

April 14, 2024 Third Sunday of Easter Service of the Word

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PRELUDE & 14 BELLS

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH. May our worship strengthen your faith and desire to serve Him who loves us with an everlasting love in Jesus Christ.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM:

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \oplus one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism,

let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning

your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection

you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,

freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,

giving all honor and praise to you,

through the risen Christ, our source of living water,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

*GATHERING HYMN: ELW #391 THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE



Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934 Music: VRUECHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.

*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.



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Word of God, Word of life. Thanks be to God

PSALM: 4 (Read responsively)

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

²You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?

³Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; the Lord will hear me when I call. ⁴Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence up on your bed. ⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

⁶Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord.

⁷You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound. ⁸In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me rest secure.

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SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed.

What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God

*LESSON HYMN: ELW #474 BREAD OF LIFE FROM HEAVEN

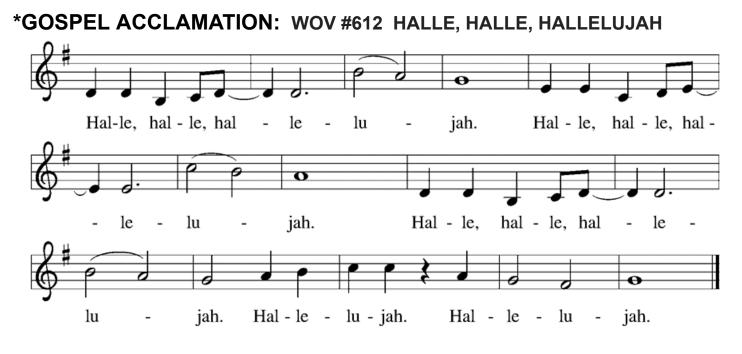
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Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, BREAK NOW THE BREAD; Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas Text and music © 2001 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com 800.442.3358 All rights reserved. Used by permission.

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Music: Caribbean traditional

*GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

The holy gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

MESSAGE: Mr. Walter Scanlon

*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints. the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died. As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

Amen.

***THE PRAYERS**

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

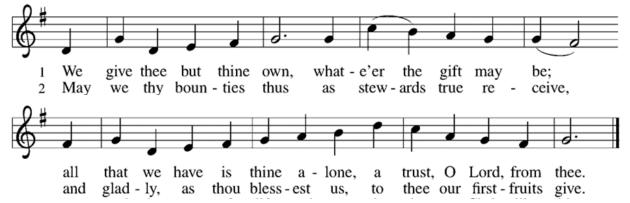
Renewing God, We thank you for the heritage you have given us as a community of faith. Be with us in this uncertain time of the church. Move our hearts to a place of change. Open our hearts to hear and see your word in everything we do, every day and every moment of our lives. May we live in a place of prayer that you would hear our cries and we would hear what you are calling us into. Move us to be the church you call us to be in this time and place. God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

***SHARING OF THE LORD'S PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

THE OFFERING

*OFFERING HYMN: ELW #686 We Give Thee but Thine Own



***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church office hours are now Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 am - 10:30 am.

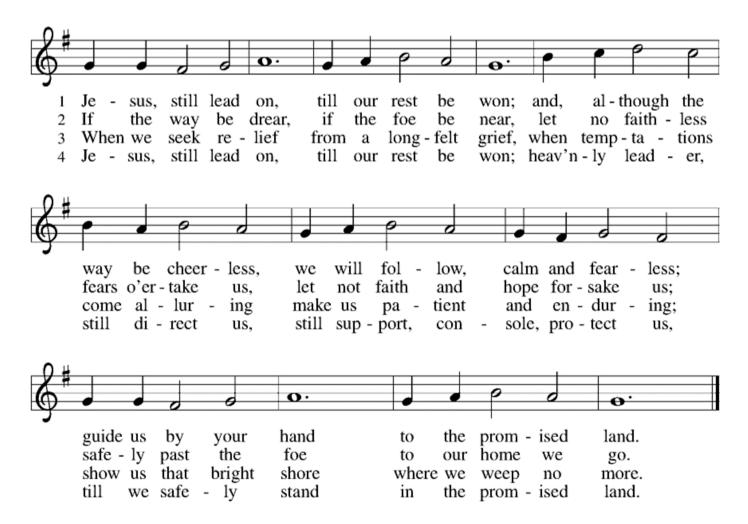
Adult Book Study- Come discuss together the book Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley. We will meet from 6:30-7:45pm in the fireside room at Bethel: Tuesday, April 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21. At our first session we will get to know each other and discuss the first 8 chapters of the book (up through page 85). FYI, if you want to hear more from the author she will be speaking Thursday, April 25 at 12 noon at the Gogebic Community College, Lindquist Center.

Guitar Group- Bring a guitar, or we can share, and join in on a once monthly gathering to play guitar together. Bring songs to share that you think we could all try learning. Pastor Tim will bring some camp songs. All abilities welcome. We will gather on the following Mondays following Bethel's Monday night worship service (so 6:35ish to 7:45) in the front of the Bethel sanctuary. If you happen to have a spare guitar to share with someone who needs, talk to Pastor Tim (tdjohnst@gmail.com). We will meet in 2024 on the following dates (any changes will appear in subsequent announcements): **April 15**, May 20, June 10, July 22, August 26, Sept 16, Oct 28, Nov 18, Dec 16.

BLESSING

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

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope bless you now and always. **Amen.**



Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt. Music: SEELENBRÄUTIGAM, Adam Drese, 1620–1701

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, we seek to serve you and your people. Send us a pastoral leader who will love you and equip us for mission and ministry in the world. Grant us energy and hope in our church and help us to love the world as you loved us. All Glory to God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share your bread. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS TODAY

Organist: Marty Achatz Ushers: Cory B. Grigg Reader: Peter O. Johnson Counter: Cory B. Grigg

April 21

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- MON (4/15) Guitar Group, 6:35pm @ Bethel
- THURS (4/18) Third Thursday Chili, 6:30pm @ Faith

Online Giving through Vanco

If you are interested in online giving it is easy to sign up. How it works:

- Visit the Vanco site either through the QR Scan or the link on the church website.
- 2. Sign Up for either a bank account or credit card.
- Choose this to be reoccurring or a one time donation.
- 4. Submit the request.

Once you sign up, Trinity will receive notification of your donation and your envelope number will be credited for the donation. Weekly and monthly statements are sent to Trinity and the donation is deposited on the day you chose while signing up. It is that simple.



Thank you to all who have signed up already. Trinity appreciates your contributions to God's Work in Ishpeming. Questions: See Melissa

We hold in prayer...

...those ill, convalescing, grieving or in need:

Trinity: Bob & Betsy Swanson, Brad Heinzman, and Mel Daugherty.

Faith: Pauline, Emma, Kevin & family, Howard, Andy & Nikki, Jacob, Ralph & Marie, Brandon, Paula, Bill, Justin, Dan, Sonya, Paulette, Mose, Aaron, Bud, Janice, and the families of Alma Anderson McDowell and Jim Manty, and the continued healing for Mira.

...our service men and women and their families: Christian Henderson, Joshua & Cheyenne Perreault, Mike Hollenbeck, Craig Perry, Jacob Smith, and Daniel Sorensen.

...those who are homebound or in nursing homes: Home: Mary Denney, Sherry Watters, Marlene Anderson. **MCMCF:** Bill Neuroth, Brian Easterwood, & Ruth Doney. **Eastwood**: Betty Mitchell