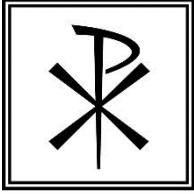




**Trinity Evangelical
Lutheran Church
of Abita Springs, Louisiana**

Second Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2017 — Fuel for the Unfulfilled



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—our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter—we are assembled in your presence to hear your holy Word. We pray that you open our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of your Word we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus, and grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

TODAY'S WORSHIP THEME

Are you discouraged? Afraid? Sad? Lonely? Tired? If you are, you're at the right place. Jesus arrives and calms fear. He brings hope to the hopeless. He is your fuel when you are weak.

SERVING OUR LORD TODAY

Service Leader: Pastor Patrick Freese

Ushers: Bill Blake and Greg Wood

Music: Jan Blake

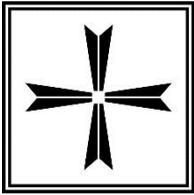
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Pastor's Email: freesepts@gmail.com

Church Website: www.trinityabita.org



MORNING PRAISE

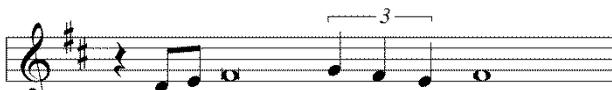
Matins

OPENING HYMN

O Sons and Daughters of the King

165, verses 1-5

STAND



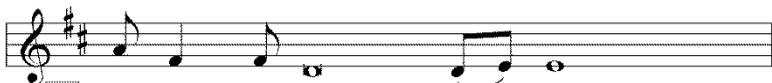
L O Lord, o - pen my lips.



C And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



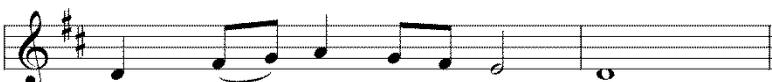
L Hasten to save me, O God.



C O Lord, come quickly to help me.



L Give glory to God, our light and our life.



C Come, oh, come, let us wor - ship.

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PSALM 95

Venite

The Leader will introduce the refrain and sing the verses. The congregation is invited to sing the refrain after it has been introduced.

①

Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,

②

let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;

③

come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,

Repeat for use with canon

come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.

Verses

1. You are a great and a won - drous God,
2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,
cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.

You made the hills and the moun - tains high,
You are the God whom we call our own,

to Refrain

you made the seas and the dry land.
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, 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.

BE SEATED





THE WORD

LESSON

1 Peter 1:3-9

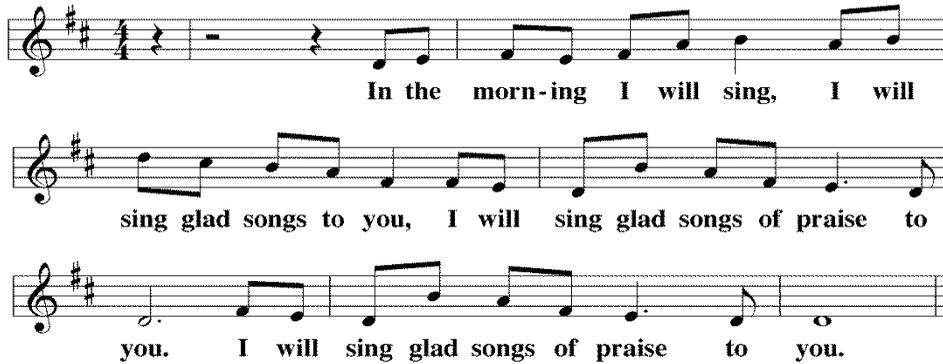
³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade-- kept in heaven for you, ⁵who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷These have come so that your faith-- of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire-- may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 63

Refrain – Sung by the Congregation



In the morn-ing I will sing, I will
sing glad songs to you, I will sing glad songs of praise to
you. I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

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C: *Refrain*

M: (*Sung*) O God, you are my God; for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory.

C: *Refrain*

M: (*Sung*) For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.

C: *Refrain*

M: (*Sung*) On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night, for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

C: *Refrain*

STAND

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²²And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."

²⁶A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though 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; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

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

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

This Joyful Eastertide

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SERMON

Fuel for the Unfulfilled

John 20:19-31

STAND



YOU ARE GOD; WE PRAISE YOU

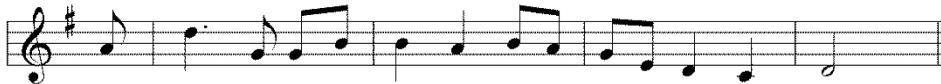
Te Deum

The Congregation will sing the refrain and the sections marked in bold. The Pastor will sing the verses.

Refrain



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.



