

# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Trinity Lutheran Church  
Morris Plains, New Jersey  
Pastor David Russert

# WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH!

We are glad to have you at worship with us today,  
as we receive God's good and gracious gifts!

At Trinity, we joyfully share God's love and Word with all people  
through worship, learning, fellowship, and service.

Trinity is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), meaning our beliefs and teachings follow after the Bible-based teachings of Martin Luther, who sought to bring the Church back to the pure doctrines of Scripture. Simply put, we believe, teach, and confess what the Bible says—no more, no less.

As part of the LCMS, our beliefs and teachings can be summarized as:

**Grace Alone:** God loves the people of the world, even though they are sinful, rebel against Him & do not deserve His love. He sent Jesus, His Son, to love the unlovable & save the ungodly.

**Faith Alone:** Jesus' suffering & death as the substitute for all people of all time purchased & won forgiveness & eternal life for all. Those who hear this Good News & believe it receive these gifts. God creates faith in Christ & gives people forgiveness through Him.

**Scripture Alone:** The Bible is God's inerrant & infallible Word, in which He reveals His Law & His Gospel of salvation in Christ. It is the sole rule & norm for Christian doctrine.

God bless you as He speaks to us His Word during this time of worship!

**WE OFFER BIBLE STUDIES FOR ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN,  
BOTH YOUNG AND OLD! PLEASE JOIN US!**

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## A NOTE ON COMMUNION:

In this congregation, the Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites those who trust His words and repent of all sin to His table.

Communion is also a confession of the faith confessed at this altar. Any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession different than that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (yet desire to receive the Sacrament) are asked to first speak with Pastor Russert or an usher.

*“Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord.” 1 Cor. 11:27-28*

# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Stand

### OPENING HYMN

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks – *WOV 671*

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four systems of music with lyrics underneath. The first system is a refrain. The second system continues the refrain. The third system contains five numbered verses. The fourth system is another refrain. Chord symbols (F, Dm, Gm, C, Bb) are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: 'Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord; al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name. 1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth; 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth: 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ; 4 God has pro - claimed the just re - ward: 5 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God, he is the king of cre - a - tion. Je - sus has died and has ris - en. now we shall live . . . for - ev - er. life for all peo - ple, al - le - lu - ia. joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.'

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ALLELUIA NO. 1  
8 8 and refrain

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**  
**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**  
**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

*Psalm 133; ant.: v. 1*

*Behold, how good and pleas- | ant it is\*  
 when brothers dwell in | unity!*

It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of | Aaron,\*  
 running down on the collar | of his robes!

It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of | Zion!\*  
 For there the LORD has commanded the blessing, life for- | evermore.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
 and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

*Behold, how good and pleas- | ant it is\*  
 when brothers dwell in | unity!*

### KYRIE

**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

*Gloria in Excelsis*

The musical score is written on ten staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The music consists of a single melodic line. The lyrics are:

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward  
 men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
 O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
 O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.  
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.  
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -  
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

**P** The Lord be with you



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

## FIRST READING

*Acts 2:14a, 36–41*

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup>And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” <sup>40</sup>And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM *(spoken responsively)*

*Psalm 116:1–14; ant.: v. 5*

*Gracious is the LORD, and | righteous;\*  
our God is | merciful.*

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, because | he has heard\*  
**my voice and my pleas for | mercy.**

<sup>2</sup>Because he inclined his | ear to me,\*  
**therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.**

<sup>3</sup>The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;\*  
**I suffered distress and | anguish.**

<sup>4</sup>Then I called on the name | of the LORD:\*  
**“O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!”**

<sup>5</sup>Gracious is the LORD, and | righteous;\*  
**our God is | merciful.**

<sup>6</sup>The LORD preserves the | simple;\*  
**when I was brought low, he | saved me.**

<sup>7</sup>Return, O my soul, | to your rest;\*  
**for the LORD has dealt bountifully | with you.**

<sup>8</sup>For you have delivered my | soul from death,\*  
**my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling;**

<sup>9</sup>I will walk be- | fore the LORD\*  
**in the land of the | living.**

<sup>10</sup>I believed, even | when I spoke,\*  
**“I am greatly af- | flicted”;**

<sup>11</sup>I said in | my alarm,\*  
**“All mankind are | liars.”**

<sup>12</sup>What shall I render | to the LORD\*  
**for all his bene- | fits to me?**

<sup>13</sup>I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation\*  
**and call on the name | of the LORD,**

<sup>14</sup>I will pay my vows | to the LORD\*  
**in the presence of all his | people.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Gracious is the LORD, and | righteous;\*  
our God is | merciful.*

## EPISTLE

*1 Peter 1:17–25*

<sup>17</sup>If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup>He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, <sup>21</sup>who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup>Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup>since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; <sup>24</sup>for

“All flesh is like grass  
and all its glory like the flower of grass.  
The grass withers,  
and the flower falls,

<sup>25</sup>but the word of the Lord remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 190



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:13–35

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup>So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, <sup>29</sup>but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” <sup>33</sup>And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup>saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## APOSTLES' CREED

LSB 192

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
 From thence 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.

