

**Trinity
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Second Sunday
of Easter

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"Peace
be with you.
As the
Father
has sent me,
so I send you."

John 20:21

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SERVICE OF THE WORD



9:00 AM APRIL 12TH, 2026

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WELCOMES ALL! *We are gathered in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who beckons us to come to Him in faith and repentance. May the gospel of the Lord inspire and fill you with the Spirit! Fellowship & refreshments are available in the Narthex and Library immediately following our Sunday worship.*

GATHERING

WE PREPARE *In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.*

RINGING OF THE BELL / PARISH NOTICE

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!** Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.** Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

Amen.





1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
 this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Psalm 16

In your presence there is fullness of joy.

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
 upon those who are noble among the people.**

But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
 never take their names upon my lips.**

O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

I have set the LORD always before me;

because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

The first reading is from Acts, chapter 2, verses 14a and 22-23. After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

"This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

The second reading is in 1 Peter chapter 1, verses 3-9. This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even in the midst of difficult circumstances and surroundings.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith — being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is

tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le -
lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING

John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**"

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." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 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."

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." 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." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 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."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 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.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**



SONG OF THE DAY

Be Not Afraid

Verse 1

1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you shall not die of
 1. thirst. You shall wan-der far in safe-ty though you do not know the
 1. way. You shall speak your words in for-eign lands and all will un-der-
 1. stand. You shall see the face of God and live. to Refrain

Refrain

Be not a-fraid. I go be-fore you al-ways. Come fol-low
 me, and I will give you rest. 1, 2 to Vss 2, 3 Final 2

Verse 2

2. If you pass through rag-ing wa-ters in the sea, you shall not
 2. drown. If you walk a-mid the burn-ing flames, you shall not be
 2. harmed. If you stand be-fore the pow'r of hell and death is at your
 2. side, know that I am with you through it all. to Refrain

VERSE 3

BLESSED ARE YOUR POOR, FOR THE KINGDOM SHALL BE THEIRS.
 BLESSED ARE YOU THAT WEEP AND MOURN, FOR ONE DAY YOU SHALL LAUGH.
 AND IF WICKED MEN INSULT AND HATE YOU ALL BECAUSE OF ME, BLESSED,
 BLESSED ARE YOU! TO REFRAIN

CREED

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**

THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: respond after Lord, God of grace,



SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY



Living Hope

Trinity Choir

(The Ushers bring up the offering)

OFFERING PRAYER

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation.

You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty.

Draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.

We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Together, let us pray with confidence the words our Savior gave us:

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.

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

This is My Song

ELW 887



1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give you; let your will be done.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Our Thanks To All Who Serve The Body Of Christ

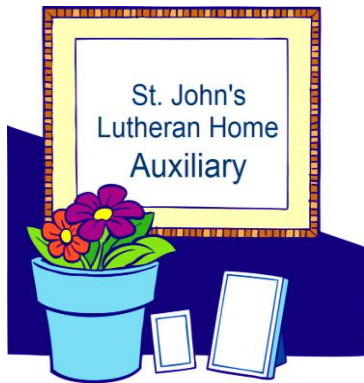
SUNDAY		9:00 am Worship
Accompanist	Mary Mulry	
Acolyte	Graysen Evers	
Readers	Karen Voge	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Greeters	Eric & Juliann Wahlborg	
Ushers	Dale Eckstein, Lee Johnson	
Altar Guild	Joleen Dittbenner, Sara Sellner	

WELCA is putting together a new Trinity Cookbook and would love to include your favorite recipes. Please consider submitting a "treasured" or go to recipe - anything from family classics to quick weeknight dinners, holiday favorites, or desserts. Recipes will be collected into a shared cookbook so we can enjoy each other's best dishes in one place.



Please submit your recipes to the church office by May 20th. Typed or printed recipes are preferred, but all are accepted. You can also bring your recipe cards to the church office and we can copy them for you and give you back your original recipe cards.

