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### Flowering of the Cross

The congregation is invited to participate in the Flowering of the Cross prior to our Easter Worship Service.

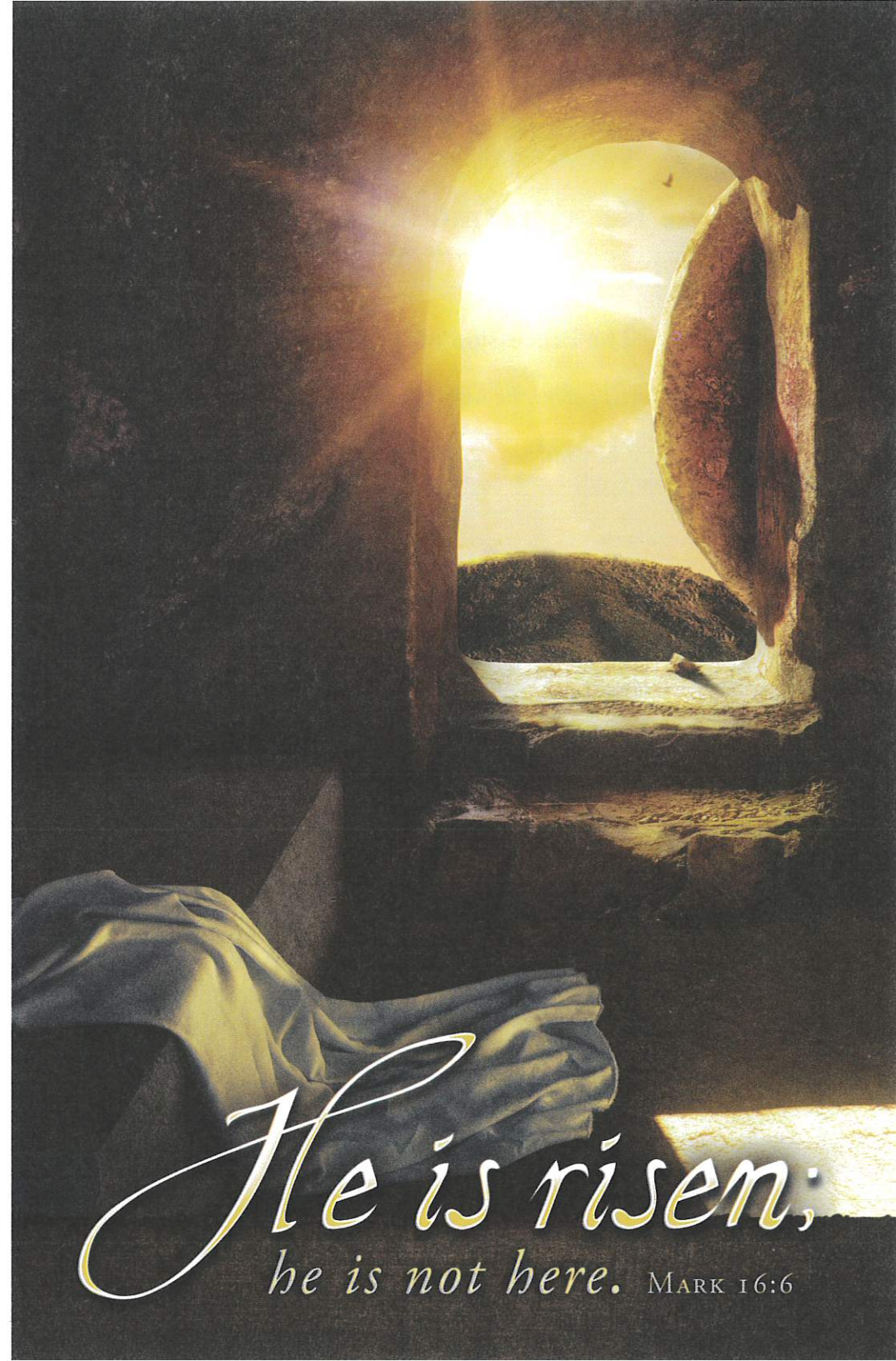
The cross will be placed in front of the Sanctuary, weather permitting.

### Easter Worship

The Easter Celebration of Light: Join us at 10:30 a.m. for this special worship of light, reminding us of the light of Christ that overcame the grave and now shines in our lives. Our worship will include Holy Communion, special music, and a message that will certainly lift our hearts with Easter joy.

## Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!

For more information about God's ministry here at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, please find us on facebook at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, go to our website at [holyltlc.org](http://holyltlc.org), or call the church office at (803) 345-2841.