Sit

### HYMN OF THE DAY

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

1. That East - er day with joy was bright,  
 2. His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed;  
 3. O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness,  
 4. O Lord of all, with us a - bide  
 5. All praise, to you, O ris - en Lord,

The sun shone out with fair - er light,  
 His wound - ed hands and feet he showed,  
 Who with your grace our hearts pos - sess  
 In this our joy - ful East - er - tide;  
 Now both by heaven and earth a - dored;

When to their long - ing eyes re - stored  
 Those scars their sol - emn wit - ness gave  
 That we may give you all our days  
 From ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield  
 To God the Fa - ther e - qual praise.



The a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.  
 That Christ was ris - en from the grave.  
 The will - ing trib - ute of our praise  
 Your own re - deemed for ev - er shield  
 And Spir - it blest, our songs we raise.

**SERMON**


*Pastor David Russert*

**OFFERING**

*Stand*

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS**

475 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing



3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that life which  
 can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 196

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 197

## PAX DOMINI

LSB 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

## AGNUS DEI

LSB 198

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

### 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to  
2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His  
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread  
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide  
sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—  
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go  
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

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*Stand*

## NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 199



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



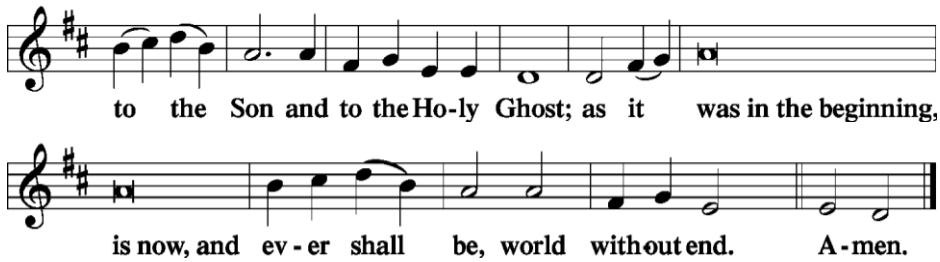
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



people Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

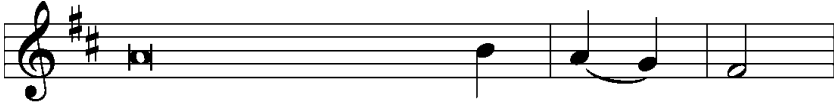


to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

**THANKSGIVING**

*LSB 200*

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

**SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS**

*LSB 201*

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

**BENEDICTION**

*LSB 202*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

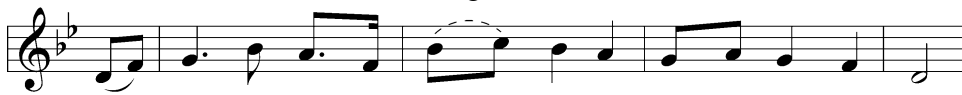
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men, a - men, a - men.

# CLOSING HYMN

## 941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
2 The band of the a-pos-tles in glo-ry sing Your praise;  
3 You, Christ, are King of glo-ry, the ev-er-last-ing Son,  
4 You sit in splen-did glo-ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing, by all the earth a-dored.  
The fel-low-ship of proph-ets their death-less voic-es raise.  
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res-cue ev-'ry-one:  
Up-hold-ing earth and heav-en by forc-es You com-mand.



To You all an-gel pow-ers cry a-loud, the heav-ens sing,  
The mar-tyrs of Your king-dom, a great and no-ble throng,  
You laid a-side Your glo-ry, were born of vir-gin's womb,  
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi-nal day,



The cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim their prais-es to You bring:  
Sing with the ho-ly Church through-out all the world this song:  
Were cru-ci-fied for us and were placed in-to a tomb;  
So help Your ser-vants You have re-deemed by blood, we pray;



“O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;  
“O all-ma-jes-tic Fa-ther, Your true and on-ly Son,  
Then by Your res-ur-rec-tion You won for us re-prieve—  
May we with saints be num-bered where prais-es nev-er end,



Your maj-es-ty and glo-ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!”  
And Ho-ly Spir-it, Com-fort-er— for-ev-er Three in One!”  
You o-pened heav-en's king-dom to all who would be-lieve.  
In glo-ry ev-er-last-ing. A-men, O Lord, a-men!

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## YEAR-ROUND OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



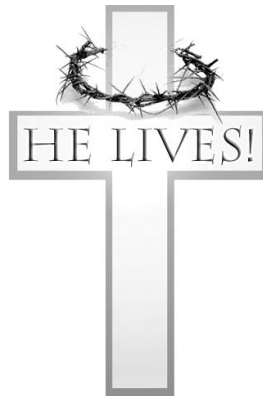
This year we are aiming to collect items for OCC shoeboxes all year. Each month will have a theme of the items to be purchased for the shoeboxes. Those items can be brought to the church and left in the Narthex in the box designated for shoebox items. April's theme is stuffed animals.



## BOARD OF DIRECTION

The Board of Direction meets each month.  
Members of the congregation are invited to attend.  
The next meeting is **Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.**

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