

LORD'S DAY SERVICE

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 11TH, 2025



TRINITY
REFORMED CHURCH

WELCOME!

We are thankful to have you worshiping with us this morning.

Christ is risen! The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the center of the Christian faith. If Jesus didn't rise from the dead, then the Apostle Paul says we are still in our sins. But the Scriptures proclaim and the Church testifies that on that first Sunday after the crucifixion, Jesus burst out of His tomb. Women were the first witnesses of His resurrection. Later His disciples and many others saw Him, spoke with Him, ate with Him, and touched Him. When Jesus rose from the dead, the Bible teaches that He conquered the power of sin, death, and Satan, and began a new creation of this world. His resurrection is the down payment and our certainty that our bodies and this whole creation which groans under the weight of sin and death will be raised up and glorified forever. We are forgiven and free now and will receive our inheritance at our resurrections. Since the earliest days, followers of Jesus have gathered on the first day of the week (Sunday) in commemoration of that first Easter. In this sense, every Sunday is an Easter Sunday. But it has seemed fitting to mark that first Easter in a special way annually. For many centuries, the Church has celebrated Easter for fifty days, recounting and remembering the forty days in which Jesus was seen and heard after His resurrection before His ascension. This culminates with Pentecost, the Fiftieth Day, when our Living Savior sent His Life Giving Spirit to share His endless life with us here and now, empowering us to carry out the mission of God for the renewal of the whole earth. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

If you would like to talk to someone about who Jesus is or what it means to be a Christian, please contact the church office to set up an appointment: office@trinitykirk.com // 208.882.2300

If you are new or visiting with us today, below is some information to help you make the most use of our facility:

- *The nursery and women's lounge are located through the back door of the sanctuary, and beyond the back foyer. The nursery is wired for sound. Please feel free to make use of these rooms as needed.*
- *Please join us after the service for fellowship & refreshments. We would love to meet you!*
- *There is gluten free bread and grape juice in the north narthex table for use during communion.*
- *The offering box is in the north narthex. Please place your offerings there before the service begins.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

The people shall stand

PROCESSIONAL // *Be Thou My Vision, Cantus 342*

GREETING

MINISTER: Christ is risen!

PEOPLE: He is risen indeed!

O Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

For His mercy endures forever.

The right hand of the Lord is exalted;

The right hand of the Lord does valiantly.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner stone;

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God,

Unto whom all hearts are open,

All desires known,

And from whom no secrets are hid:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit,

That we may perfectly love You

And worthily magnify Your Glorious Name,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The people shall sit

CHORAL ANTHEM // *Psalm 100* // *Youth Choir*

Composer: Ruth Watson Henderson, b. 1932

Text: Psalm 100

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:

Serve the Lord with gladness, and come before His presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord He is God; it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise;
be thankful unto Him, and speak good of His Name.

For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting;
and His truth endureth from generation to generation.

CONFESSION

EXHORTATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

Come, let us worship and bow down.

And kneel before the Lord our Maker.

The people may kneel

CONFESSION

Most merciful God,

We confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean,

And that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed;

Not only in outward transgressions,

But also in secret thoughts and desires

That we are not able to understand,

But which are all known to You.

For this reason, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy,

Seeking Your grace through Jesus Christ,

Who rose from the dead for our salvation.

Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

The people shall stand

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Amen.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people may lift their hands

Hal - le - lu - yah! Praise to God the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord, both now and for ev - er, Ha - le - lu - yah!

ASCENSION

SURSUM CORDA

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

It is prop - er and right to do so.

SANCTUS

Minister: It is good, right, and beneficial... we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

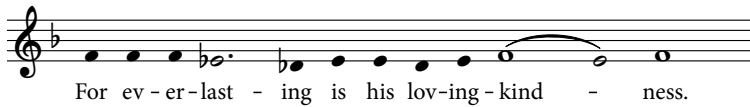
Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Ho - ly! Lord, God of Hosts.

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

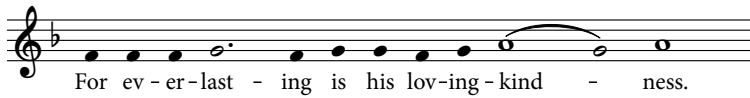
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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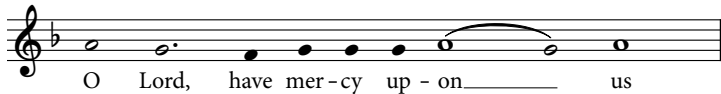
Minister: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.



