

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Easter Sunrise



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SUNRISE SERVICE

Thank you for joining us online as a new way of connecting to God's word as we transition during this time of social distancing to protect ourselves and others.

Please feel free to contact Pastor Tina if you need help in any way during this time. Her phone number is listed below. Just know that she is a phone call away.



The Reverend Tina Melusky, Pastor

Pastor Melusky's office hours:

Monday: 9 - 2; Tuesday: 9 -10:30, 11:30 - 12:15

Wednesday 9:30 - 12; Thursday 9 - 12

(Times are sometimes flexible with monthly meetings,
but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in)

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Call to Worship

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

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He is risen indeed! Alleluia.

Litany of the Dawn

When the world was young at that first sunrise and the new light held a promise of new days and fresh mornings

The Word spoke... ..

...When the Word spoke and creation sparked and the alleluias unfolded

the dawn was set free... ..

...When the dawn was set free the trees clapped hands and mountains bowed and the birds sang a new song

fresh every morning...

...Fresh every morning the day holds a hope that this day is God's and this day holds the promise

and this day is a new beginning...

...A new beginning is the song of the morning that takes the shadows of night and paints them gold and green

for the earth rejoices...

...The earth rejoices for stones have been rolled away and tombs have been emptied and angels are whispering

and death has been conquered...

...Death has been conquered and resurrection has left footprints in the dew that tell us

He has gone ahead of us, He is not among the dead, He is not here...

Opening Readings to Welcome the Dawn with the Light of the Candle

Isiah 9.2

John 1.3b-5

1 John 1.5

Matthew 5:14-16

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Christ, yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end.

Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages;
to him be glory and power, through every age and forever. Amen.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

The light of Christ rises in glory, overcoming the darkness of sin and death.
Christ is our light!

The light of Christ shines out of the empty tomb, scattering our fears and our doubts.
Christ is our light!

The light of Christ breaks over the horizon, reminding us that the darkness is over, and only the light remains.
Christ is our light!

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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

Easter Morning Reflection

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Brothers and sisters in Christ, since the earliest dawns of Christianity, Easter morning has been the time when those new to the faith have knelt, stood, sunk beneath, dipped their heads into the waters of baptism, to signify their new life with Christ, that just as he rose anew on Easter, so would they too rise anew, that very day and on the last day in the promises of resurrection.

This morning, we make public reaffirmation of who we are, our beloved baptismal identities that unite us with Christ.

Children of God, the forces of this world would call you by names known by evil, they would call you sinner, failure, worthless, screw up. In your baptism, what does God call you?

In baptism, God calls me beloved.

Children of God, the forces of this world would lure you away with intangible promises of wealth, power, beauty, importance, and esteem. In your baptism, what does God promise you?

In baptism, God promises me love, hope, connection, and forgiveness.

Children of God, the forces of this world would tell you that you are defined by your sins, your mistakes; that your identity is bound up in what the world tells you. In baptism, what identity does God give you?

In baptism, God gives me the identity of adored child of God.

Children of God, the forces of this world would have you renounce everything that God calls you to be, claims you as. In baptism, what does God have you claim and renounce?

I am a beloved child of God and I renounce anything or anyone who says otherwise.

Beloved children of God, come to the font and remember that while we die with Christ, we also rise with Him. Remember that God is in the business of bringing dead things back to life. Remember that God has claimed you as one of God's own.

NORMALLY, this would be where you would come up to the font, however, that cannot be done this year. So, instead . . . Using whatever water is nearby, make the mark of the cross on your forehead in remembrance of your baptism.

This morning and every morning, the light breaks through the darkness and reminds us that our God has shattered the bonds of death, that our God has given us the strength to be people, claimed and called, who stand exposed and vulnerable before evil and death to declare loudly and defiantly that they are powerless against love, a love that comes through water, through the wood of a cross, through hands touched together in peace, through shouts of alleluia.

Closing Prayer & Lord's Prayer

O God, week after week you arise, gathering your people, proclaiming your word of life, sharing your Spirit, and renewing the face of the earth. Transform us by this resurrection, that we may embrace all that you have made and live toward the justice that you intend through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who taught us to pray...

Sending and Benediction

Go forth with renewed hope, trusting in the transforming love of God.

God does not leave things as they are; with God, all things are made new.

All creation responds to God's presence; the world is alive with possibility.

We open ourselves to this truth; with Christ, we trust our whole lives to this power.

Nothing is beyond the reach of God; neither evil, nor hardship, nor death, for Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Let us go forth in peace, with the light of the resurrection in our hearts.

Amen! Thanks be to God!