

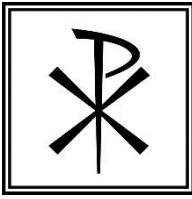
**Trinity Evangelical
Lutheran Church
of Abita Springs, Louisiana**

Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 16, 2017 — 8:00 am

Jesus Lives! What Does This Mean for You?



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Abita Springs, Louisiana

The mission of Trinity Lutheran Church is to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ and to go and share the good news of Jesus Christ until he returns to take us home.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome! We consider it a privilege to worship the Lord with you this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful word. If you are looking for a church home, we are happy to share ours with you. Please come again and worship with us very soon!

- ❖ **Bring the kids.** Children are always welcome at our worship services. If your child is having a difficult morning, there is a speaker in the Fellowship Hall which will allow you to hear the service.
- ❖ **Restrooms** are located in the Fellowship Hall next door.
- ❖ **Don't feel obligated.** Our members give offerings to the Lord as an expression of thanks for his love. When the offering plate is passed, you're not expected to give an offering; it's your choice. While the offering is gathered, we'll ask you to sign our Friendship Register. Leave any information you're comfortable giving us—we use it simply to thank you for coming and to invite you back.
- ❖ **Make yourself at home.** After our services, we normally join together in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, snacks, and conversation. We'd be honored if you could join us!

BEFORE WORSHIP

As you prepare to worship your Lord today, spend a few quiet moments in prayer before the service. Helpful prayers, including the one below, may be found in the front section of the hymnal, pages 10-11 and 134-139.

O Lord, Jesus Christ, You triumphed over death on Easter morning and assure me that I will also triumph through faith in you. Help me see how your resurrection gives me hope, and give me strength and courage in times of trial, remembering these setbacks cannot take paradise away from me. Amen.

TODAY'S WORSHIP THEME

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! The Church gathers at dawn and remembers the early hours of the first Easter Sunday. After three days in the tomb, Christ returned to dry our tears and remove our fears. Jesus wants no soul left in mourning over death. He laid down his life, and he took it up again. He removed the sting of death by becoming salvation for us, so that we can call God our Father.

SERVING OUR LORD TODAY

Service Leader: Pastor Patrick Freese

Early Service Ushers: Lester Palliser and Greg Wood

Early Service Greeter: John Filipowicz

Early Service Music: Jan Blake

Late Service Ushers: Grant Closson and Tony Giancontieri

Late Service Greeter: John Filipowicz

Late Service Music: Karen Palliser and Charlene Wood

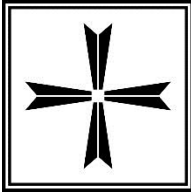
Easter Breakfast: John Filipowicz and Barrett Leibe

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EASTER FESTIVAL SERVICE

Before the Opening Announcements:

M: He is risen!

C: **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

PASTOR'S WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

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STAND

M: In the Name of the Father and of the Son ✝ and of the Holy Spirit

C: **Amen**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: As we approach our God, may we cast away all hypocrisy that lingers in our sinful hearts confess our sins to our heavenly Father, asking him for Jesus' sake to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me, according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. As a called servant of Christ and by his authority I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son ✝ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: Jesus rose and that is good news for you. If Jesus was still in the grave, he could not help you. He would have broken his promises that he would conquer death. But Jesus lives and because he lives, he conquers death for us.

**C: (sung) I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.**

**He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save.
He lives, all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.**

Christian Worship 152: v.1-2

M: Jesus promises you paradise in heaven. The best is yet come for us here today. Jesus won't abandon you before you join him there. He will help you when you go through trials and strengthen you when you feel weak.

**C: (sung) He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears.
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.**

**He lives my kind, wise, heavenly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end.
He lives and while he lives I'll sing;
He lives my Prophet, Priest, and King.**

Christian Worship 152: v.5-6

M: "Because I live, you also will live." Before Jesus died he comforted his disciples with the certainty of eternal life. Since Jesus rose, new life is ours. For winning our victory over death and the grave, Jesus deserves honor, glory, and praise.

**C: He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"**

Christian Worship 152: v.8

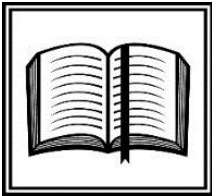
PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: With thankful hearts, let us approach our heavenly Father in prayer:

O God, you made the dawn of this most holy day shine with the glory of our Lord's resurrection. Grant that we who have been raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 12:1-6

¹In that day you will say:

"I will praise you, O LORD. Although you were angry with me,
your anger has turned away and you have comforted me.

²Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD,
is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation."

³With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.

⁴In that day you will say:

"Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;
make known among the nations
what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things;
let this be known to all the world.

⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,
for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."

M: This is the Word of our Lord.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

⁵¹Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed--
⁵²in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. ⁵⁴When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

⁵⁵"Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?"

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: This is the Word of our Lord.

THE GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ²So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

³So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. ⁸Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes, ¹¹but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹²and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

¹³They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

¹⁵"Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).