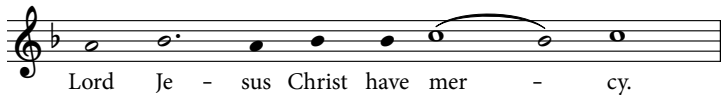
In peace let us pray to the Lord.



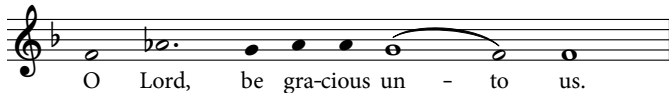
Our Father, who raised your Son from the dead so that he might bring life to the world,



Lord Jesus, whom death could not hold and who has been raised as Lord and King,



Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of life, who has been poured out to refresh the dry land,



*Triune God, Father, Son, and Spirit,
have mercy on us and renew us by the power of Jesus' resurrection.*



COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God,

**From whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed;
Give unto us that peace which the world cannot give;
That our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments;
And also that we, being defended by You from the fear of our enemies,
May pass our time in rest and quietness; through Jesus Christ our Savior,
Who rose from the dead and now lives and reigns with You
And with the Holy Spirit, ever one God, unto ages of ages. Amen.**

The people shall sit

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON // *Joshua 14:6-15*

After the reading, the reader and people shall say

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people shall remain seated

PSALM 128 // *Blessed the Man That Fears Jehovah, Cantus 166*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON // *Titus 2:1-10*

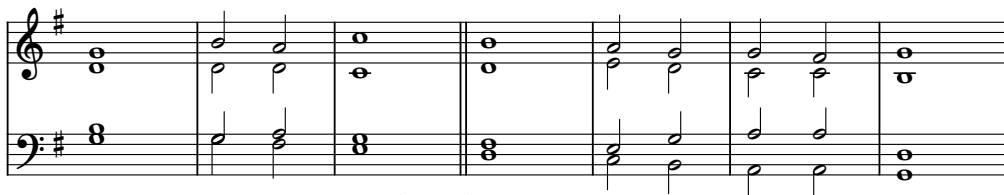
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CANTICLE // *Christ Our Passover - 1 Corinthians 5:7-8, Romans 6:9-11, 1 Corinthians 15:20-22*



Christ our Passover is sacri | ficed for | us:
Therefore | let us | keep the | feast,

Not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of | malice · and | wickedness;
But with the unleavened bread of sin | ceri | ty and | truth.

Christ being raised from the dead | dieth no | more;
Death hath no more do | minion | over | Him.

For in that He died, He died unto | SIN | once:
But in that He liveth, He | liveth | unto | God.

Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead in | deed · unto | sin,
But alive unto God through | Jesus | Christ our | Lord.

Christ is risen | from the | dead,
And become the | firstfruits · of | them that | slept.

For since by | man came | death,
By man came also the resur | rection | of the | dead.

For as in Adam | ALL | die,
Even so in Christ shall | all be | made a | live

Glory be to the Father and | to the | Son,
And | to the | Holy | Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and | ever | shall be
World without | END | A | men.

The people shall remain standing

GOSPEL LESSON // *John 15:1-9*

After the reading, the reader and people shall say

The Gospel of our Lord.

Glory be to You, Lord Christ.

The people shall sit

SERMON // *Living the Good Life* // Titus 2:1-10 // Joshua Appel

The people shall stand

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER // *Cantus 411*

Minister: Our Father,

Who art in heav - en, Hal - low - ed be Thy name. Thy king - dom come.

Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our dai-ly bread.

And for-give us our tres-pass-es, as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us.

And lead us not in-to temp-ta - tion, But de-liv-er us from e - vil. For Thine is the king-dom,

and the pow'r and the glo - ry, for - ev - er and ev - er. A-men.

11:00 only: The people shall sit

11:00 BAPTISM // *Callan Jeschke*

Individuals and families celebrating baptisms, reaffirmations, or joining the church are invited to remain at the front during the passing of the peace so that the congregation may greet them. If you or someone you know would like to be baptized or become a member of Trinity or learn more about either, please see one of the elders or pastors.

The people shall stand

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,

**The Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And of all things visible and invisible:**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God:

Begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God;

Begotten, not made;

Being of one substance with the Father;

By whom all things were made:

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven,

And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary,

And was made man:

And was crucified also for us, under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered and was buried:

And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures:

And ascended into heaven,

And sits on the right hand of the Father:

And He will come again with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead;

Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life;

Who proceeds from the Father and the Son;

Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;

Who spoke by the prophets:

And I believe one Holy catholic* and Apostolic Church;

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins:

And I look for the resurrection of the dead:

And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

**The word "catholic" means "universal" and refers to the whole people of God, not to a particular denomination*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

The people exchange peace. As the piano begins to play, the people shall return to their seats.

Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

Amen.

The people shall sit

OFFERTORY // *Isaiah, Mighty Seer, in Days of Old*



The musical score is written on eight staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are from Isaiah 6:1-8.

I - sa - iah, might-y seer, in days of old the Lord of all in spir - it did be-hold
high on a loft-y throne, in splen-dor bright, with flow-ing train that filled the tem-ple quite.
A - bove the throne were state-ly ser-a-phim; six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of him.
With twain they veiled their fac-es, as was meet, with twain in rev-'rent awe they hid their feet,
and with the oth-er twain a-loft they soared; one to the oth-er called and praised the Lord:
"Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth! Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth!
Ho - ly is God, the Lord of Sab - a - oth! Be - hold, his glo - ry fill-eth all the earth!"
The beams and lin-tels trem-bled at the cry, and clouds of smoke en-wrapped the throne on high.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE // *See page 17*

Following each thanksgiving or petition, the leader and people shall say

Father of the Risen Christ,

For Jesus' sake, hear our prayers.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

*At Trinity, we eat and drink the elements as they pass. As you give the elements to your neighbor, say “**The body of Christ broken for you**” or “**The blood of Christ shed for you.**” As you receive the elements, say “**Thanks be to God.**” We invite all who profess faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, have been baptized, and are not under church discipline to share the meal with us. If you have any questions about your participation, please see one of the elders or pastors before or after the service.*

EUCCHARISTIC MEDITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Holy and Gracious Father: In Your infinite love You made us for Yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, You, in Your mercy sent Jesus Christ, Your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to You, the God and Father of all. He stretched out His arms upon the cross, and offered Himself in obedience to Your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling His death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer You these gifts. Sanctify them by Your Holy Spirit to be for Your people the Body and Blood of Your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve You in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all Your saints into the joy of Your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ. By Him, and with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

Amen.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

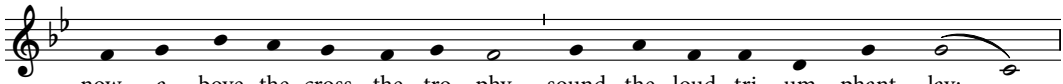
These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD

HYMN // *Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle*



1. Sing, my tongue, the glo - rious bat - tle; sing the win - ning of the fray;
2. Thir - ty years he dwelt a - mong us, his ap - point - ed time ful - filled;
3. He en - dured the nails, the spit - ting, vin - e - gar, and spear, and reed;
4. Un - to God be praise and glo - ry: To the Fa - ther and the Son,



now a - bove the cross, the tro - phy, sound the loud tri - um - phant lay:
born for this, he met his pas - sion; this the sav - ior free - ly willed;
from that ho - ly bod - y, bro - ken, blood and wa - ter forth pro - ceed;
to the - ter - nal Spir - it hon - or now and ev - er - more be done;



Tell how Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, as a vic - tim won the day.
on the cross the Lamb was lift - ed, where his pre - cious blood was spilled.
earth, and stars, and sky, and o - cean, by that flood from stain are freed.
praise and glo - ry in the high - est, while the time - less ag - es run.



A - men.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE CUP

HYMN // *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above, Cantus 324-325*

The people shall stand

FINAL THANKSGIVING

Heavenly Father,

You have delivered us from the power of darkness,

And brought us into the kingdom of Your Risen Son,

Where we can feed upon His body and blood.

We thank You for this great gift,

And through Him we offer You our souls and bodies as living sacrifices.

Send us out in the power of Your Spirit

To live and work to Your praise and glory. Amen.

COMMISSION

PASTORAL CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL // *Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound, Cantus 272, v. 1 & 4*

**Now let the vault of heav'n resound
In praise of love that doth abound,
"Christ hath triumphed, Alleluia!"
Sing choirs of angels, loud and clear,
Repeat their song of glory here,
"Christ hath triumphed, Christ hath triumphed!"
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heav'nly blessed sing
"Christ hath triumphed, Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
Thine the glory never ending!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The people shall sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Risen Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Following each thanksgiving or petition, the leader and people shall say:

*Father of the risen Christ, **For Jesus' sake, hear our prayers.***

OUR THANKSGIVINGS

Our ability to work and God's provision for us

Our people: CJ & Lisa Bowen (Maggie, Lissie, Will), Ethan & Caroline Brandt (Maia, Olivia, Boaz, Georgia, Magnolia, Henry), John & Roxan Breese (Ella, JP)

