

# *The Walk to Emmaus*



TRINITY  LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

Sunday, April 19, 2026  
9:00 am Service

# Order of Worship

*\*stand as you are able*

**Prelude**

**Way Maker**  
by Osinachi Okoro

Worship Band

**Welcome**

**\*Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn**

***The Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing***

**Hymn #531**

1. The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is ready to begin.  
The gates of heav'n are open wide, and Jesus welcomes you inside.

*Refrain:* Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.  
Come and revel in heaven's love and light.  
Take your place at the table of the King.  
The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to begin.

2. Tables are laden with good things; oh, taste the peace and joy he brings.  
He'll fill you up with love divine; he'll turn your water into wine. (*Refrain*)
3. The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the poor his paradise.  
Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud the amazing goodness of the Lord. (*Refrain*)

**\*Greeting**

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

**And also with you.**

**Kyrie Eleison**

*Kyrie Eleison means "Lord have mercy."*

by Chris Tomlin

Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Hear our cry and heal our land  
Let kindness lead us to repentance  
Bring us back again

*Chorus:* For Your Name is great, and Your heart is grace  
Kyrie Eleison  
Over all You reign, you alone can save  
Kyrie Eleison, Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy on us now

Who is this God  
Who pardons all our sin  
So ready to forgive  
You delight to show Your mercy (*repeat 4x, Chorus*)

## Prayer of the Day

*Let us pray,*

**O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## Anthem

***I See Grace***  
by Micah Tyler

Worship Band

## Children's Moment

Pastor Paul

## Reading

### **Luke 24**

*The Walk to Emmaus*

That same day, two disciples were walking to Emmaus, discussing all that had happened. Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. He asked what they were discussing, and they stood still, looking sad. Cleopas replied, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who doesn't know what happened to Jesus of Nazareth, whom our leaders crucified? We had hoped he would redeem Israel, and now it's the third day. Women from our group found his tomb empty and reported seeing angels who said he was alive. Others confirmed the empty tomb, but didn't see him." Jesus said to them, "How foolish you are and slow of heart to believe the prophets! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things to enter his glory?" Then, beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they approached the village, they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening." While at the table, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened; they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked to us on the road?" They stood up at once and returned to Jerusalem to find the eleven, telling them how Jesus had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Message

Pastor Paul Lutter

*verse 1: Worship Band, verses 2-3: all*

1. Day of arising, Christ on the roadway,  
unknown companion walks with his own.  
When they invite him, as fades the first day,  
and bread is broken, Christ is made known.
2. When we are walking, doubtful and dreading,  
blinded by sadness, slowness of heart,  
yet Christ walks with us, ever awaiting  
our invitation: Stay, do not part.
3. Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken.  
This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign:  
when the church gathers, when bread is broken,  
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.

**\*Apostles' Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

**\*Prayers of the Church**

*Congregational Response: Hear our prayer.*

**\*Sharing of the Peace / Announcements**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## Call Committee Update

Tom Lindberg

### Offering

*Thank you for your continued financial support.  
An offering plate can be found in the back of church as  
you leave worship. Or give online at [www.trin.org/give](http://www.trin.org/give).*



### Offertory Response

#### ***My Life is an Offering***

by Pat & Joel Sczebel

1. This life is an altar, I want to offer my soul, and my mind, and strength,  
Cleansed by Your mercy, to live a life worthy of the One, who called my name.

*Chorus:* Jesus, be glorified, Jesus, be magnified,  
Let me be a pleasing sacrifice.  
Jesus, be glorified, Jesus, be magnified,  
Here at the altar, my life is an offering.

2. How could I not love you? You authored my rescue, raised me up from death to life.  
Your spirit is in me, revealing Your glory of what joy, as I give my life. (*Chorus*)

## Holy Communion

### \*Words of Institution

### \*Lord's Prayer

**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.**

### Distribution of Holy Communion

*Please come forward for Holy Communion this morning by using the center aisle and  
returning by the side aisle. If you prefer, gluten free wafers are available on the  
center table and white grape juice is located in the inner circle of the tray.*

### Communion Music

***So Will I  
Perfectly Loved***

Worship Band

**\*Closing Prayer**

*Good and Gracious God,*

**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 faithful 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. Amen.**

**\*Benediction**

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**\*Closing Hymn**

***Sent Forth by God's Blessing***

**Hymn #547**

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us  
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.
2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,  
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—our faith ever sharing,  
in love ever caring, embracing God's children, the whole human race.  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

***Here I am, Lord***

by William Toll

Worship Band

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### **In Our Prayers:**

Steve Boylan, Frank Fritzke, Stacey Lewandowski, Elyse Hirsch (daughter-in-law of Kelly & Liz Hirsch), Aiko Landgraf (niece of Sue Magnuson), Stacey Barta (niece of Bob & JoAnn Lohmann), Robin Nelson (sister-in-law of Curt and Eileen Nelson), our missionary in Papua New Guinea, Rev. Andrew Ronnevik and family

We extend our sympathy to Gary and Cathy Vanderbilt and family upon the recent passing of Gary's sister, Laurel Vanderbilt. May God grant you peace and comfort.

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### **Announcements**

You are invited to enjoy conversation, treats and coffee following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

**Vacation Bible School Registration is Open** Kids ages 3 years old through 4th Grade are invited to "Rainforest Falls" VBS at Trinity on June 15 - 18, 2026 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Register online at [www.trin.org/vbs](http://www.trin.org/vbs).

**Adult Faith Formation Series** Join Pastor Paul on Thursdays, April 16 - May 21 at 7:00 pm in the Pioneer Room to discuss the book *Joyful Anyway* by Kate Bowler, exploring how to find joy amidst life's difficulties.

**Giving Away Parsonage Appliances** The appliances that were in the parsonage are available for free on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact the church office to make arrangements. All inquiries must be made before April 25.

**Volunteer Opportunities** Trinity has lots of ways to get involved on Sunday mornings—ushering, reading, hosting coffee, assisting with communion, helping with livestream, and more. Learn more at [trin.org/sunday-volunteers](http://trin.org/sunday-volunteers).