# He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

Rev. Les Uhrinak Trinity Lutheran Church 218-444-4441 | www.trinitybemidji.org <u>WELCOME!</u> - He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! We extend a warm welcome to our friends in Christ who are gathered this day! We are happy to include you in our worship as we celebrate the love of God in Christ. We extend to you the right hand of Christian fellowship. We pray that the Lord will guide and strengthen you with His Word daily.

<u>HOLY COMMUNION AT TRINITY</u>- According to Christ's Word in the Holy Scriptures, and in the confession with the true Christian faith, we observe the practice of closed communion. We believe that those who commune are called to confess the same holy faith as Holy Scripture teaches. Since one's church affiliation indicates an individual's confession of faith, we ask that only those who are in doctrinal unity with The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod commune at our altar today. If you should have any questions, please speak with Pastor Uhrinak before the service. If it is physically difficult for you to come forward for Holy Communion, please speak with an usher before the service so that we can commune you where you are seated.



#### THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD DIVINE SERVICE THREE - COMMUNION MARCH 31ST, 2024

#### PRELUDE

P The followers of Jesus, on that first Easter morning, came to the tomb fully expecting nothing more than the final opportunity to prepare Jesus' body for the sleep of death. His burial on Good Friday had been done in haste; now they would take ample time for a proper preparation of their beloved Master's Body. On this Easter morning we signal this same mood with the dimmed lights and the darkened chancel, until we hear the Easter Message and the Triumphant Call to Worship.

#### (The Congregation STANDS and faces the rear of the sanctuary)

- P Lord Jesus Christ, we come to your tomb because we are Your disciples.
- C We know why You had to die, and in You we find our hope. Without You life would be empty and lonely, the way it was before You came among us, when we were still lost in our sin! Surely, we have rejected You and not demonstrated Your love to our families and friends. Our hearts remain plagued with failure and guilt. But to You we may come when we are depressed and joyless, because You alone give us life from death.
- P No longer therefore do we seek the living among the dead?
- C For Christ is our surety when we feel uncertain and afraid.
- P So always remember what Jesus said to you, "The Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise again"? So, look this morning, His tomb is empty. He is not in the grave!
- C Indeed, no one stole the body of Jesus our Lord. For, He has risen from His grave?
- P I am here, then, to proclaim to you the 'Good News" that Jesus is risen! He has crushed Satan and broken the power of sin and death. He is alive! His sacrifice is complete. Your sins are forgiven, washed away in His blood. Now fear and guilt can no longer grip your hearts if you trust in Jesus grace and forgiveness. He is here beloved and will always remain among us to the end of the world in His Word and Sacraments where He delivers His victory and gives us life everlasting. He is Risen!
- C He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!
- P Christ was sacrificed for our sins and now lives to grant us forgiveness and life.
- C We trust in His promises, live in the hope and joy of our salvation and serve Him with our lives. He is risen indeed, and lives and rules for all eternity. Alleluia!

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

LSB #457

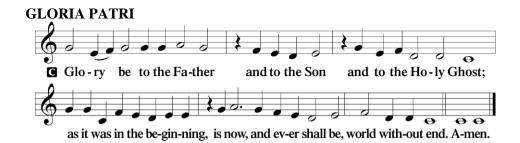
#### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P We gather together, this morning, as victorious people. The curse of death the end result of our sins has been shattered. The grave and death have been robbed of their strength. That which mankind feared the most is no more.
- C Yet we come heavy laden, loaded down with cares. As long as we carry our burdens the troubles of the past and present - our imperfect relationships with one another and with our God, the guilt from our lifestyles - we cannot truly celebrate the joy and excitement of the Easter Victory.
- P Then in the midst of our celebration we return once more to the meaning of Good Friday. All your burdens, all your sin and your guilt have been removed from your shoulders by Christ Jesus. It is the blood of the Lamb of God that has washed us and made us white. In the confidence of this sacrifice, let us go to our merciful God to confess our sins:
- C O almighty God, merciful Father, I come before Your presence this morning as a troubled, sorrowful sinner. I confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You, for which I do deserve the punishment of death. But I am truly sorry for them and sincerely repent of them. I pray You of Your boundless mercy and, for the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus, the Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P We come before God with great sin, but His love is even greater. "Do not be amazed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified; He has risen. He is no longer in the tomb." Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen, so be it, amen!
- P He is Risen!
- C He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### SERVICE OF THE WORD

