelsey (cancer – aunt of Jason Whisker)
Brian Kurz (cancer)
Erika, stepdaughter of Rhonda (Phillis) Martin
Jerry Whisker
- † For all caregivers
- † Thanksgiving for the birth of Sadie Jane, great-granddaughter of Carl & Barb Miller
- † For our nation & leaders; for our police & emergency services
- † Military: Adam Burton 3051 Albacore Circle K18, Silverdale, WA 98315
Michael Kearney (LCMS Chaplain from El Paso)
Shelby Oertwig (Grandson of Connie Wills)
John Richardson (nephew of Valerie Boehne)
- † Rev. Matthew Harrison, Synod Pres.; Rev. Michael Mohr, District Pres
- † Trinity Lutheran Preschool, Michelle Wahls & Linda Haas

DAILY READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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Apr. 8	Ex. 22:20—23:13	Luke 4:16-30
Apr. 9	Ex. 23:14-33	Luke 4:31-44
Apr. 10	Ex. 24:1-18	Luke 5:1-16
Apr. 11	Ex. 25:1-22 <i>Ex. 25:23—30:38</i>	Luke 5:17-39
Apr. 12	Ex. 31:1-18	Luke 6:1-19
Apr. 13	Ex. 32:1-14	Luke 6:20-38
Apr. 14	Ex. 32:15-35	Luke 6:39-49