



EASTER  
CHANGES EVERYTHING

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Welcome! Enter with Prayer, Worship in Awe, Leave to Serve.

Our worship services are livestreamed on our YouTube channel and our website. If you do not wish to be filmed, please do not sit in the first four pews or the last pew. Children’s Time and communion distribution are not filmed.

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

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*We experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.*

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**GATHERING . . . WORD . . . MEAL . . . SENDING**

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## **SINGING BOWL**

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

### **PRELUDE: “Rise and Sing”**

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh  
Whoa oh oh oh oh oh  
Whoa oh oh oh oh oh  
Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

If you’re alive and you’ve been redeemed  
Rise and Sing, Rise and Sing  
If you’ve been touched by the mercy King  
Rise and Sing, Rise and Sing

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh  
Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

If you were bound but now you're free  
Rise and Sing, Rise and Sing  
Lift up a shout of victory  
Rise and Sing, Rise and Sing

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh  
Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

*Chorus:*  
Our God is risen and reigning  
And we're elevating  
the Glory of our God and King

Everybody Rise and Sing

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh  
Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

If in your heart rings a melody  
Rise and Sing, Rise and Sing  
If you have tasted and have seen  
Rise and Sing, Rise and Sing

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh  
Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

*Chorus (2 times)*

Everybody Rise and Sing

Whoa oh oh oh oh oh  
Whoa oh oh oh oh oh

Let the redeemed of the Lord sing hallelujah (hallelujah)  
Let the redeemed of the Lord sing our God reigns (our God reigns)  
(repeat)

*Chorus (2 times)*

Everybody Rise and Sing

**WELCOME**

Please Stand

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*P: May the peace of the risen Savior Jesus be with you all.*

**All: And also with you.**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: Our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice.**

L: Do not worry or fear, for Christ is alive!

**All: In this place, we find hope and joy.**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: Let us worship the one who brings new life.**

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.*

**All: Amen.**

*P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,*

**All: we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation.**

*P: Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.*

**All: In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.**

*P: Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.*

**All: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

*P: Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace.*

**All: We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. Amen.**

## **GREETING**

*P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

**All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## **OPENING SONG: "My Savior Lives"**

*Verse 1:*

Our God who reigns forever  
And all the world  
Will know His name  
Ev'ryone together  
Sing the song of the redeemed

*Chorus:*

I know that my redeemer lived  
And now I stand on what he did  
My Savior, my Savior lives  
Ev'ryday a brand new chance to say  
Jesus You are the only way  
My Savior, my Savior lives

*Verse 2:*

The King has come from heaven  
And darkness trembles at His name  
Victory forever is the song of the redeemed

*Chorus*

My Savior lives, My Savior lives  
My Savior lives  
My Savior lives, My Savior lives  
My Savior lives

*Chorus*

## INVOCATION

*P: Worship God in the beauty of holiness. Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad. The God who created the world and fills it with life is with you all.*

**All: And also with you.**

**LITANY:** “Resurrection” by Sharlande Sledge

L: When others dismiss your story as an idle tale, who will you be?

**All: Resurrection people with Easter in our hearts.**

L: When the world seems to be crumbling around you, remember who you are:

**All: Resurrection people with Easter in our hearts.**

L: When despair would seem to squelch all hope, believe in who you have become:

**All: Resurrection people with Easter in our hearts.**

L: When it is hard to persevere against all odds, trust in God who names you:

**All: Resurrection people with Easter in our hearts.**

L: As we follow Christ into the world,

**All: may God help us to remember who we are . . . resurrection people with Easter in our hearts.**

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Life-giving God, we gather today to celebrate the resurrection of your Son.

**All: We are grateful for the new life he brings.**

L: We are grateful for the hope and joy he shares.

**All: We are grateful for leading the way, as he goes before us.**

L: Gracious God, today and every day,

**All: we offer you our thanks and praise.**

L: Strengthen our faith, that it may sustain us during difficult days and enable us to share your love with others.

**All: Open our hearts to new life and new possibilities. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

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GATHERING . . . **WORD** . . . MEAL . . . SENDING

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**INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD**

Reader: God of light and love,

**All: open our hearts to your message of unity.**

Reader: Open our minds to the light of your wisdom.

**All: Open our lives to the call of your Spirit.**

Reader: Reveal to us your holy presence,

**All: as we listen and learn this day. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Reader: The first reading is from Acts, chapter two, beginning with the fourteenth verse.

**READING:** *Acts 2:14a, 22-32*

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd: “People of Israel, hear this: Jesus of Nazareth was sent to you with miracles, portents and signs as his credentials—which God performed through him in your midst, as you well know. Jesus was delivered up by the set purpose and plan of God; you even made use of godless people to crucify and kill him. God freed him from death’s bitter pangs, however, and raised him up again, for it was impossible that death could keep its hold on him. David says,

‘I have set our God ever before me;  
God is at my right hand, and I will not be disturbed.  
My heart has been glad, my tongue has rejoiced,  
my body will live on in hope,  
for you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
nor will you let your faithful one undergo decay.  
You have shown me the paths of Life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence.’