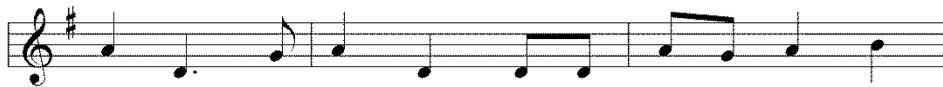
1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **We praise you, we**
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



praise you! With the cher - u - bim and ser - a-phem,
O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **We**
You be - came a man to set us free;



praise you, we praise you! With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,
O Spir - it, most ho - ly, **We**
You have ris - en to free us;



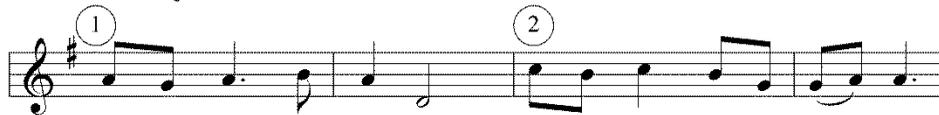
praise you, we praise you! With the mar - tyrs and your
 To the Trin - i - ty most
 And with all your saints in



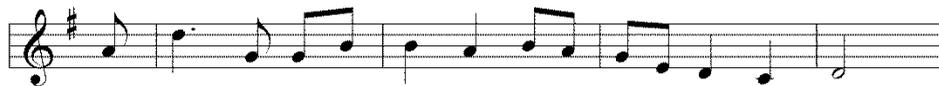
ho - ly Church, *to Refrain*
 bless - ed, We sing in end - less praise! *to Refrain*
 glo - ry, *to Final Refrain*

Final Refrain – Sung by the Congregation

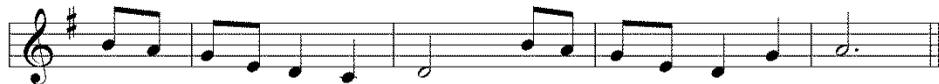
Final Refrain



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa - ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise,



all cre - a - tion of - fers praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.

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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

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

*The pastor will sing the section marked with an **L**. The Congregation will sing the section in bold marked with a **C**.*

L In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you;
be mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.

C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

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

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

158

I Am Content! My Jesus Lives Again

STAND

PRAYER FOR GRACE

M: (Sung) O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C A - men.

BLESSING

*The Congregation will sing the sections in bold marked with a **C**.*

L Let us praise the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

L The Lord bless and keep you.

C A - men.

L The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.

C A - men.

L The Lord grant you peace for all your days.

C A - men.

BE SEATED

CLOSING HYMN

165, verses 6-9

O Sons and Daughters of the King

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

TODAY (April 23, 2017)

10:00 am	Worship
11:00 am	Bible Class/Refreshments

MONDAY (April 24, 2017)

5:30 pm	Catechism
6:30 pm	Church Council

WEDNESDAY (April 26, 2017)

7:00 pm	Midweek Bible Class
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THURSDAY (April 27, 2017)

6:00 pm	Hope ² Life Coaching Class (ages 15-19)
7:30 pm	Hope ² Life Coaching Class (ages 20 and up)

NEXT SUNDAY (April 30, 2017)

9:00 am	Bible Information Class
10:00 am	Worship
11:00 am	Potluck

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE LAST WEEK (April 16, 2017)

Easter 8:00 am Worship Attendance	22
Easter 10:00 am Worship Attendance	71
Easter Offering	\$2,040.00
2017 Weekly Goal	\$1,770.00

"Praise the Lord, and forget not all his benefits" Psalm 103:2

SERVING OUR LORD NEXT WEEK (April 30, 2017)

Service Leader: Pastor Patrick Freese

Greeter: John Filipowicz

Music: Karen Palliser and Charlene Wood

Fellowship Refreshments: Potluck

Church Cleaning: Bill and Jan Blake

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 0.36% 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 after church next Sunday as we prepare to answer that question.

❖ **Hope² Life Coaching at Trinity:** Trinity is hosting Hope² Life Coaching beginning this Thursday, April 27 through June 1. Ages 15-19 will meet from 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm. Ages 20 and up 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 Nebeker at 985-630-4102 or indy.nebeker@gmail.com.

❖ **Save the Date(s):** Our annual Crawfish Boil will be held on Friday evening, 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 will be held on 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.

❖ **Midweek Bible Class:** You know the know 10 Commandments are important, but do you know the 10 Commandments? If you don't, this class will be a great opportunity to the 10 Commandments and how they apply to your life. If you do know the 10 Commandments, this will still be a great opportunity to review these important truths. This study will meet Wednesday nights though April and May.

- ❖ **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:	\$3,292.23
Remaining Cost for Phase 2:	\$2,894.67

