

A Mission Congregation of the ELCA  
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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Emmaus Road  
April 11, 2021

• **Prelude**                    **“Amazing Grace; Sometimes Alleluia;  
For God So Loved the World”**                    **Roxanne Groff**

- **Office of the Acolyte and Ringing of the Bell**
- **Welcome**

\* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

P: Risen Lord,

**C: We admit that we are slow to believe, and even slower to follow where you lead us. We doubt your promise, divide your people, and fail to proclaim the power of your resurrection. We choose to live small lives when you have given us the biggest gift of all: your eternal life. Forgive us. Raise us up to a place where we can serve you faithfully.**

P: Christ is arisen, bringing gifts of life, mercy and pardon for sin! Believe that you are forgiven, and go out and live in the joy of your Lord’s resurrection in the power of God’s Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

\* **HYMN OF PRAISE**                    **“Abide with Me”**                    **LBW 272**



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?



help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.  
I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!

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**\* APOSTOLIC GREETING**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**\* PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray... Gracious God, The risen Lord walked with his disciples and turned their grief into joy. Walk also with us along our path of service and cheer us with your presence.

**C:** **Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 24:13-35**

**P:** Our scripture reading for this morning is from Luke, Chapter 24.

**C:** **Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

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<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ** (*Spoken*)

• **SERMON**

**Larry Harter**

• **SPECIAL MUSIC**

**“You Raise Me Up”**

**Roxanne Groff**

\* **NICENE CREED**

*The Nicene Creed is said on all festivals and on Sundays in the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter. The Apostles' Creed is said at other times. The Creed is omitted here if the service of Holy Baptism or another rite with a creed is used.*

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is**

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**worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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➤ *Or, He descended to the dead.*

**\* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

L: We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need...

*A brief silence.*

L: You come to us at our lowest points, bringing hope of new life and resurrection. Open us to the joy of the Easter proclamation, that we would live to witness to its power. God of life,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: We share your presence when we gather with others in ordinary places like walking paths and dinner tables. Alert us to the divine breaking through the mundane, and make each of our days a sacred offering to you. God of life,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Support all those dealing with seasonal flooding at this time of year, and help us find ways of addressing our planet's changing climate, through technology and lifestyle alterations. God of life,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Be with those who grieve and those who refuse to be consoled, that they may eventually find the healing their spirits need to begin moving forward again. Send your peace and power to all who need it most, especially... God of life,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Bring us together with all your saints in light, into your resurrection glory where we will dwell eternally with them under the shelter of your wings. God of life,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

*Here other petitions may be offered.*

L: Incline your ear to our prayers and fill us with power to begin living out our faith, by the power of your Son our savior, Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

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**\* SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*(The Sharing of the Peace that began when the congregation arrived is now shared with the Pastor at this time...)*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**\* OFFERING PRAYER**

*While the congregation is still standing say:*

P: Instead of passing the offering plate, we ask you to please place your offering in the Offering Plates conveniently located on your way out of worship. For those worshipping with us from their vehicles, there is a ceramic flower pot located near the back door of the church.

P: God of abundance, bless these gifts to your benefit, and may all the earth know of your goodness and grace, offered through the resurrection of your son Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

**\* THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Jesus is the "tie that Binds us together", let us pray as Jesus taught...

**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.**

**• ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\* SENDING BLESSING**

P: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

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\* **SENDING HYMN**      **“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”**      **LBW 128**



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

\* **DISMISSAL**

**P:** Until the next time we gather together as God's people to offer our worship and praise, depart in Christ's Love.

**C:** Seeking, welcoming, and serving all. Amen!

\* **POSTLUDE**      **“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**      **Roxanne Groff**

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Organist	Roxanne Groff
Lector	
Greeter	Rob Arling
Parrish Nurse	PJ Musser
Custodian	Mark Groff
Secretary	Sharon Fourman
Facebook Live Recorder	PJ Musser
Altar Flowers	Given to the Glory of God by Dean & Donna Thompson

**Health Tips for the Week**  
**BODY:** Manage portion control at meals  
**MIND:** Create a drawing  
**SPIRIT:** Spend time in silence



Scripture readings for next Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>  
Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60

***Trinity is on the Air at FM 88.3***

If you are near the Church on Sunday morning, you can tune in to FM 88.3 at 10:30 AM and hear the sermon from your car.



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**This Week @ Trinity – April 11 thru April 18, 2021**

**Sun, April 11**

10:30 am      Worship Service

**Wed, April 14**

6:30 pm      Christian Education Team Meeting

**Fri, April 16**

3:30 pm      FISH Choice Food Pantry

**Sun, April 18**

10:30 am      Worship Service

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** Due to my vacation (Apr. 21-28), I would like to receive as much news as possible for the May Trinity Trumpet by Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Email to [secretary@pitsburgtlc.org](mailto:secretary@pitsburgtlc.org), place it in my mailbox outside the church office, or call me at 937/692-5670.

---Your Secretary, Sharon Fourman

**Holy Communion Delivery Available to ALL:**

If you or anyone you know would like to have Holy Communion delivered to a home or place of business, please call Pastor Mel at 937-626-7100. He will bring a prefilled communion chalice including both sanctified wine and a morsel of bread all prepackaged from the Concordia True Vine company. This is a safe way to stay connected to your brothers and sisters in Christ.

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