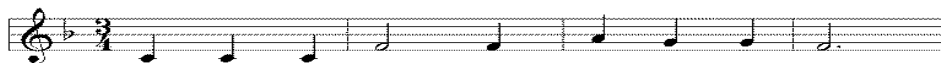
¹⁷Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

¹⁸Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

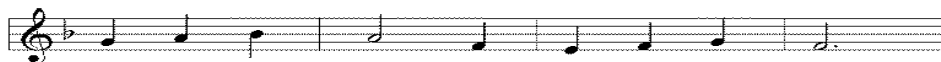
M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

HYMN OF THE DAY

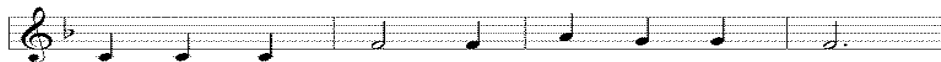
Christ is Arisen, Alleluia



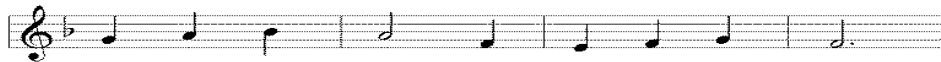
1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
2 For three long days the grave did its worst
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.
4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.
5 Christ has a - ris - en; he sets us free.



Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here.
He has a - ris - en this world to save.
Al - le - lu - ia, to him prais - es be.

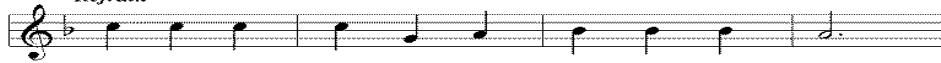


For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
He who gives life did death un - der - go.
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.
Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done.
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;

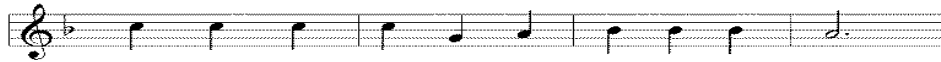


E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
And in its con - quest his might did show.
On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."
E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

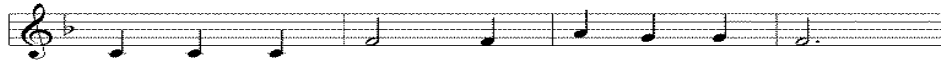
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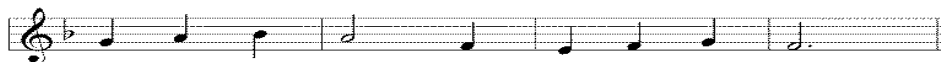
Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



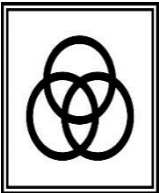
Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

SERMON

John 20:1-18

Jesus Lives! What Does This Mean for You?

STAND



THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

BE SEATED

THANKSGIVING

THE OFFERING

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him.

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

BE SEATED

PRAYER HYMN

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

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THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

TODAY (April 16, 2017)

8:00 am	Easter Worship – Early Service
10:00 am	Easter Breakfast
11:00 am	Easter Worship – Late Service

MONDAY (April 17, 2017)

No Catechism – Easter Monday

NEXT SUNDAY (April 23, 2017)

9:00 am	No Bible Information Class
10:00 am	Sunday Worship
11:00 am	Bible Class/Refreshments

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT WEEK (April 23, 2017)

Service Leader: Pastor Patrick Freese

Ushers: Bill Blake and Greg Wood

Greeter: John Filipowicz

Music: Jan Blake

Fellowship Refreshments: Libby Breazeale

Church Cleaning: John and Susan Filipowicz

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ **Welcome to guests and visitors!** We are glad that you are here and hope that you will join us again soon. If you have any questions about anything Trinity related, feel free to contact Pastor Freese at freesepts@gmail or (985) 502-4021.
- ❖ **2017 at Trinity:** As we look forward to this new year, we also take a look back at our roots. This year marks the 500th anniversary of the nailing of the 95 Theses by Martin Luther. This year we will explore our Lutheran identity while we also look forward to the future.

- ❖ **Why I am a Lutheran:** Did you know only .036% of the residents of the state of Louisiana identify themselves as Lutherans? Our Sunday morning Bible Class helps us answer that question, “Why am I a Lutheran?” Join us on Sunday, April 23 after church as we prepare to answer that question.
- ❖ **Hope² Life Coaching at Trinity:** Trinity is hosting Hope² Life Coaching every Thursday from April 27 to June 1. Ages 15-19 will meet from 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm. Ages 20+ will meet from 7:30 pm - 8:45 pm. If you’re looking to improve communication skills, positive decision making, overcome obstacles in life, improve self-esteem, or improve your planning, this is the course for you. For more information, contact Indelethio Nebker at 985-630-4102 or indy.nebeker@gmail.com.
- ❖ **Save the Date:** Our Crawfish Boil will be May 5th. You can start arriving around 5:00 pm. If you’re interested in joining us please RSVP on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in front of the church.

Our Vacation Bible School is July 17-21 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Children ages 3-11 are welcome to join us as we marvel at how our God is a Mighty Fortress.

- ❖ **Church Cleaning:** Are you looking for an opportunity for service at Trinity? If so, you can help Trinity by volunteering to clean the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. A suggested list of cleaning instructions is posted in the Sacristy. Cleaning supplies are provided in the Fellowship Hall pantry. If you would like to help clean, there is a sign-up sheet located at the entrance of the church. Contact: Karen Palliser.
- ❖ **Stain Glass Window Update:** Trinity invites you to participate in our stain glass window renovation. Offering envelopes toward the stain glass window project have been distributed in the mailboxes located at the entrance of the church. Please prayerfully consider donating toward this effort, over and above your regular offerings. An \$800 donation would restore a complete window. Smaller donations add up.

Phase 1 has been completed. Take a look at the north and south windows to see the work that was done. Phase 2 work is envisioned to begin around July 2017.

Total Cost for Phase 2:	\$6,186.90
Contributions from Individual gifts:	\$2,092.23
Remaining Cost for Phase 2:	\$4,094.67



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