

DIVINE SERVICE III

Second Sunday of Easter (Quasimodo Geniti)

April 7, 2024

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Everyone Is Invited to Stay for Coffee Hour in the Gathering Room



WELCOME TO TRINITY! So happy you are here this morning to worship the Lord. We pray this worship hour is a blessing for you and invite you to please come again soon. If you are a visitor, please sign the Guest Register in the entry.

Introit

Psalm 66:3, 5, 8–9; antiphon: vv. 1–2

Like newborn infants, Alleluia,

long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alleluia.

Sing aloud to God our strength;

shout for joy to the God of Jacob!

In distress you called, and I delivered you;

I answered you in the secret place of thunder.

I am the Lord your God,

who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.

Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it;

and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.

♪ **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. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ♪ Amen.

OT Reading: Ezekiel 37:1–14

¹The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live,

and you shall know that I am the Lord."

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel.

Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel.¹³And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people.¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord.”

Gradual *Psalm 111:9a; Luke 24:26*

P Alleluia. He sent redemption to his people. Alleluia.

C Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory? Alleluia.

Epistle: 1 John 5:4–10

⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.⁷For there are three that testify:⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son.¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

Holy Gospel: John 20:19–31

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.”²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

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

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Birthdays

Monday	Leslie Prothe Dawson Garrison	Ella Durham
Tuesday	Emma Haley	Karl Karrow
Wednesday	Karlie McMullin	
Thursday	James Fanning	Pastor Woelmer
Saturday	Suzanne Peckman	

Anniversaries

4/11	Mark and Jan Minden	9 years
4/13	Alan and Jeanne Hutchison	33 years

We remember in our prayers:

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| ♦ Grant Haley | ♦ Connie McEachron | ♦ Judy Kurth |
| ♦ Kinley Duncan | ♦ Patty Moser | ♦ Bill Koelsch |
| ♦ Guylene Klein | ♦ Shirley Hubbard | ♦ Debra Karina |
| ♦ Jeffrey Thompson | ♦ Judy Minden | |

TREASURER’S REPORT Mar 24, 2024

Checking Account Balance	Mar 16, 2024	\$	5,348.31
Income:	Deposit	\$	3,254.00
Expenses	Checking	\$	(0.00)
Balance	Mar 23, 2024	\$	8,602.31

Attendance

Worship Attendance	March 31	143
	Sunrise Service	80
	Good Friday	75

VOTERS MEETING TODAY - The quarterly meeting of the Voters Assembly will be held following worship today. The agenda includes Officer and Committee Reports, sign, flags to the west, kitchen remodel update, Official Acts for the Qtr. to be voted on, spring cleanup, reminder of memorial project list, historian work, \$2500 for cemetery, VBS at First, online giving, correspondence, and the Shelter House booking site.

CELEBRATE 50 YEARS – You are invited to join the Block Community Ruritan Club for a 50th year celebration on April 13th from 2 – 4 PM in the church basement. The group was chartered on April 15, 1974, by many of the church members.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT FIRST LUTHERAN – Registration is now open for VBS. Monday, June 17, to Thursday, June 20, from 9:00 to 11:30 AM. The theme will be "Celebrating the Savior." Sign-ups for volunteers and registration for children at:

<https://vbsmate.com/events/FirstLutheranPaolaKS/28604>

Block off those dates if you are interested!

RESURRECTION HARMONY BOOKLET - Have you ever read the resurrection narratives from the four Gospels and wondered how they could fit together? Pick up the booklet in the back of church to read a plausible explanation for how the post-Easter events happened.

TRINITY TRIBUNE - Pick up the April edition of the church newsletter on the table in the back after worship today.

JOB OPPORTUNITY - First Lutheran church is hiring a part time Administrative Assistant. For more information or to apply contact the church office at (913) 294-3476.

NURSING HOME SERVICES - You are invited to help Trinity provide brief worship services for nursing home residents at Country Club Estates and Vintage Park on April 14. The simple services are approximately 20 minutes in length at each home. We begin at 1:30pm at Country Club Estates, and Vintage Park around 2:15 for the second service. The residents really enjoy these services, especially singing their favorite hymns. It's great to have church members there to greet the residents and sing along.

NEW PORTALS OF PRAYER — The new quarterly issue of the devotional booklet *Portals of Prayer* for April thru June is available today, in regular size, large print, and a "digest" size (same size as *Reader's Digest*). A great way to keep close to the Lord!

NEW SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY ON THE BOOK OF JUDGES This often-overlooked book tells us much about human nature and the tendency of man to fall away from the faith and come back. It gives us many pictures of Jesus. Join the Adult Bible Class at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays in the Heritage Room to learn more!



SIGN UP FOR COFFEE HOUR - Everyone is invited to stay for Coffee Hour in the Gathering Room following worship today, thank you to the Ladies Aid for providing snacks. The signup sheet to provide snacks for Coffee Hour is on the counter in the Gathering Room. Consider signing up to honor birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc.

