

## Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Sunday

*April 5, 2026*



### PRELUDE

*We arrive from many places as music gathers us into one shared moment in the Spirit.*

### WELCOME STATEMENT

*Everyone is invited into God's story and the life of this community.*

### EASTER PROCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### PROCESSIONAL

“Hail Thee, Festival Day”

*ELW 394*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that ourish us. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*We ask the Spirit to prepare our hearts for hearing God's word.*

**O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING****Acts 10: 34-43**

*Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."*

A reading from Acts.

Peter began to speak to the people: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Holy wisdom, holy word.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM RESPONSE**

*Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24*

*We give voice to God's faithfulness, participating in the living story of God's mercy and love by echoing the ancient prayers of God's people.*

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

**Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

**Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*Colossians 3: 1-4*

*Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.*

A reading from Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**"Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"**

**ELW 535**

## **GOSPEL READING**

*Matthew 28: 1-10*

*Sorrow gives way to "fear and great joy" when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!*

The gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **SERMON**

*Rev. Phillip Potaczek*

*We hear God's promise proclaimed to us, and the Spirit works in our hearts to make it real.*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Christ is Risen! Alleluia!"**

**ELW 382**

*We respond to the promises of God in song.*

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED**

*We join the wider church in naming the story that holds us.*

**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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*We entrust all into God's care.*

*After each prayer petition, please respond:*   **Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

## **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*We offer signs of Christ's peace, joining God's work of reconciliation.*

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

Christ is risen! His new life brings hope to all creation. With thankful hearts, let us offer our gifts to God.  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! We offer our lives and gifts in praise.**

## **OFFERING/ OFFERING MUSIC**

**"Sing Out With Joy"**

**Mark Patterson**

*We return our gifts to God, offering ourselves for the life of the world.*

Performed by Sunday Session Youth

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## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*We lift our hearts and give thanks for God's life-giving work.*

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.**

## PREFACE

*We remember God's faithfulness and join heaven and earth in praise.*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all the creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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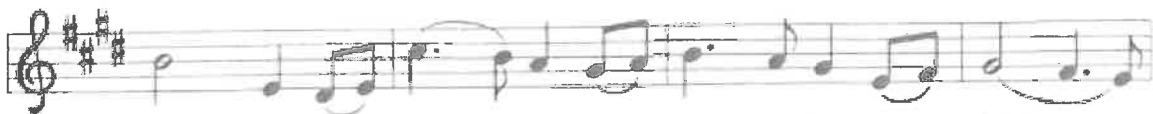
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-



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## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

*We recall the story of Jesus and ask the Spirit to make us one.*

Blessed are you, O God of the universe... With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on † us and on these † gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Modern Version*

*We pray as Jesus taught, trusting God for what we need.*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as our Savior taught us:

**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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

*All are welcome to God's table of grace, receiving Christ's presence as nourishment for the journey.*

## **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*All who wish to know the love of God in Jesus Christ are invited to Holy Communion. Inform a communion assistant if you need a gluten-free host. Grape juice is located in the center ring of the tray. If you are not receiving the sacrament today, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest for a blessing.*

## **COMMUNION HYMN**

*Singing in response to God's gift, we enter more deeply into the presence of Christ.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*We ask for strength to live what we have received.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*We share news and opportunities to live God's love together as a community.*

## **BLESSING**

*God's promise goes with us into whatever comes next.*

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **RECESSIONAL**

**“Good Christian Friends. Rejoice and Sing”**

**ELW 385**

*With hearts lifted, we turn toward the world as Christ's people.*

## **SENDING**

*We are sent to love, serve, and live the story we have shared.*

Siblings in Christ, our Eucharist has ended. **Now it must be lived.**

Go in peace. Praise the Risen Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **POSTLUDE**

