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Resurrection Reality
The Living Lord Gives Proof and Peace

In most world religions, the alleged foundational event was experienced by only one person. A self-proclaimed prophet would allege he alone had some special encounter with God. “No really! Just trust me. It really happened.”

The resurrection reality is so very different. In the Great Resurrection Chapter (1 Corinthians 15), St. Paul writes an entire paragraph listing all the people to whom Jesus appeared after he rose, including a group of over five hundred at one time. It is like St. Paul is telling skeptics, “You don’t need to take my word for it. Hundreds of us saw Jesus back from the dead.”

The proof of Jesus’ resurrection brought peace and strength to those early believers. They knew there was more to their existence than just their time on earth. They knew the reality that eternal life was theirs, a gift from their living Lord. It gave them incredible joy and courage. May the resurrection reality give us the same.

He lives!



Pastor Stephen Luchterhand

Welcome to all—both guest and member alike! May our gracious God fill your heart with joy, peace, and hope through the message of forgiveness in our living Savior, Jesus Christ!

- If you are in need of restrooms, they are located on the left as you leave church.
- Parents please use the welcome center or church fellowship hall to quiet an upset child.
- Please silence all cell phones and devices before worship.
- Please limit your conversations in the sanctuary and narthex.
- Please do use the welcome center to greet one another.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP: SETTING TWO

OPENING HYMN: 449 "This Joyful Eastertide"



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide a - way with sin and
2 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the
3 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
riv - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill
slum - ber till trump from east to west



has sprung to life this mor - row.
my pass - ing soul de - liv - er.
shall wake the dead in num - ber.

Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on,



our faith had been in vain: but now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

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Please stand.

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

CONFESSION

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

**We have done those things that we should not have done,
and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

Have mercy on us, Lord!

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



GLORIA—"O Lord, Our Lord"

Refrain

O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

Al-might-y God, mer-ci-ful Fa - ther, you crown our life

with your love. You take a-way our sin; you com-fort our spir-it;

you make us pure and ho-ly in your sight. You did not spare your

on - ly Son, but gave him up for us all. *Refrain* O Lord, our Lord,

how glo-rious is your name in all the earth. O Son of

God, e - ter-nal Word of the Fa - ther, you came to live with us;

you made your Fa - ther known; you washed us from our sins in

your own blood. You are the King of glo-ry; you are the Lord!

Refrain

O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

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THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 18:1-11 (EHV)

The promised presence of the living Lord gave Paul the courage to keep on speaking the gospel, even when Paul was facing harsh persecution.

After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ² There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them. ³ Because he had the same occupation, he stayed and worked with them, for they were tentmakers by trade. ⁴ Every Sabbath he led a discussion in the synagogue, trying to persuade both Jews and Greeks.

⁵ When Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul was entirely devoted to preaching the word, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. ⁶ But when they opposed Paul and slandered him, he shook out his clothes and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on, I will go to the Gentiles!”

⁷ He left that place and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshipper of God, whose house was next door to the synagogue. ⁸ Crispus, the synagogue leader, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians, when they heard, believed and were baptized.

⁹ One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: “Do not be afraid, but keep on speaking, and do not be silent. ¹⁰ For I am with you, and no one will lay a hand on you to harm you, because I have many people in this city.” ¹¹ He stayed there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16A

Introduction (first time only)



Refrain



My heart, there-fore, is glad, and my tongue re-joic - es;



my bod - y al - so will rest, will rest se - cure.

Tone



LORD, you alone are my portion / and my cup;
you make my / lot secure.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant / places;
surely I have a delightful in- / heritance.

I keep my eyes always / on the LORD.

With him at my right hand, I will not be / shaken. *Refrain*

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue re- / joices;
my body also will / rest secure,

because you will not abandon me to the realm / of the dead,
nor will you let your Holy One / see decay.

You make known to me the / path of life;

you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at / your right hand.

**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. *Refrain*

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SECOND LESSON

1 John 1:1-2:2 (EHV)

*St. John reminds us that there were witnesses who saw and touched Jesus raised from the dead.
This resurrection serves as proof that eternal life is ours.*

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have observed and our hands have touched regarding the Word of Life—² the life appeared, and we have seen it. We testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us.³ We are proclaiming what we have seen and heard also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us. Our fellowship is with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ.⁴ We write these things to you so that our joy may be complete.

⁵ This is the message we heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light. In him there is no darkness at all.⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him but still walk in darkness, we are lying and do not put the truth into practice.⁷ But if we walk in the light, just as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ¹ his Son, cleanses us from all sin.⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar, and his Word is not in us.

¹ My children, I write these things to you so that you will not sin. If anyone does sin, we have an Advocate before the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the whole world.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 20:29



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have be - lieved.

