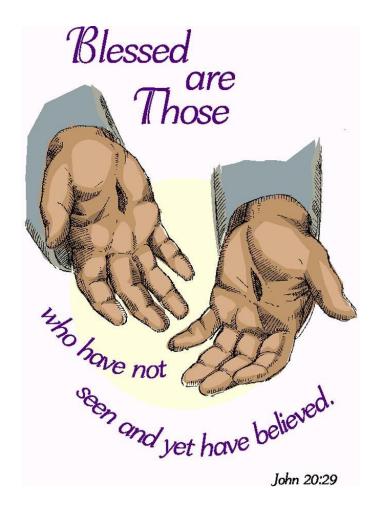
# April 11, 2021 ~ 9:30 a.m. Worship & Praise Service



Trinity Lutheran Church & School

Our Mission: To Make More and Better Disciples of Jesus Christ.

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#### **AS WE GATHER**

Though Easter is a season and not merely a Sunday, it can be hard to keep up our enthusiasm the rest of the week. That said, the source of our joy is not how enthused we are but the greatness of the gift that Christ has given us. We have the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. We're held captive to fear, to the guilt of our sin, and to the power of death until Christ enters our locked rooms of our heart and mind, and shows Himself to us. It's by the power of the Holy Spirit that we can always rejoice in our resurrected Lord.

#### PRAISE & WORSHIP MUSIC "Dance"

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Now let us dance for the victr'y is won. Now let us sing for the song has begun. Now let us live in the light of the son. Gathered and called and united as one.

REFRAIN: When we see the grave,
Stone is rolled away.
Hear the angel say, "He is Risen!"
And when we rise from death,
Filled with God's own breath,
Dead in sin, and yet we're forgiven.

At dawn as they walked sadly hanging their heads;
They fell in reverence when angels said,
"Why do you look for the living with the dead?"
Their morning walk turned to dancing instead. (Refrain)

This same good news we believers proclaim,
When we with water baptize in His name.
Their message then, and ours now the same;
Jesus has the victory and Satan has no claim. (Refrain)

#### RINGING OF THE BELLS

#### GATHERING SONG "Your Grace is Enough"

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Great is Your faithfulness, O God; You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart. You lead us by still waters into mercy And nothing can keep us apart.

#### **CHORUS:**

Remember Your people,
Remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, O God.
Your grace is enough.
Your grace is enough for me.

Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob; You use the weak to lead the strong You lead us in the song of Your salvation, And all Your people sing along. **(Chorus)** 

#### WELCOME

#### CELEBRATING GOD'S PRESENCE

Pastor: Listen to the words of Jesus as He says...praise Him for His victory over

death.

People: "Peace be with You."

Pastor: Let those words touch your heart as the risen Lord comes to you today to

open the eyes of our hearts to believe in Him.

People: Let us worship our risen Lord who gives us the victory.

ALL: We offer up our Praises to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Alleluia! Amen.

#### SONG OF CELEBRATION "Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

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Wonderful, merciful Savior,
Precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could
Rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

#### **REFRAIN:**

You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore. You give the healing and grace Our hearts always hunger for, Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost the way,
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way. (Refrain)

Almighty, infinite Father,
Faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us
Falling before Your throne,
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

#### REFRAIN:

You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore. You give the healing and grace Our hearts always hunger for, Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

#### GOOD NEWS FROM GOD'S WORD: John 20: 19-31

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on the first day of the week, Jesus' followers were together. The doors were locked, because they were afraid of the elders. Then Jesus came and stood right in the middle of them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. His followers were thrilled when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Then Jesus said again, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, I now send you." <sup>22</sup> After he said this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven. If you don't forgive them, they are not forgiven." <sup>24</sup> Thomas (called Didymus), who was one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> The other followers kept telling Thomas, "We saw the Lord." But Thomas said, "I will not believe it until I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were and put my hand into his side."

<sup>26</sup> A week later the followers were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came in and stood right in the middle of them. He said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand here in my side Stop being an unbeliever and believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you see me. Those who believe without seeing me will be truly blessed."

<sup>30</sup> Jesus did many other miracles in the presence of his followers that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Then, by believing, you may have life through his name.

#### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

#### OUR NEED FOR FORGIVENESS

People:

Heavenly Father we are often like the Thomas: skeptical, doubting your ability to help us through the day, fearful, and frustrated with life itself. We complain to each other; we say hurtful things because we are hurting and don't know where to turn for help; we walk down the wrong roads of life following voices that call us to "follow" but they lead us to blind alleys. We pretend to know more about you than we do with the purpose of limiting you to our concerns. We can't seem to see Jesus' love for us in a way that helps. Forgive us for all this. Help us to see your love and the service to which you call us.

#### **GOD'S WORD TO HIS PEOPLE**

Pastor:

Jesus our risen Lord says to you today, "Peace be with you." God has heard your prayer and in faith blesses you with complete and total forgiveness. Through faith may you know the peace His grace and mercy brings to your life. May living in His peace help you to understand how great is our God and how great is His love for us.

#### SONG OF THANKS & PRAISE

"Amazing Grace - My Chains are Gone"

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Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.

#### CHORUS:

My chains are gone, I've been set free My God, my Savior has ransomed me; And like a flood His mercy reigns Unending love amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures. (Chorus) The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine.
Will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

#### STATEMENT OF SHARED BELIEF

All: God has called each one of us to be His own. Here at Trinity He has brought us together as a community of believers. Through the Holy Spirit He gives each of us unique and special talents to us for Him. These talents allow us to work together as the body of Christ here on earth. God gives us the strength and encouragement we need through His Holy Word, prayer, and fellow Christians around us. Most importantly God has given us His Son, Jesus Christ, so that we have forgiveness of sins and life everlasting. We rejoice in the Lord always and again we say rejoice!

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Contemporary English Version - Matthew 6:9-13)

All: Our Father in heaven, help us to honor your name. Come and set up your kingdom, so that everyone on earth will obey you, as you are obeyed in heaven. Give us our food for today. Forgive us for doing wrong, as we forgive others. Keep us from being tempted and protect us from evil.

#### SONG

#### "I Believe In Jesus"

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Oh I believe in Jesus
I believe He is the Son of God
I believe He died and rose again
I believe He paid for us all

And I believe that He's here now (**Women:** I believe He is here)
Standing in our midst (**Women:** standing in our midst)
Here with the power to heal now (**Women:** with the power to heal)
And the grace to forgive

Oh I believe in You Lord
I believe You are the Son of God
I believe You died and rose again
I believe You paid for us all

And I believe that You're here now (**Women:** I believe You are here)
Standing in our midst (**Women:** standing in our midst)
Here with the power to heal now (**Women:** with the power to heal)
And the grace to forgive

And the Grace... And the Grace ... And the grace to forgive

MESSAGE: "Do You Believe?" John 20: 19-31

#### SENDING BLESSING

Pastor: May you leave today knowing that our risen Christ goes with you and may

you know His blessing in all you are, say, and do.

#### SENDING SONG "Crown Him With Many Crowns"

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Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love.
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their burning eyes
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on the high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n; Enthroned in worlds above, Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n the wondrous name of Love. Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before him fall;
Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For He is King of all.
Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For He is King of all.



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