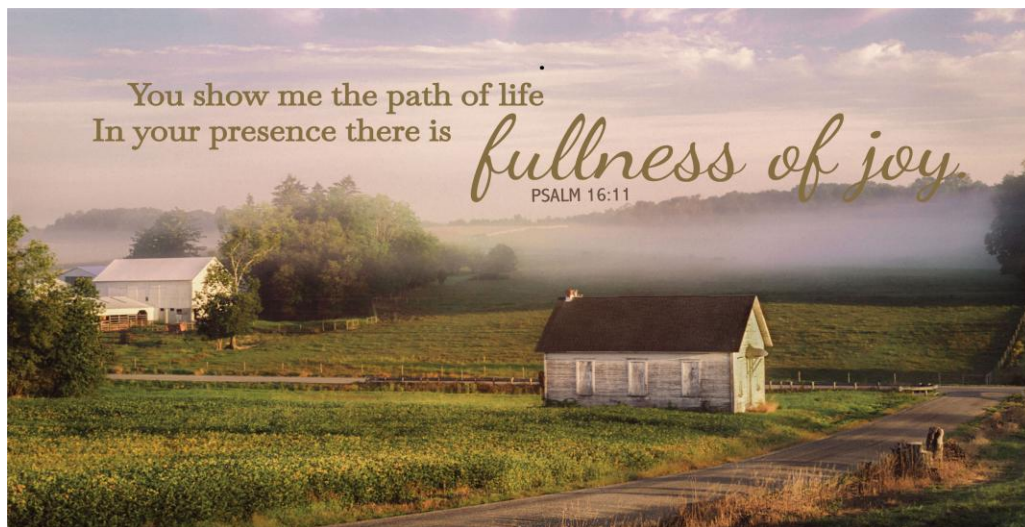
Thank you in advance for helping us create a cookbook that reflects everyone's tastes and traditions. We're excited to see (and taste) what you send in.



Join the St. John's Circle of Care Auxiliary! Annual dues are just \$10.00. All membership contributions help fund special programs, resident activities, staff appreciation, and enhancements to the quality of life for the residents of St. John's Circle of Care. Are you interested in volunteering? We welcome anyone willing to share their time and talents. Trinity sponsors Bingo and Birthday parties for part of the year. Volunteer forms are located by the bulletin boards. Please complete them and place them in Connie Dahlberg's mail slot.

Thank you for helping us continue to enhance the lives of our residents and staff. Please contact Trinity's Auxiliary representative for more information.

Connie Dahlberg 507 794-6667



TRINITY

TRIVIA & BREWS

at the Sleepy Eye
Brewing Company



FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH
STARTING AT 5PM

**Come join us for a fun night of
Lutheran Trivia with Pastor Dave!**
Even if trivia isn't your thing, we'd love
for you to stop by for drinks and some
great fellowship. **Hope to see you there!**



Fischer's Sleepy Bison Grill Food Truck that night at the Brewery!

APRIL 12, 2026

The risen Lord Jesus calls us to believe.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	John 20:19-31	Thomas sees and believes
Monday	Genesis 32:22-32	Jacob wrestles with God
Tuesday	Judges 6:36-40	Gideon and the fleece
Wednesday	2 Corinthians 5:1-10	We live by faith, not by sight
Thursday	Hebrews 10:35-11:2	The nature of faith
Friday	1 Peter 2:21-25	Healed by his wounds
Saturday	Isaiah 33:5-6, 20-24	Look upon Zion
Sunday	Luke 24:13-35	On the road to Emmaus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK



*Second Sunday
of Easter!*

Then Jesus told Thomas, “You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me.”

John 20:29

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Lord Jesus, bless us with faith in you. Help us to find our way through our doubts. Amen. (John 20:27-29)

Mealtime Prayer:

Lord God, as our bodies are fed with good gifts from you, please bless us with Easter peace, joy, hope and faith. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Risen Lord Jesus replace your doubts with faith, your worries with peace, and your sadness with joy. Amen.

CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your household or small group:

- What is something you would like to see for yourself?
- Thomas found it difficult to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead until he saw him with his own eyes. In what ways are you like Thomas?
- Jesus said, “Blessed are those who believe without seeing me” (John 20:29). Why is belief more important than physical proof?

DEVOTIONS

In your home devotion times this week, pray for people (by name if possible) who are struggling to believe in Jesus. Ask for God’s help to share Jesus’ love with them.

SERVICE

When Jesus first appeared to his disciples, Thomas was not with them. He must have felt like an “outsider,” not having the same experience as his friends. Is there a person who is a newcomer to your community or church who may feel like an “outsider” at times? Invite them to your home to share a meal with you, or to a church function with you. Introduce them to others and help them feel more at home.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

While his disciples were hiding in a locked room on the first Easter Sunday, the risen Lord Jesus appeared to them and said, “Peace be with you.” When you gather as a family this week, “pass the peace” to one another with handshakes, kisses or hugs. As you greet each other say, “The Lord’s peace be with you.”



Trinity's Mission Statement

We are a community where Jesus is Lord: our mission is to invite, welcome, nurture, and equip all people to be disciples in His name.

TRINITY'S PRAYER CHAIN Send an email to secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org or call the office at 507 794-5051. Leave a message.

TRINITY'S WEBPAGE Send an email to the church office at secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org and let Darlene know you want your newsletter via email!

TRINITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK CHECK IT OUT!!

"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"

The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on www.sleepyeyonline.com watch this site for community news and events.



If you haven't already, please consider *Simply Giving*, an automated giving program for your offering. You determine the frequency of your offering which is deposited into Trinity's account the same day it is withdrawn from your account. It's a "hassle-free" way to give. Talk to Pat or Darlene if you are interested. Thank You.

Last week at Trinity

Weekly Worship Attendance:	364
Website	95
Bible Studies Attendance:	8+9=17
TREK	44
Weekly Giving: (\$6058.00 Needed)	\$8404,40
April Giving: (\$29,325.00 .Needed)	\$8404,40
Yearly Giving	\$37,213.96



Thrivent members are reminded to direct their Choice Dollars each year any time after April 1st of the year!

This Week's Prayer Concerns

Pray for Trinity...that the Holy Spirit would keep our Trinity family united as we continue in worship and in helping others as we are able ...

Pray for the Church...that the Holy Spirit would empower us to live in the image of God so that we would speak and act in every way bringing glory to God before all the nations and peoples with what we have been given...

Pray for our World...that pain of war, which has penetrated so many lives that your light Lord would help us to see your presence and that the Spirit would lead us to seek the truth and practice grace for all who are hurting...

Pray for all who are ill, afflicted, or recovering...that the Holy Spirit would give comfort and daily strength to **Dave, Susie, Gary, Mark, Sherry, Kali, Isak, Vivian, Kim, Pam, Pat, Beth, Harold, Rita, Paul, Ray, Lorinda, Chris, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Duane, Milo, Ed, Carlo, Dorothy, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, Linette, Tammy, John, Tony, Ted, Connor, Kimora, and Mary Jo.**

Pray for the beloved... who now rest from their labors in God's mercy and for all who mourn the personal loss of loved ones...especially Diane Eckstein and her family in the loss of her sister, **Linda Strand**...that God would fill each one with the hope of our Lord's promise to bring us to a new heaven and earth where suffering, crying, pain and death will be no more....

Pray for all families...that the Holy Spirit would bring compassion and mercy to all who are separated from one another and each would give way to mercy, love and reconciliation...

Pray for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces and those far from home...for **Brady Augustin** and his wife and daughter ...and for all of our military Veterans that the Holy Spirit would guard them in safety and keep their hearts stayed in Christ...

Pray for the missionaries of our church (ELCA)...that they proclaim their witness of the Gospel throughout the world.

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"Blessed
are those
who have not seen and
yet have believed."

John 20:29