“Sisters and brothers, I can speak confidently to you about our ancestor David. He died and was buried, and his grave is with us to this day. But he was a prophet, and he knew that God had promised him with an oath that one of his descendants would sit upon his throne. So what he was foreseeing and talking about was the resurrection of the Messiah: the one not abandoned to the underworld, whose body didn’t decay. God raised Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses to that.

Reader: Holy wisdom, Holy word.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.*

**All: Glory to you, O God.**

**GOSPEL:** *Matthew 28:1-10*

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary of Magdala came with Mary to inspect the tomb.

Suddenly, there was a severe earthquake, and an angel of God descended from heaven, rolled back the stone, and sat on it. The angel’s appearance was like lightning, with garments white as snow. The guards shook with fear and fell down as though they were dead.

Then the angel spoke, addressing the women: “Don’t be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus the crucified, who is no longer here. Jesus has been raised, exactly as it was foretold. Come and see the burial place. Then go quickly and tell the disciples that Jesus has risen from the dead and now goes ahead of you to Galilee. You will see Jesus there. That is the message I have for you.”



The women hurried away from the tomb with awe and great joy and ran to carry the good news to the disciples.

Suddenly Jesus stood before them and said, “Shalom!” The women came up, embraced Jesus’ feet and worshiped. At this, Jesus said to them, “Don’t be afraid! Go tell the disciples to go to Galilee, where they will see me.”

*P: The Gospel of the Risen Savior.*

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

Be Seated

**CHILDREN’S TIME:** Pastor Tim

Please Stand

**PRE-MESSAGE SONG:** “*Revelation*”

*Verse 1:*

My life has led me down the road that's so uncertain  
Now I am left alone and I am broken  
Tryin' to find my way tryin' to find the faith  
That's gone

*Verse 2:*

This time I know  
That You are holding all the answers  
I'm tired of losing hope and taking chances on roads  
That never seem to be the ones that bring me home

*Chorus:*

Give me a revelation  
Show me what to do  
'Cause I've been tryin' to find my way  
I haven't got a clue  
Tell me should I stay here or do I need to move  
Give me a revelation

I've got nothing without You  
I've got nothing without You

*Verse 3:*

My life has led me down  
This path that's ever winding  
Through ev'ry twist and turn  
I'm always finding that I am lost again  
Tell me when this road will ever end

*Chorus:*

Give me a revelation  
Show me what to do  
'Cause I've been tryin' to find my way  
I haven't got a clue  
Tell me should I stay here or do I need to move  
Give me a revelation  
I've got nothing without You  
I've got nothing without  
I've got nothing without You

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**HOMILY:** Pastor Tim

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### **INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**L:** Through the resurrection of Christ, we have been given new birth and a living hope.

**All:** In thanksgiving and praise, let us bring our gifts to God.

### **THANKFUL OFFERING**



## OFFERING SONG: “Give Thanks”

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because  
He’s given Jesus Christ His Son  
(repeat)

And now let the weak say “I am strong”  
Let the poor say “I am rich”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us  
(repeat)

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Give thanks because  
He’s given Jesus Christ His Son

And now let the weak say “I am strong”  
Let the poor say “I am rich”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us  
Give Thanks

Please Stand

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Our hearts are glad, O God, as we rejoice in your Easter miracle.

**All: We come with gratitude and joy for the many gifts you have given, but most of all for the gift of Christ.**

L: Bless these gifts we return to you, that they may become gifts of new life to those who are haunted by signs of death: despair, poverty, sorrow, violence and loneliness.

**All: Help us live the Easter miracle that we may ourselves be signs of resurrection hope for the other. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**



## **THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

L: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need. God of rebirth, the good news of your resurrection brings refreshment to a weary world. Following the women at the tomb, empower us to boldly share your radical love through our words and our work. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

L: As you breathed your Spirit into the disciples, breathe your spirit of healing upon all creation. Nourish the earth with sufficient rains. Strengthen us to counter the effects of pollution and destruction. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

L: You come among us in unexpected ways. Send us to those who hide in fear or question your love. Be a healing presence for any isolated by addiction, incarceration, mental illness, chronic pain, sickness, or grief. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

L: As you met the disciples on the road to Emmaus, show us your presence along our journeys. Bless our doubts and questions. Provide trusting and safe relationships for all ages, to nurture our connection to you and one another. Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

L: God of all, hear the prayers of our heart said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Hear us, O God.

**All: Your mercy is great.**

L: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**All: Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: God is with you.

**All: And also with you.**

L: Open up your hearts.

**All: We open them to our Creator.**

L: Let us give thanks and celebrate.