*He is risen;  
he is not here.* MARK 16:6

**HOLY TRINITY  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Little Mountain, South Carolina

## The Resurrection of Our Lord

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**

**April 5, 2026**

### The Procession of the Light

*(As the light of Christ enters the worship space the following is repeated 3 times)*

**\*P:** This is the light of Christ.

**C:** Thanks be To God.

### Easter Proclamation

Rejoice, now all heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!  
Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ is risen!  
Celebrate the divine mysteries with exultation; and for so great a victory sound the trumpet of salvation. Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your king! Christ, has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever. Rejoice, O holy church! Exult in glory! The risen Savior shines upon you!  
Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty sounds of all God's glory.

**P:** Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**C:** Christ is Risen Indeed!

### Prayer of Thanksgiving for Light

**P:** Eternal giver of life and light, this Holy Day shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your church with the Spirit given us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth and may shine as a light in the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen

**P:** Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**C:** Christ is Risen Indeed!

**P:** Let us pray.

**P:** O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by His glorious resurrection you delivered us

sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear,  
repeat their song of glory here,  
"Christ hath triumphed, Christ hath triumphed!"  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

2 Eternal is the gift he brings;  
wherefore our heart with rapture sings,  
"Christ hath triumphed, Jesus liveth!"  
now doth he come and give us life;  
now doth his presence still all strife  
through his triumph; Jesus reigneth!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

3 Oh fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
set heart and will on things above,  
that we conquer through thy triumph,  
grant grace sufficient for life's day,  
that by our lives we ever say,  
"Christ hath triumphed, and he liveth!"  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

4 Adoring praises now we bring  
and with the heavenly blessed sing,  
"Christ hath triumphed! hallelujah!"  
Be to the Father and our Lord,  
to Spirit blest, most holy God,  
thine the glory never ending!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

### \*BENEDICTION

### \*SENDING

**P:** Christ is risen! Share the Good News.

**C:** Thanks be to God!

The Holy Trinity Teens For Christ invite you to Easter  
Breakfast in the Trinity Life Center following  
Sunrise Service this morning!

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful Father,

**We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first  
Given us - ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs  
of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him  
who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### \*GREAT THANKSGIVING (spoken)

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to The Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### \*LORD'S PRAYER

(we sit)

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNE

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table.*

*We will receive Holy Communion by Intinction. You will receive the wafer and then dip it into the wine. If you are unable to partake of the bread or wine, the church affirms our Lord's presence in each element. Children who do not commune are invited to the Altar to receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward, please notify an usher and we will gladly serve you Holy Communion where you are.*

#### HOLY COMMUNION

*The congregation is asked to come forward to the Pastor and receive communion.*

### \*POST COMMUNION BLESSING/PRAYER

#### \*SENDING HYMN: *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

- 1 Now all the vault of heaven resound  
in praise of love that still abound,  
"Christ hath triumphed, hallelujah";

from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so that we may live with Him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*(The prayer is said and the congregation responds.)*

**C: Amen**

#### \*HYMN: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

*(we sit)*

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*THE DIALOG

P: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is Good; His love endures forever.

**C: The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.**

P: Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous.

**C: The Lord's right hand is lifted high: the Lord's right hand has done mighty things.**

P: I will not die but live,

**C: And will proclaim what the Lord has done.**

**\*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day.

**C:** God of all mercy, your Son's death and glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of death and redeemed all creation. Grant that we may daily die to sin and rise to newness of life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

*(we sit)*

**THE LESSON:**

Exodus 14:10-15:1  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11

**\*THE HOLY GOSPEL:**

Luke 24:4-8

*(we sit)*

**THE MEDITATION**

"Why Do You Look for the Living Among the Dead?"  
Pastor Randy Drafts

**\*HYMN: *Thine Is the Glory***

1 Thine is the glory,  
Risen, conqu'ring Son;  
Endless is the vict'ry  
Thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment  
Rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave-clothes  
Where thy body lay.

*Refrain*

Thine is the glory,  
Risen, conqu'ring Son;  
Endless is the vict'ry  
Thou o'er death hast won!

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee,  
Risen from the tomb!  
Lovingly He greets thee,  
Scatters fear and gloom;  
Let His church with gladness  
Hymns of triumph sing,  
For the Lord now liveth;  
Death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

3 No more we doubt thee,  
Glorious Prince of life;  
Life is naught without thee;  
Aid us in our strife;  
Make us more than conqu'rors,  
Through thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan  
To thy home above. *Refrain*

**\*APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.\*  
On the third day He rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

*\*Or, He descended to the dead.*

**\*PRAYERS**

*(we sit)*

**OFFERING**