



**Sunday, April 18, 2021**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

## **Welcome to Worship and Announcements**

### **Prelude**

#### **\*Thanksgiving for Baptism:**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

**P** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

\*Gathering Hymn: "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!" ELW 377



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!

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**\*Greeting:**

P 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.**

**\*Prayer of the Day:**

**All Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Kidsword:** Pastor Jerry O'Neal

**Our first reading is from Acts 3:12-19:**

*After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.*

<sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

L Word of God. Word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 4:** (Read responsively between Lector and Congregation.)

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup>**"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"**

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.

<sup>4</sup>**Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>**Many are saying, "Who will show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

<sup>8</sup>**In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

\*Please stand as you are able.

**Our Second reading is from 1 John 3:1-7:**

*God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.*

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

**L** Word of God. Word of life. **C** Thanks be to God.

**\*Gospel Acclamation: (setting 3)**

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

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

**\*Gospel Reading: Luke 24:36b-48**

*In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins

\*Please stand as you are able.

is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon:** Pastor Jerry O’Neal

**Hymn of the Day:** “Day of Arising” ELW 374 (Sung to the tune “Morning Has Broken”)

1 Day of arising,  
Christ on the roadway,  
unknown companion walks with his own.  
When they invite him,  
as fades the first day,  
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.

2 When we are walking,  
doubtful and dreading,  
blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,  
yet Christ walks with us,  
ever awaiting  
our invitation: Stay, do not part.

3 Lo, I am with you,  
Jesus has spoken.  
This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:  
when the church gathers,  
when bread is broken,  
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.

4 Christ, our companion,  
hope for the journey,  
bread of compassion, open our eyes.  
Grant us your vision,  
set all hearts burning  
that all creation with you may rise.

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**\*Apostles' Creed:**

**P&C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

**\*Prayers:** (Congregation's response in bold type.)

L For our prayers today, I will conclude each petition with "Hear us, O God" and your response is, "Your mercy is great.."

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.*

Living God, in the midst of Easter joy we are still filled with questions and wondering. Open our hearts and minds as we encounter the scriptures, so that the church embodies repentance and forgiveness in the name of Jesus to all nations. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, like a master artist you have fashioned the universe out of your love and delight. Heal your creation where it is in need of restoration. Provide all the inhabitants of earth a peaceful and sustainable home. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of all, the nations hunger and thirst for your righteousness. Many call on you for guidance and strength. Answer their hopes with the peace of Christ and give your lovingkindness to national, state, and local leaders of people. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Healing God, you hear the cries of those in need and answer them in their distress. Grant to those who are sick and suffering your compassion and nurse them back to health and wholeness especially to those we now name either aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause). Be close to the hearts of the lonely. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Loving Parent, you have given us such love that we should be called the children of God. Reveal yourself to us so that we in this community of faith will become more and more like you in our mutual love and bold witness. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Forgiving God, open our minds and hearts to go out with courage and wisdom to proclaim your message of repentance and forgiveness just like you did for the disciples after the resurrection. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

\*Please stand as you are able.

God of all times and ages, those who have died in you now see you as you are. We thank you for their lives among us. Assure us of the peace you have promised, that we may join them in everlasting life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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.

**Amen.**

**\*Sharing the Peace:**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

**Offering:**

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2. Go to our website [www.holytrinitylutheranchurch.com](http://www.holytrinitylutheranchurch.com) and click on the green "Give" button.
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Offertory Hymn: "The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing" ELW 531



1 The trum - pets sound, the an - gels sing, the feast is  
2 Ta - bles are la - den with good things; oh, taste the  
3 The hun - gry heart he sat - is - fies, of - fers the



read - y to be - gin. The gates of heav'n are o - pen wide,  
peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love di - vine;  
poor his par - a - dise. Now hear all heav'n and earth ap - plaud



and Je - sus wel - comes you in - side.  
he'll turn your wa - ter in - to wine.  
the a - maz - ing good - ness of the Lord.



Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light.



Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.



Take your place at the ta - ble of the King.



The feast is read - y to be - gin;



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THE FEAST IS READY

LM and refrain

**\*Offering Prayer:**

L God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving:**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P Creator God...

...singing the hymn of your unending praise.

“You Are Holy” ELW 525 (Sung twice through, second time as a round.)



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

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P Re-creating God...

...Great is the mystery of faith.

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

P Ever-creating God...

...Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**\*Lord's Prayer:**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. (Lord's Prayer)

**All 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.**

**\*Invitation to Communion:**

P The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

**Communion Hymn: "Lamb of God" (setting 3)**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

\*Please stand as you are able.

