



# Holy Trinity

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

### N A R B E R T H

*Growing in Faith - Making a Difference - Open to All*  
**Second Sunday of Easter**  
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*Welcome to Holy Trinity! We're thankful that you decided to join us in worship today. Every week is a little different here, and we hope that you'll encounter God's love and grace for you. At Holy Trinity we believe that the Gospel is God's gift to each and every person, shared unconditionally regardless of race, ethnicity, age, gender, or sexual orientation. In baptism, God has joined us together as one body who shares Christ's mission to love and serve the world. Through Christ we find a unity that transcends any other differences, and we welcome all people into Christ's church as fellow recipients of God's grace and workers in God's world.*

**+ GATHERING +**

**Welcome**

**L:** Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**C:** **He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism:**

**L:** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are raised with him to new life.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**C:** **Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,  
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.**

**We thank you, risen Christ,  
for these waters where you make us new,  
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.  
We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us  
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,  
like rains to our thirsting earth,  
like streams that revive our souls,  
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.  
Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.  
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.  
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.  
Make us one, risen Christ.  
Cleanse our hearts.  
Shower us with life.**

To you be given all praise,  
 with the Holy Spirit,  
 in the glory of God,  
 now and forever.  
 Amen.

**Gathering Hymn: 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!

## Greeting:

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

C: **And also with you.**

## Canticle of Praise

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



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



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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

*Refrain*



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

### Prayer of the Day:

L: Let us pray together...

C: **Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

+ WORD +

### Reading: 1 John 1:1--2:2

<sup>1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—<sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>2:1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L: Word of God. Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation:



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31**

**L:** The Gospel this day from St. John, the 20th chapter.

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**L:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon:** Pastor Dan Smith

## **Anthem**

Hymn of Promise

Natalie Sleeth

## Affirmation of Faith

L: As children of God, we affirm:

**C: That God, who is Love, created all and called it good,  
that God is present with all of creation,  
and that, in darkness and in light, God is faithful;  
therefore we, too, seek to be faithful.  
That Jesus came to show us Love with a human face,  
that he taught justice and reconciliation and suffered on our behalf,  
and that through his faithful example, he embodies hope;  
therefore we, too, seek to be people of justice, reconciliation, and hope.**

**That the Holy Spirit guides and accompanies us,  
that this same Spirit offers wisdom and discernment,  
and that, when we are open, the Spirit can always find a way;  
therefore, we seek to be people filled with God's Spirit:  
discerning, loving, and transforming our world.  
Amen.**

*\*Adapted from Daily Prayer for All Seasons.*

## The Prayers:

L: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

### *A brief silence*

L: You shower your church with grace, O God. Unite the whole church on earth, so that with one heart it testifies to the resurrection of Jesus Christ with power and love. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: You proclaim the blessing of life forevermore. Like dew upon the mountains, refresh your creation. Restore waters, cleanse the air, and provide moisture to parched land. Give your whole creation the promise of new life. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

L: You direct the nations, O God. Guide all in authority, that they shepherd their peoples in the ways of your love. Defeat in us our impulse to war. Bestow the peace of Christ upon those in authority and breathe upon them the Holy Spirit. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

L: You place within the heart of the church a spirit of sharing. Give us the power of your generous Spirit, that we provide for the needs of others. Announce your peace to those who are lonely, hurting, suffering, or afraid. Be especially with Dottie, Harvey, Martha, Doris Jane, Linda, Sue, and Will. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

L: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

#### **Lord's Prayer:**

L: 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.**

#### **Announcements**

**+ SENDING +**

#### **Benediction:**

L: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## Sending Hymn: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

### *Refrain*



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

## Dismissal:

**L:** Christ is risen, just as he said. Go in peace, share the good news! Alleluia!

**C:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**Happy Belated Birthday to:** Nancy Hall, Phd (4/4) and Emma House (4/4).

**Holy Trinity's Prayer List**

Dottie Adams  
Harvey Davis  
Martha deHeyman  
Doris Jane Starankovic  
Sue Steiger  
Linda Wieteha  
Will Williamson

**Friends and Relatives**

Bettina Chavanne (friend of the McCluskeys)  
Alyssa Yoder (friend of Dee Jaye Frye and  
Doris Jane Starankovic)  
The Olsen Family (Pat Brubaker's family)  
Kellie & Bob Coombs (friends of Anne  
Hoffman)  
Vincent Sangmeister (Mary Williamson's  
brother)  
Fran Gebhart  
Sharon Neall (Hall family member)  
Eleanore Roecker (friend of Anne  
Hoffman)  
Ve Woodson (daughter of Harvey Davis)  
Beth Brady (Kristine DelMonte's  
co-worker)  
Lois Kistler (friend of the Hoffmann's)  
Norma DelMonte (Tom's mother)  
Sandy Bauer (friend of Pat  
Brubaker)

Cindy and Bobbie (cousins of the  
Hoffmann's)  
Marty (friend of Pat Brubaker)  
Linda Baldi-Boyd  
Lin (friend of Pat Brubaker)  
Kelly (Carolmarie Scanlon's sister in law)  
Michael Barkovich (Kim Crews-Engelhard's cousin)  
Beth Ann Force (friend of Louise Hoffman)  
Sally Kennedy (Pastor Harvey Davis's wife)  
Georgette, her daughter Kara, and Chuck  
Marbury Hooey  
Bill & Jane Henderson (friends of the Hoffmanns)  
John & Rosemary Lynch (friends of Pat Brubaker)  
Jane Feldman (family member of the Steigers)  
Tangela Jones (friend of the Crews-Engelhard  
Family)  
June Duncan  
Nancy Nesbitt (friend of Bob Catherman)  
Annette Steiger (Dave Steiger's sister)  
Martin Eichner (Gloria Eichner's son)  
Margie (Jan Doan's friend)  
Eleanor Crissman (Bob Catherman's sister)  
Lucy Bishop (Julie Ackerman's cousin's baby)  
Joseph Davis  
Carol Devine and family (Hoffman family friends)  
Winifred Joyce (friend of the Hoffmanns)

*Want to add someone you love and care about to  
the prayer list? Contact the church office anytime.*