Engaged: Noelle Franco & Josiah Eaton (5/20), Caroline Gaskins & Osborne Doolittle (6/7), Liese Wiechers & Samuel Kleyn, Caroline Alders & Josh Salmon (6/28), *Alita Edmonds & Ezra Lortz (ERC - 7/18)*, Alison Unruh & Creed Thie

Baptism: Callan Jeschke

OUR LOCAL CHURCH

Provision and Protection for Widows, Single Mothers, and their Children

Those serving in the military: Samuel Black

Those who have rejected the gospel: Heather Casebolt

Mothers who are expecting: May: Lizzy Clemans, Alexis Friedel, Victoria Owsley; June: Grace Black, Karlee Griffith, Zoe Roberts; July: Ruth Lopez; August: Eliza Law, Anne Paul, Kathleen Ready, Katie Saunders; September: Sydney Bennett, Charli Lloyd, Christy Meyer, Grace Roberts, Maddie Williams; October: Natalie Evans, *Olivia Hurt (ERC)*

Those who are sick or injured: Mitch Stokes, Noai Meyer, Rachel Lorenzana, Sarah (Sebourn) Galvin

Our Leadership & Church Staff: Our Deacons

OUR BROADER CHURCH COMMUNITY

Mission Churches: Christ Church - Tri-Cities, WA

Churches around the world: Evangelical Reformed Church, Pastor Sergey Udaliyov, Belarus

Ministries and educators associated with TRC: Reuben & Lydia Henriquez, Pioneer Bible Translators

Christians in Iran:

- Pray for Naser Navard Gol-Tapeh, 63. He recently suffered a stroke in prison. Pray for recovery, strength and healing for Naser and that he will receive the medical care he needs.
- Pray for Somayeh Rajabi who was released from prison on a 36,000 Euro bail. Pray for provision for Somayeh and her family who raised such a large sum for her freedom.

OUR BROADER COMMUNITY

Local government: Moscow City Council

National government: The United States Supreme Court

Public needs and recent events: That Christian marriage and families would be held in honor and protected in our country against those who hate the truth and seek to pervert nature, and for the end of all abominations promoted in the name of marriage.

If you wish to be added to the TRC prayer list, please contact the church office: office@trinitykirk.com.

EASTER FLOWERS

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving for the lives of:

Robert F Beck October 6, 1954 - December 30, 2014

Edmund Black July 2, 2024

Shirley Schisler 1924-2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 18: Psalm Sing & Potluck

- 5pm
- Sign up through the link in the church email.

Saturday, May 31: Work Party

- 9am-12pm, followed by pizza
- Children welcome to help
- Talk to CJ or Bennett
- Look for a sign-up soon.

Saturday, May 31: Easterfest

- 4pm
- Sign ups coming soon.



SERMON NOTES

Living the Good Life // Titus 2:1-10 // Joshua Appel

TRC LEADERSHIP & STAFF

ELDERS

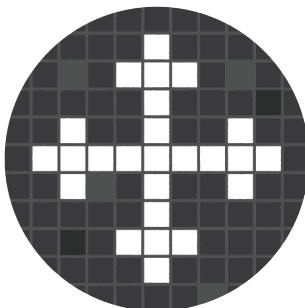
Joshua Appel, *Pastor*
Ryan Handermann, *Pastor*
Roy Atwood, *Teaching Elder*
Patch Blakey, *Ruling Elder (commissioned to establish ERC)*
Jeff Harlow, *Teaching Elder (commissioned to establish ERC)*
Chris Schlect, *Teaching Elder*
Joseph Schoolland, *Ruling Elder*
Kaleb Trotter, *Ruling Elder*
Timothy van den Broek, *Teaching Elder / Moderator*

DEACONS

Sam Paul, *Moderator*
Ethan Brandt, *(Sabbatical)*
Eric Burnett, *Treasurer*
Zach Hurt, *(commissioned to establish ERC)*
Justin Swift, *(commissioned to establish ERC)*
Jon Williams, *Benevolence*
Isaac Lopez, *Deacon in Training, Worship / Social*
Ethan Oldham, *Deacon in Training, Social / Secretary*
Bennett Schlect, *Deacon in Training, Facilities*
David Dalbey, *Deacon in Training*

STAFF

Ella Appel, *Office Intern*
Sara Appel, *Youth Choir Director*
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Alice Courtney, *Event Coordinator*
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