**All: It is good to do so.**

*P: Holy God, we praise you. Let the heavens be joyful, and the earth be glad. We bless you for creating the whole world;*

**All: for your promises to your people Israel, and for Jesus Christ in whom your fullness dwells.**

*P: Born of Mary,*

**All: Jesus shares out life.**

*P: Eating with sinners,*

**All: Christ welcomes us.**

*P: Guiding his children,*

**All: Jesus leads us,**

*P: Visiting the sick,*

**All: Christ heals us.**

*P: Dying on the cross,*

**All: Jesus saves us.**

*P: Risen from the dead,*

**All: Christ gives new life.**

*P: Living with you,*

**All: Jesus prays for us.**

*P: In the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it up for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."*

*With thanksgiving, we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the mystery of faith.*

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

*P: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that this meal may be a communion in the body and blood of our Lord.*

**All: Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast.**

*P: Unite us in faith, encourage us with hope, inspire us to love,*

**All: that we may serve as your faithful disciples until we feast at your table in glory.**

*P: We praise you, eternal God, through Christ your Word made flesh, in the holy and life-giving Spirit, now and forever.*

**All: Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation of our hearts.*

**All: 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 COMMUNION

*P: The disciples knew Christ in the breaking of the bread!*

**All: We come to the table of the risen Christ where we are known and loved.**

Be Seated



Holy Communion is open to all.  
Grape juice is white, wine is red.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Let an usher know if you need communion brought to you.

**For walking communion:**

You may come down the center aisle. Hold out your hand for the pastor to drop the wafer into, then take a cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white) from the assistant's tray, then return to your seat via the side aisles, depositing your disposable cup in the provided bowls.

**For communion at your seat with pre-packaged kit:**

You may come down the center aisle, take a communion kit from the assistant, and return to your seat to partake, or you may remain seated and partake of the communion kit you picked up at the entrance. The ushers will come around to collect empty kits.

**COMMUNION SONG:** *“Come to the Table”*

Come to the table of mercy  
Prepared with the wine and the bread  
All who are hungry and thirsty  
Come and your souls will be fed

Come at the Lord's invitation  
Receive from his nail-scarred hands  
Eat of the bread of salvation  
Drink of the blood of the Lamb

**COMMUNION SONG:** *“Ubi Caritas”*

Ubi Caritas et amor,  
Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

**SINGING BOWL**

Please Stand

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

*P: We have tasted your goodness, O God, in your gifts of word and sacrament.*

**All: May our hearts burn within us, that we may proclaim your mighty acts and joyfully live as your chosen people; through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Loving God, in this meal you sustain the weary and heal the broken.

**All: May the gift of your word made flesh, the body and blood of Christ, inspire our tongues to praise you and proclaim to the entire world the risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Be Seated

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please Stand

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## COMMISSIONING FOR PASTOR TIM'S SABBATICAL

L: On the seventh day God rested and celebrated all of creation. God surveyed all that God had made and said, "It is good."

**All: Pastor Tim, we work together in ministry here at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church and have much to celebrate. We celebrate your encouragement, direction, and leadership in our work together as God's people in this place. Of this ministry together we say with confidence, "It is good."**



L: We send you now on this Sabbatical journey confident that God will bless your every step, refresh your spirit, renew your mind, strengthen your body, and return you to us empowered for our continued task of ministry in the world.

**All: We will miss you, even as we faithfully carry out with joy and hope the ministry to which we are called. As you attend to your Sabbatical, please know that our thoughts and prayers will be with you, that we support you in every way, and that we look forward with joy to your return.**

L: We also affirm and pray for Pastor Barbara who will be providing pastoral care, guidance and leadership during this time.

**All: We promise to support her ministry through prayer, through the use of our gifts, talents, and skills.**

*P: I look forward to that day when I will return and share in our ministry together. I will miss you as well, and I will pray for you whenever you come to mind. Thank you for creating this opportunity for a time of Sabbath rest in my ministry.*

**All: Go, now, with our blessing, and with the blessing of God the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

*P: With Mary and the disciples and all those who live in Christ,*

**All: let us rejoice that we have seen our Savior, who is not dead, but lives.**

*P: In the love of the Creator; in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ; and the power of the Holy Spirit,*

**All: let us go forth to love and serve the world.**

*P: Christ is risen.*

**All: Christ is risen, indeed. Amen.**

## **CLOSING SONG: “*Make a Difference*”**

### *Intro:*

You gave your life, to make a difference  
You gave your life, to make a change  
You welcomed all to your table,  
You’re calling us to do the same.

### *Chorus:*

I want my life to make a diff ‘rence;  
I want my life to make a change,  
I want my life to do some good here;  
I want my life to make a change

### *Verse 1:*

Working side by side, no out or inside,  
Together we can make that change  
With a few or many, with a lot or not any,  
Together we can make that change

### *Chorus*

### *Verse 2:*

Crossing the great divide, joy and peace will abide  
Together we can make that change  
Jesus is our peace, all fighting will cease,  
Together we can make that change

### *Chorus*

### *Verse 3:*

We’re citizens with the saints,  
We’re the sunshine with the rain,  
We’re the joy with the pain, we’re the change  
You healed the sick and fed the poor,  
Loved the prophet and the poor,  
Through us You will do more, You’re the change

### *Chorus 2x*

## **DISMISSAL**

**L:** Go in Easter peace and joy!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**