**Distribution:**

*This is the Table of Grace for all who belong to Christ and seek his gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. We extend to you all that we have in the Lord Jesus and invite you to his Holy Supper. Those communing with us who haven't been baptized and desire God's gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation in Holy Baptism are invited to talk to the Pastor. We invite you to come forward, receive the bread in your hand, and take a cup from the tray and take them back to your seat. After all have been served, we will consume Communion together. White grape juice is offered as an alternative to wine and are in the cups in the center of the tray.*

**Communion Hymn: "By Your Hand You Feed Your People" ELW 469**

- 1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
- 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
- 3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:  
 Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis - dom sat - is - fy our deep - est needs.  
 In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod - y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er - flow - ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re - deemed, re - stored.

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**\*Post Communion Blessing:**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
All **Amen.**

**\*Post Communion Prayer:**

L Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
C **Amen**

**\*Sending Call and Response:**

L God's work!  
C **Our hands!**  
L God's love!  
C **Our hearts!**  
L God's story!  
C **Our voices!**

**\*Benediction:**

P "Barocha" - Michael Card  
C **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn: "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing" ELW 389**



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

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**\*Dismissal:**

L Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
 C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
 L Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!  
 C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Announcements for April 18, 2021

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries for the week of April 18 - 24:**

Birthdays:

April 20 – Dick Elias

April 22 – Jaren Summers

Anniversaries:

April 18 – Steve and Sue Donnellan

April 21 – Anthony and Carmen Costello

**This week's Prayers:** Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Dale Cameron

Jim Hughett, Diane Scholer's Cousin

Glenna, Sister of Mary Broughton

Mary Broughton

Sue Donnellan

Kent Windmiller, Karen Wenger's brother

Denise Amschler

Those who are infected with the COVID-19 Coronavirus and the frontline workers who are caring for them.

### **Back Bay Mission Trip Meeting:**

Following the service this morning the Back Bay Mission Group will meet in Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in finding out more information, please see John Scholl or Pr. Jerry.

### **Acolyte Training:**

Following the service this morning, any children or adults who are interested in becoming an acolyte, please meet with Diane Scholer and Pr. Jerry outside the sanctuary.

### **Walking Group:**

We are now walking outside. Meet in the church parking lot at 9 am on Tuesday mornings. After a brief devotional and prayer we will walk on the White River Greenway for an hour. If you need new tracking cards they are located in the entryway in the small wooden basket. Come & join us! Linda Hamilton, Parish Nurse

### **At last! Time to quilt in person - May 1st - Save the date:**

Quilters and newbies - It's about time we got together to pin and tie our mission quilts. We are a tad behind schedule due to Covid restrictions. Put Saturday, May 1st on your calendar from 9 am to Noon. Several people have made quilt tops at home, so we will assemble them at the church. The work is easy and the fellowship is DELIGHTFUL. Save the date.

### **Art and Lee Baker Scholarships:**

Applications are now available in the Church Office for \$500 awards to 2021 high school graduates with ties to the church. They are reviewed by Outreach and funded by the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Foundation. The deadline for submissions will be April 30.

The couple for whom the scholarships are named, Arthur A. Baker (1924-2006) and Leonora F. Baker (1920-1996), were long-time residents of Muncie and members of Holy Trinity.

\*Please stand as you are able.

**VISIONING HOLY TRINITY POST-PANDEMIC:** a note from your council president

Didn't it feel great to be back in-person on April 11th? Although we aren't out-of-the-woods yet with this Covid pandemic, we can see the gradual move toward herd immunity with the vaccinations available. I thank both God and the scientists who developed the drugs so quickly.

Because of the total shock to our society as we knew it, we need to envision the future to determine our NEW NORMAL. What is God calling us to do as a congregation? I'll bet you have ideas of what we could become. Expect an announcement shortly about an all-congregation visioning workshop. We want to take our current VISION PLAN and adapt it to our post-Covid society. The world is hurting in many ways. Just look at the news. Our community needs our church to do Christ's work for a peaceful and just society. How does our Vision Statement manifest itself? Well, I bet you have ideas to brainstorm. Mark your calendar now for Sunday, June 6 immediately after the service. A lunch will be served. Save the date.

In Christian love,  
Nancy Carlson, Council President

**Serving in Worship Today:**

**Lay Worship Leader and Communion Assistant:** Dawn-Marie Oberly

**Acolyte:** Autumn Smith

**Ushers:** Gary Santoni and Andy Brelage

**Altar Guild:** Rosanna Scholl