

Easter Sunday, 4.12.2020
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
Rev Dr. Karen Durbin, Pastor

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
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Welcome & Greeting:

P: May 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.**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Today, we remember that as Jesus was raised from death to life, we too are being raised. Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, O Living One, for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly. Oceans and aquifers praise you.
Rivers and streams bless you. All life is sustained by you, our Source.

We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life. Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God. Here, death is washed away forever. Here, we are grafted into the tree of life, with leaves for the healing of the world.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and throughout all creation. Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions. Grant that all may know of your mercy and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

GATHERING HYMN "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray: God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Alleluia, Jesus is Risen" Soloist: Deb Warner

PRAYERS

Trusting God's promise of new life, join me in praying for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You, O God, are the resurrection and the life. Open our eyes to see your goodness. Give us joy as we spread the good news that Jesus is risen.

Lord in your mercy

C: **Hear our Prayers**

You, O God you are new life. Give us eyes to see your promises of new life sprouting up all around us. Lord in your mercy.

C: **Hear our prayers.**

You, O God, are with us. In this time of darkness and need, bring healing to those who are sick, strength and hope to caregivers, and safety to those on the front lines of combating the

coronavirus, especially those we name before you now. . . . Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our Prayers

You, O God, are the resurrection & the life. We remember before you those who have died. Comfort us in our sorrow. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayers

You, O God, hear the cries and fears of our hearts and bring us your peace. Thank you for hearing our prayers today. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us join together in the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us.

**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.**

BLESSING

P: May the One who raised Jesus from the dead, raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. Almighty God, Father † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

CLOSING HYMN "Thine Is the Glory!"

DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!