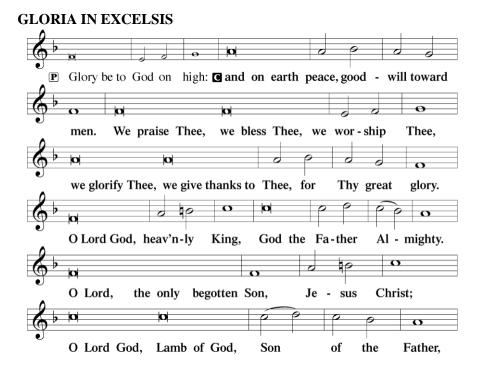
#### INTROIT

P I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea. The LORD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation; Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy. You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have redeemed; You have guided them by Your strength to Your holy abode. You will bring them in and plant them on Your own mountain, the place, O LORD, which You have made for Your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have established. The LORD will reign forever and ever.

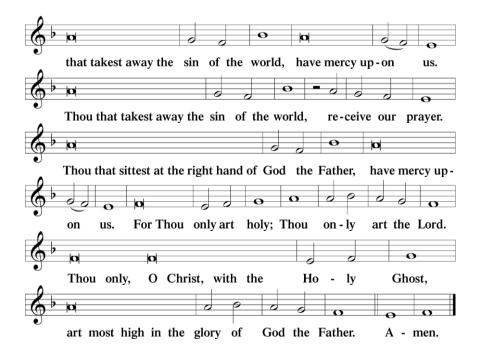


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Luke 2:14; John 1:29



#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P The Lord has Risen!
- C The Lord has Risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P Christ has died; Christ is with us still. The peace of our Risen Lord be with you.
- C And with thy spirit.
- P Let us pray.

God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may also be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C Amen.
- P He is Risen!
- C He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

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#### THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 25:6–9

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. <sup>7</sup>And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. <sup>8</sup>He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of

his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

P He is Risen!

#### C He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### **GRADUAL** adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6

P Christ has risen from the dead. God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor, He has given him dominion over the works of His hands; He has put all things under His feet.

#### **EPISTLE** 1 Corinthians 15:1–11

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

P He is Risen!

#### C He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.



<sup>1</sup>When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the

stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. <sup>5</sup>And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



#### 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 Spirit 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 at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, 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 in one holy Christian 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.

Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation – The Resurrection of the body

- P What difference will there be between believers and unbelievers in the resurrection?
- C The believers will rise with glorified bodies and enter into everlasting life in heaven with God. "Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt". (Dan. 12:2)

(The Congregation is SEATED)

HYMN OF THE DAY"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"LSB #461

## **THE SERMON** Mark 16:1-8 "He is Risen, Alleluia" (**The Congregation STANDS**)

#### **OFFERTORY**



#### (The Congregation is SEATED)

#### THE OFFERING

Choir - Hail Thee, Festival Day

#### (The Congregation Stands)

As the offering is placed on the Altar please join in singing:

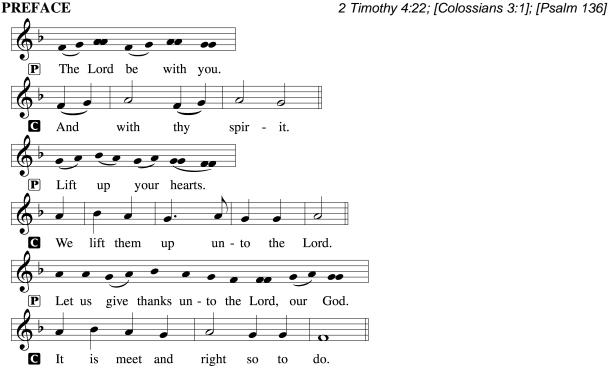
C We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

#### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

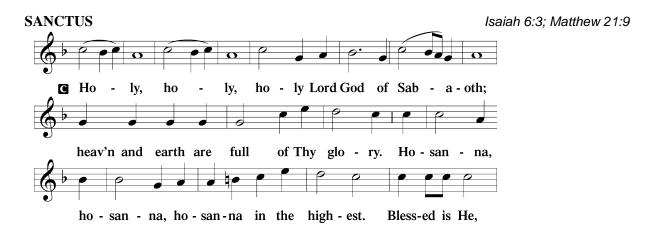
Each petition concludes with: P Lord in Your mercy. C Hear our praver.