*As worship concludes, music strengthens and inspires us for the journey ahead.*

### **\*\*\*Trinity at a Glance\*\*\***

- **No Affirmation Class on April 5th.** Classes will resume on April 12th.
- **The last Sunday Session and Affirmation Class** is scheduled for Sunday, **May 3rd.**
- Please note that the **church office will be closed Monday, April 6th.**
- **Please stop by the Giving Tree** in the narthex and pick up a tag or two for Mission/Outreach's next project! **We are collecting items for Safe Journeys.** These items will be used by Safe Journeys for victims of domestic violence. Thank you so much for your generosity!
- **The next blood drive is Wednesday, April 8, 2026.** Please contact Carol Wahlstrom to donate or to volunteer to help: [carolwahlstrom@gmail.com](mailto:carolwahlstrom@gmail.com).
- **The Swenson Scholarship is open to graduating High School seniors** going on to further their educations and who have remained active at Trinity throughout their elementary and high school years. Applications can be picked up at the church office Mon-Wed 9-2pm until April 30th. **The application deadline is May 1st.**
- The **Annual Trinity Rummage Sale will be held Fri, May 1st, 2-4pm for set up & 4-7pm for the sale. Also Sat, May 2nd 9-4pm for the sale.** Clean up date TBD. We are now taking donations for this event. If you are interested in helping, please contact Carol Wahlstrom, [carolwahlstrom@gmail.com](mailto:carolwahlstrom@gmail.com). We will need help for set up, during the sale dates & for clean up.  
Please feel free to **post the flyers by Java Junction** at your local supermarkets, coffee shops, and give to your neighbors and family. Additional flyers can be obtained from the office during business hours Mon, Tues, & Wed, 9-2pm.
- **Please join us on April 12th** at 10 am to celebrate our students' **First Communion!** There will be a reception in Java Junction after Service.
- **Open Table UCC's Annual Plant Sale is online through April 30th.** Order early before plants sell out! Plants start at \$4.50. <https://pci.jotform.com/form/260608653154154>
- Thrivent Action Teams are a simple and impactful way to support service projects, outreach efforts, or maintenance projects through our church. **If you are a member of Thrivent** (a financial services organization rooted in Christian values), you can apply for a grant two times a year - typically \$250 each time. These grants are designed to support community projects such as fundraisers, care packages, meal programs, or events that meet a church need such as maintenance projects.  
**Any Thrivent client with an eligible membership can apply,** and the process is quick and easy through your Thrivent account online. If you need help setting up an account or applying for the grant Carol Wahlstrom [carolwahlstrom@gmail.com](mailto:carolwahlstrom@gmail.com) or Jane Goetz [goetz\\_jane@yahoo.com](mailto:goetz_jane@yahoo.com) can help you. Once approved, you'll receive the funds along with helpful planning materials, if needed. If you've ever had an idea or want to help fund a project, this is a great opportunity. To learn more or to apply please visit Thrivent's website or contact Carol or Jane.
- **Please support Mission's 2026 Growing Project.** The funds raised will help people (mostly women) increase their food production in Guatemala's Western Highlands. There are information sheets in the pews that describe what's happening there and the help that will be provided.  
**Our goal is to raise \$25,000** to help. We're planning a number of activities to inform about the project and raise funds. All help is welcome! Last year's project raised almost \$29,000! Thank you for all of your support!
- **Friends of Marj Nelson** are invited to contact the office by email at [tlcoffice@trinitylutheranottawa.com](mailto:tlcoffice@trinitylutheranottawa.com) to obtain the link to her Caring Bridge page. This page will keep folks updated on her situation.

● **CURRENT FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- March Income = \$221,146.79 (Income YTD = \$67,048.67)
- March Expense = \$20,068.35 (Expense YTD = \$62,744.95)
- Income Less Expense = \$1,078.44 (Income Less Expense YTD = \$4,663.72)

● **THIS WEEK @ TRINITY:**

- **Monday (4/6):** *Church Office is Closed*  
*No Tai Chi*  
10a Drum Fit (Community Room)
- **Tuesday (4/7):** 8a LEASE Screenings (Education Building)  
10a Sit Fit (Community Room)  
4:30p Mission Outreach Meeting (Community Room)  
4:30p Endowment Committee Meeting
- **Wednesday (4/8)** 9a Blood Drive (Community Room)  
9:30a Finance Committee Meeting (Board Room)  
1p Bible Study (TBD)  
6:30p Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- **Thursday (4/9):** 10a Sit Fit (Community Room)  
1p Trinity Stitchers (Sewing Room/Fellowship Hall)
- **Friday (4/10):** 7a Sunrise Rotary (Fellowship Hall)
- **Saturday (4/11):** 2p Wayne Goodchild Visitation & Funeral
- **Sunday (4/12)** 9a Sunday Session  
9a Affirmation Class  
10a Holy Communion & First Communions  
11a First Communion Celebration (Java Junction)

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE -**

*Please sign up using the binder at the back of the aisle.*

<p><b><u>Sunday, April 5, 2026 (Easter Sunday)</u></b>  Crucifer/Acolyte: <i>Madi Perino</i>  Ushers:  Lector: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i>  Communion Assistants: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i>  Altar Guild: <i>Anne Lauterjung, Linda Scott</i>  Video Tech: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i>  Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever &amp; Mary Heider</i>  Altar Flowers: <i>In honor of Gary Grunstad from Vickie Grunstad &amp; Family</i></p>	<p><b><u>Sunday, April 12, 2026</u></b>  Crucifer/Acolyte: <i>Anna Reed</i>  Ushers:  Lector: <i>LouAnn Gayan</i>  Communion Assistants:  Altar Guild: <i>Katrina Bromann, Cindy &amp; Jay Komater</i>  Video Tech: <i>Anne Lauterjung</i>  Music Directors: <i>Matt Makeever &amp; Mary Heider</i>  Altar Flowers: <i>In honor of Kate Beckman from Jan &amp; Pete Beckman</i></p>