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GOSPEL

John 20:19-31 (EHV)

The risen Savior offers proof and peace to his disciples.

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you! Just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you." ²² After saying this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ Whenever you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴ But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples kept telling him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶ After eight days, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands. Take your hand and put it into my side. Do not continue to doubt, but believe."

²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Jesus, in the presence of his disciples, did many other miraculous signs that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: 456 “O Sons and Daughters of the King”



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, whom heav'n - ly
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day, the faith - ful
3 An an - gel bade their sor - row flee, for thus he
4 That night th'a - pos - tles met in fear; a - mong them



hosts in glo - ry sing, to - day the grave has lost its sting!
wom - en went their way to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
spoke un - to the three, “Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee.”
came their Lord most dear and said, “My peace be with you here.”



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

- 5 When Thomas afterwards had heard that Jesus had fulfilled his word,
he doubted that it was the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 “Thomas, behold my side,” said he, “my hands, my feet, my body see;
and doubt not, but believe in me.” Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied; he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
“You are my Lord and God,” he cried. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 8 Blessèd are they that have not seen and yet whose faith has constant been;
in life eternal they shall reign. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 9 On this most holy day of days to God your hearts and voices raise
in laud and jubilee and praise. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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SERMON

1 John 1:1-2:2

Proof of Life

Please stand.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Eternal Lord, give us peace as we ponder the good news that you forgive our sins in Christ. Lead us to see clearly the path you have laid out for us.

Work in us so that we believe and live the Word we have heard today.

Provide courage and compassion to all who preach and teach your Word. Fill them with a love like yours as they proclaim your grace to us and all people.

Move us to love all ministers of the Word wherever they serve.

Guard and guide the families of our congregation. Lead husbands and wives to love each other with commitment, respect, and patience. Help parents to grasp the eternal value of keeping their children close to Jesus all their lives. Grant joy to those who are single, and make them a blessing to others.

Protect us from the temptations that surround us; give us pure hearts and minds.

Provide wisdom and insight to those who make laws and set policies. Give us respect for those who protect us from crime. Lead us to value the rights of our fellow citizens and to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

Bless our land with peace and prosperity so that the gospel may be proclaimed to all.

Give us passion to share the story of your love with our family and friends. Overcome unbelief, and open the hearts of people everywhere to believe the good news that Jesus has forgiven their sins and opened the gates of heaven.

Fill us with joy over every sinner who repents and comes to trust in you.

Extend your healing power to those who are sick and suffering in body or mind. Give patience and compassion to all who care for the sick and dying.

Lift the eyes of the distressed to your love in Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Gracious God, you govern and direct all things and you love all people. Hear our prayers, spoken and silent, and answer them in your wisdom and grace.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS

Please sign the friendship registers at the ends of the pews during the musical selection.

THE SACRAMENT

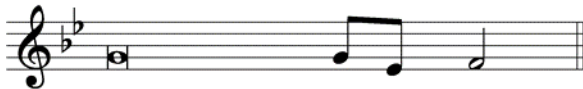
We believe that God comes to us with forgiveness in very tangible means as we participate in Holy Communion. Because the Bible has convinced us that Jesus' body and blood are present in the Lord's Supper, and that receiving this sacrament together is a public statement of complete oneness in our beliefs and commitment, we invite to the Lord's Supper members of Trinity and guests from sister congregations of the WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) and the ELS (Evangelical Lutheran Synod). If you are a member of another Lutheran denomination or another Christian church and would like to commune with us in the future, please speak with our pastor after the service and he would be delighted to explain what that entails. We don't want to be presumptuous and put you in the position of stating your agreement with our convictions before we have had an opportunity to explain them. We do look forward to any opportunity to discuss the Christian faith with you.

The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
 God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
 san - na in the high - est!

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

JESUS, LAMB OF GOD

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

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

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.' This phrase is repeated on the first two staves and the third two staves. The final staff concludes with the lyrics: 'Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace.'

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Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: 938 "This is the Feast"

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

- 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
- 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
- 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
- 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
- 5 For the Lamb _____ who was slain has be -

blood set us free _____ to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, _____ bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *v. 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun his _____ reign. Al - le - lu - ia! *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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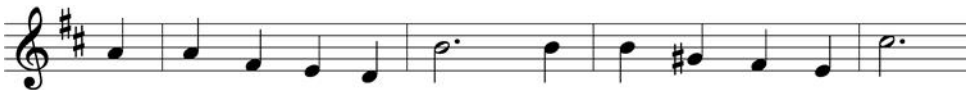
HYMN: 511 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave
4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, en - throned in worlds a - bove;



hark how the heav'n-ly an-them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to-rious in the strife for those he came to save.
crown him the King to whom is giv'n the won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
No an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing who died and rose on high,
Crown him with man - y crowns as thrones be - fore him fall;



and hail him as thy match-less King thro' all e - ter - ni - ty.
but down-ward bends his won-d'ring eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died e - ter - nal life to bring and lives that death may die.
crown him, ye kings, with man - y crowns for he is King of all.