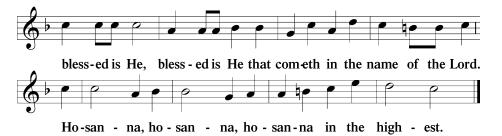
The Prayer of the Church concludes with:

- P dear Father, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen



It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Ρ holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who accomplished the salvation of mankind by the tree of the cross that, where death arose, there life also might rise again and that the serpent who overcame by the tree of the garden might likewise by the tree of the cross be overcome. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





#### LORD'S PRAYER

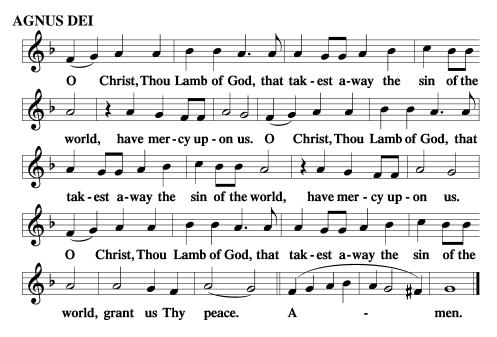
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen. Matthew 6:9-13

#### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ on the night that He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take eat, this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."
- P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

#### **PAX DOMINI**





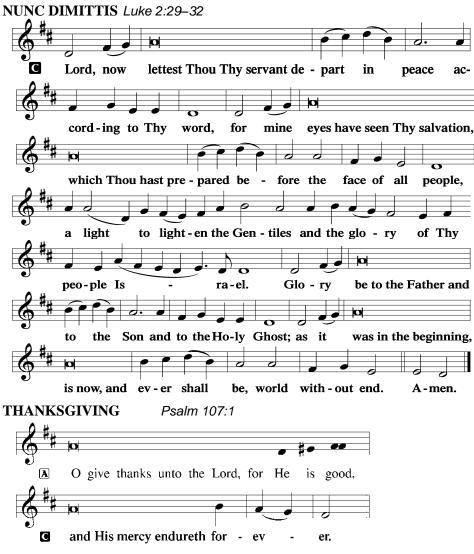
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#### THE DISTRIBUTION

#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"	LSB #475
"I Come, O Savior, To Thy Table"	LSB #618
"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness	LSB #636
"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"	LSB #633

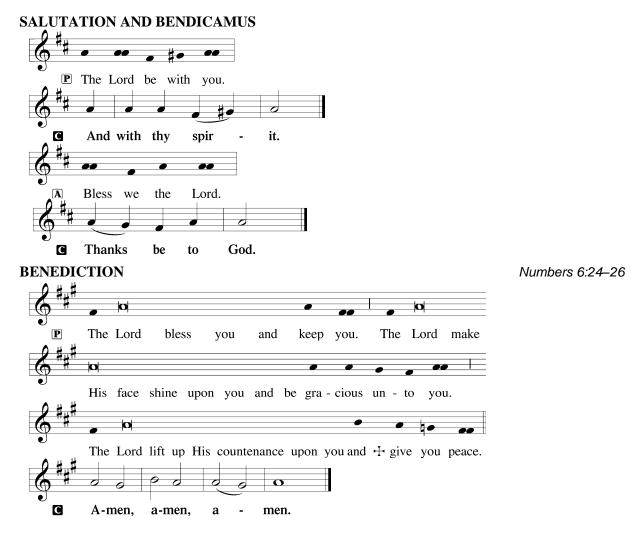
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P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





- P He is Risen!
- C He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

"He's Risen, He's Risen"	LSB #480
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#### POSTLUDE

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