

Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!

Easter is the day that Christians around the world gather to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. This morning in a "Service of Light" we give thanks for Christ's eternal light that shines in the darkness of our lives to reveal God's victory over death and His light that shines for all eternity in our lives and throughout the world.

The members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church want to thank you for worshipping with us on this most special of mornings and pray that God will bless you through this worship, nourish you with His Spirit and reveal to you His love through our Savior Jesus and the life He gave for you.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is a growing community of Christians, young and old, with a rich history of ministry to the people of our community. We are a people of faith seeking to become like Christ through the study of God's Word, worship of our Lord and service to all of God's creation.

We invite you to join us for the many opportunities God shares with us so we may grow in our walk with Christ Jesus and become more like Him. Our weekly worship begins at 10:30am and Sunday School at 9:15am. Other ministry opportunities include: children and youth activities monthly, Bible studies, men's and women's and senior groups, outreach and music ministry.

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 holtytlc.org, or call the church office at (803) 345-2841.



Easter

THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH,
THE ROOT OF DAVID,
HAS TRIUMPHED.

REVELATION 5:5 (NIV)

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

The Resurrection of Our Lord

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

April 20, 2025

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 con-
quered! 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 radi-
ance 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

- 3 Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Raised from the dead, my living Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat arising green.
- 4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Your touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat arising green.

***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!

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 the Sanctuary.

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.

***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.

***COMMUNION PRAYER**

***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 the Green Blade Rises

- 1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
Wheat that in the dark earth many years has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat arising green.
- 2 In the grave they laid Him, love by hatred slain,
Thinking that he would never wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat arising green.

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:

Job 19:23-27

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Luke 24:1-12

***THE HOLY GOSPEL:**

(we sit)

THE MEDITATION "Christ IS Alive" 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 conquerors,
Through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan
To thy home above. *Refrain*

(we sit)

OFFERING

(we stand)

***PRAYERS**

***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.*