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Please stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.
Amen.



Serving God and Us Today

Presiding Minister: Pastor Stephen Luchterhand
Organist: Mr. Jim Brace

Last Week's Worship Attendance

- Holy Thursday –120; Good Friday –142/48 (190); Easter –119/235 (354)

Stewardship Encouragement from Scripture

"And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability" (2 Corinthians 8:1-3).

Lessons for Next Sunday (Third Sunday of Easter)

"Resurrection Reality: We Have a Meaningful Message to Share"

- Acts 3:11-20
- 1 John 1:5-2:2
- Luke 24:36-49

Prayers: If you would like your name on the prayer list, or you have a friend you would like to add, please call or e-mail the church office.

Offerings: You may leave your offering in the offering plate as you walk out today. You may continue to mail in your offering, give online at www.trinityminocqua.org, or on the Vanco Mobile app. On the app, search for Trinity Evangelical Lutheran or search for Minocqua.

Flowers: The flowers, this weekend, are given by David Firle, in memory of his wife, Lynda.

Spring Speaker Event: Trinity School will be hosting a Spring Speaker Event on Wednesday, April 10. A presentation by the Oneida County Sheriff’s Department will focus on “Drug Trends and Identification”. The evening starts at 5:15 pm and ends at 7:00 pm. Dinner is included and childcare will be available during the presentation. If you would like to attend, please fill out a registration form found on the table in the fellowship hall and return it to the school office or place in Pam Richardson’s church mailbox.

Friends Network—Abby Micheel: A few weeks ago, Abby Micheel visited Trinity and gave a brief presentation regarding Friends Network (formerly Friends of China). Abby is hoping to get enough funding through Friends Network to serve her Lord by sharing the Good News about Jesus with the souls in Japan as part of the mental health/disability ministry that currently exists in Mito, Japan. If you are willing to help support her in this ministry, please pick up a flyer on the table in the fellowship hall which has the step-by-step directions on how to donate.

Fellowship Friends: Fellowship Friends will return with our next meeting on Tuesday, April 23. Our meeting will focus on gardening and landscaping in the Northwoods. The owners of JJ’s Acres will do the presentation. Watch for more information in upcoming bulletins.

Book Club: Trinity Book Club will have their next meeting Tuesday, April 16, from 12:00-1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We’ll be discussing the book, “Angels of the Pacific” by Elise Hooper.

Air Conditioning in the Church Kitchen! Recently, A/C was installed in our church kitchen. It's a gift from the family of John Giese. We thank Diane Giese and her family for this generous gift and look forward to cooler summers in the kitchen when needed!

Opportunities to Grow & Serve at Trinity This Week		
Sunday	9:00 am	Worship w/Holy Communion
	10:30 am	Congregational Meeting & Sunday School
Monday	4:00 pm	Elders Meeting
	6:30 pm	Worship w/Holy Communion
Wednesday	8:15 am	Midweek Chapel
	9:30 am	Quilters
	12:15 pm	Lunch Break Bible Class
	4:00 pm	Public School Confirmation & Bible Class
	5:15 pm	Spring Speaker Event
Sunday	9:00 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Bible Class & Sunday School
Monday	6:30 pm	Worship

LWMS Events: The Northwoods Chapter of LWMS will hold their **Spring Rally on Saturday, April 27**. The meeting will take place at Zion Lutheran Church in Mercer. The even will begin around 8:30 am and conclude with lunch. If you would like to attend and carpool, look for a sign up sheet to do so on the table n the next couple weeks.

We encourage you to check out the table in the fellowship hall that has information on the upcoming **LWMS National Convention** being held in Sioux Falls, SD at the end of June. Registration information is available as well as a lot of other information pertaining to LWMS.

Registration is now open for the 2024 **WELS Women's Ministry Conference** on July 28-30, at the Ingleside Hotel in Pewaukee, WI. This conference is for any woman who is passionate about the spread of the Good News of Jesus in our world today, no matter her age and background. The key notes and wide variety of breakout sessions will encourage, equip, and empower you in your walk of faith. The foundation of the conference is Luke's account of the spread of the kingdom of God through God's chosen apostles and everyday believers. Registration runs through May 31. Learn more at welswmconference.net.

Trinity Lutheran Church & School
SPRING SPEAKER EVENT—Wednesday, April 10

Last Chance to Register

We will have a presentation by

**Oneida County
Sheriff's Department**

**“Drug Trends
and Identification”**

There is no cost to attend.

Registration begins at 5:15 pm with Welcome & Devotion, Dinner,
Presentation and Conclusion of Event at 7:00 pm.

Childcare is provided at no cost during the presentation.

Registration forms in fellowship hall—Due by Monday, April 8.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Easter season finds us working through the theme: “*Resurrection Reality*”

- April 14/15 = **Resurrection Reality: We Have a Meaningful Message to Share**
Sermon Text: Acts 3:12-20 Sermon Theme: “This is the Theme of a Christian’s Life”
- April 21/22 = **Resurrection Reality: The Risen Savior Provides Good Shepherd**
Sermon Text: John 10:11-18 Sermon Theme: “Counting Sheep: The Good Shepherd at Work”
- April 28/29 = **Resurrection Reality: The Living Lord Produces Active Faith**
Sermon Text: 1 John 3:18-24 Sermon Theme: “Love Without Limits”

Christian Education Sunday will be observed on April 21st, which is also Good Shepherd Sunday. We’ll be gathering a free-will offering for our congregation’s Student Tuition Fund this weekend. Under the direction of our Endowment Committee, this fund offers tuition assistance to Trinity students attending our WELS high schools and worker training college (e.g., Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, WI; Northland Lutheran High School in Kronenwetter/Mosinee; Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN).

Worship Online: Sunday worship is recorded and posted online at our church website. You can also find the worship folder and a printed copy of the sermon there. Printed copies of each week’s sermon can also be found in the Fellowship Hall. Find us on *YouTube*© by searching the handle *@trinityminocqua*. Please subscribe and share! **We’re streaming our Sunday services live!**

Bible study opportunities:

- **Wednesday “Lunch Break” Bible study** (Wed., 12-15 – 1:15 p.m.) “The Book of Judges: God’s Grace in the Midst of Disorder”
- **Pastor’s “Wednesday Encouragement” blog**, continues to be found on Trinity’s Facebook page and on our church website. You can also have this devotion sent to your email each Wednesday.
- **Sunday Bible Study (and Sunday School)** – Sunday School is for children PreK3 through 4th grade. Adult Bible Study begins a new topic today – “Christ: He Is My Lord.” This Bible study course uses Old and New Testament Scriptures to detail the person of Christ (true God and true man), the humiliation and exaltation of Christ (Prophet, Priest and King) and the work of Christ (redemption). Expect a doctrinal deep dive with plenty of discussion and application.

Ministry Updates...

- **Trinity Book Club meets Tuesday, April 16th, from 12-1 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. We’ll be discussing the book, “Angels of the Pacific” by Elise Hooper.
- **Fellowship Friends Gathering** will meet again on Tuesday, April 23rd with the topic “Gardening in the Northwoods.” We’ll again be joined by Trinity students for a portion of this presentation from JJs Acres.
- **Be sure to follow Trinity on Facebook.** We’re putting content on the page several days each week. The Wednesday blog post can be accessed in three ways (church website, Facebook, email from church office). You can follow our “Where’s Marty?” campaign on Facebook and on Instagram at... *trinitylutheranminocqua*.

God keep you and yours in his gracious care,
Pastor Stephen Luchterhand

“Proof of Life”
Sermon Notes on 1 John 1:1-2:2
Series: Resurrection Reality

From pure to polluted...

1. _____ at the pure _____ of _____
 - A. Jesus Christ is _____ and _____
 - B. _____ was _____!
 - C. _____ with the _____ is possible only through the _____
 - D. Keep the source _____; Don't _____, _____, or _____
 - E. The “New Age” of John’s time: _____
 - No incarnation, virgin birth, death, resurrection of Christ
 - Human Jesus and divine Christ two different entities
 - All matter evil
 - Only mind and spirit pure, thus, God is good because God is spirit
 - Since human bodies only temporary (and evil!), didn't matter how one lived
 - Salvation is escape from the body by way of special knowledge “gnosis”
 - Bible insufficient as source of spiritual knowledge

2. _____ the pure _____ of _____
 - A. _____ is _____
 - B. Jesus _____ us from all _____
 - C. _____ sin, don't _____ it
 - D. Jesus _____ the _____



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Worship Schedule

Sundays at 9:00 am
Mondays at 6:30 pm



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Welcome to Trinity

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. We especially welcome our guests who have joined us today. If you have any questions during your time with us today, please ask an usher for assistance. If you would like to know more about our church, our teachings, our Christian school (grades K-8), our preschool (3-4 year old) or the studies and programs offered at Trinity, please introduce yourself to our pastor. He would be delighted to speak with you and serve you in whatever way he can.

“Our mission at Trinity Lutheran Church is to teach the Word of God, to train believers for lives of Christian service, and to tell the good news of Jesus Christ to the Northwoods community and to the world.”

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