

Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2026

Welcome

P This is the day that the Lord has made!

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it!



Greeting

P 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.**

Hymn

- 1 "I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell."
- 2 "When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun."
- 3 "In the middle ages of your life,

Borning Cry

- not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been,
with just one more surprise."
- 4 "I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold."

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937
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Holy Baptism

P God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

P *To the parents:* Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ?

Response of parents: We do.

P As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God's faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that they may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response of parents: We do.

P *To the congregation:* People of God, do you promise to support Baylee and Sadie, and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

C We do.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that Baylee and Sadie, who are washed in the waters of baptism, may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

C I do.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C 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 to the dead. 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.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C 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.

P {Baylee Grace} {Sadie Lucille}, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Laying on of hands at the altar:

P God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon {Baylee Grace} {Sadie Lucille}, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

C Amen.

Signing with the cross:

P {Baylee Grace Root} {Sadie Lucille Root}, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

Giving of the light:

A Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the parents of these children. Let them ever rejoice in the gifts you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their children the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Through Baptism God has made Baylee Grace and Sadie Lucille members of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.

The Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

First Reading *Acts 2:14a, 36-41*

Peter stood with the eleven apostles and spoke in a loud and clear voice to the crowd: “Everyone in Israel should know for certain that God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ, even though you put him to death on a cross.”

When the people heard this, they were very upset. They asked Peter and the other apostles, “Friends, what should we do?”

Peter said to them, “Turn to God and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is for you and your children. It is for everyone our Lord God will choose, no matter where they live.”

Peter told them many other things as well. Then he said, “I beg you to save yourselves from what will happen to all these evil people.” On that day about 3,000 believed his message and were baptized.

...The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

¹I love the Lord, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

²for the Lord has given ear to me whenever I called.

³The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴Then I called upon the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”

¹²How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things God has done for me?

¹³I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

¹⁴I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God’s people.

¹⁵Precious in your sight, O Lord, is the death of your servants.

¹⁶O Lord, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁷I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.

¹⁸I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God’s people,

¹⁹in the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

Second Reading *1 Peter 1:17-23*

You say that God is your Father, but God doesn't have favorites! He judges all people by what they do. So you must honor God while you live as strangers here on earth. You were rescued from the useless way of life you learned from your ancestors. But you know you were not rescued by such things as silver or gold that don't last forever. You were rescued by the precious blood of Christ, that spotless and innocent lamb. Christ was chosen even before the world was created, but because of you, he did not come until these last days. And when he did come, it was to lead you to have faith in God, who raised him from death and honored him in a glorious way. This is why you have put your faith and hope in God.

You obeyed the truth, and your souls were made pure. Now you sincerely love each other. But you must keep on loving with all your heart. Do this because God has given you new birth by his message that lives on forever.

... *The Word of the Lord.*

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Verse

Please stand as you are able

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter.

(sung) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel *Luke 24:13-35*

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. 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?" 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, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 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. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 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. 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."

Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah

should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 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. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. 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?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

(sung) Praise to you, O Christ.

Youth Time

Choir Anthem *I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

Message

Hymn of the Day *(next page)*

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; bring flow'rs of
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -



tri - umph of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
song to strew his way; let all the world re - joice and say:
life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
day with one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872–1955, alt.

Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570–1615

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Prayers of the Church

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

Living Savior, just as you journeyed with the disciples to Emmaus, accompany us on our journey of faith. Gather us at your table, that we recognize you in the breaking of the bread. Bless the ministries of TOL, Augustana, Good Shepherd and Pr. Sohail's South Asian Ministry, as we serve our neighbors in love.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Almighty God, you provide for the needs of all creation. Bless the fields that are being prepared for planting, and send favorable weather so that the soil may yield an abundant harvest.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of justice, where leaders abuse power, confront them and call them to repentance. Where there is corruption, bring integrity; where there is violence, sow peace.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing Savior, your resurrection brings hope to a hurting world. Heal those who are sick. Strengthen the weary, give courage to the despairing, and comfort the dying.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those impacted by war and violence, for our men and women in the armed forces, and for first responders. We also ask for your blessing on Patrick, Pr. Fred, Glenda, and Arlen, and for those for whom we now pray, either in our hearts or aloud:

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Gracious One, you have made us your own through the gift of baptism. Unite us in genuine love for one another and uphold this community in your name. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Eternal Light, we give thanks for all who have nurtured your church's life in ages past. Bring us at last with them to the brightness of your glorious presence.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

Please stand as you are able

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn (*sung*):

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your Kingdom and teach us to pray. **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.**

Invitation to Communion

{Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.}

Communion Song

Please be seated

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of

God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion: Please be seated until the usher directs your row to the communion rail. Please come forward and stand or kneel. If you do not wish to receive communion, please come for a blessing. All who share our confession that Christ is present in the Sacrament are welcome to join us at the Lord's table. White grape juice is available in the center of the tray. If you would like a gluten free wafer, please let Pastor know.

The Body of Christ given for you.

The Blood of Christ shed for you.

Post-Communion Blessing

Please stand as you are able

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

Prayer after Communion

A Let us pray. Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

Blessing

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn *(next page)*

Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!



1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn - ful sigh?
3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;
4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran - somed of the earth.
5 Hal - le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.



from the gloom - y halls of death Christ, the con - quer - or, has gone,
He who died our broth - er here lives our broth - er still on high,
joined to him, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too;
Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav' n - ly birth.
Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless - ings on his church be - low.
with the Lord, at his right hand, as a vic - tor you shall stand.
Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.
glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!

Text: Carl B. Garve, 1763–1841; tr. Jane Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.
Music: FRED TIL BOD, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia.

C Thanks be to God.

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Prayers and Announcements

Welcome: We extend a very warm welcome to everyone worshiping with us today. If you are visiting, we are delighted to have you here, and we hope you enjoy your worship time.

Today's Baptisms: Please welcome Baylee and Sadie Root to our church family! We pray for God's blessings on them and their family.

Prayer Partner Ministry: If you are in need of additional prayer, please see Don following worship. Prayers are confidential.

Today's Altar Flowers: Are given to the Glory of God in honor of our congregation.

Offering: Thank you for your gifts to TOL. There is an offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. If you send your offering through the US mail, please use checks only—please don't mail cash. We also have online giving through tithe.ly, which can be accessed through TOL's website (www.trinityoldlutheran.com) or on your smartphone.

Mission for April: This month we are supporting Augustana's RIDE (Refugee and Immigrant Driver Education) program, which assists people in obtaining drivers' permits and licenses enabling them to access employment, healthcare, education, etc. Please see the article in the April Tidings for more details. Envelopes are on the table in the narthex, or use tithe.ly through the TOL website. Thank you for supporting this important ministry!

Sermon Discussion/input: Meets again this **Wednesday, April 22 at noon**. Please let Pastor Fred know if you are interested in discussing the texts for the next month of sermons.

Annual Congregational Meeting and Potluck: Will be next **Sunday, April 26**,

following worship service. If you have not already signed up, please use the sheet posted on the bulletin board.

Adult Education: The final two classes of this semester are listed below. Classes start at **1 pm**, in person and on Zoom. **Please contact Charlie Schmidtke if you need a Zoom invite.**

April 27

Gospel of Judas

May 11

Spain and France – James and Mary Magdalene

TRI-Congregation Workshop, Saturday, May 2 at Good Shepherd: Explore Dreams and Visions for our congregations: **Everyone** is invited and welcome to come to a visioning and mission exploration workshop to be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for the friends and members of Trinity Old Lutheran Church, Augustana and Good Shepherd on **Saturday May 2, 2026.** Coffee will be served starting at 9:00 am. and workshop will start at 9:30 am. The workshop will be done by 2:30 pm. Lunch is provided. In the morning there will be a time of sharing memories and creating a timeline for each church in the morning. Each attendee is invited to bring with them photos or remembrances of time with their church for the morning session and in the afternoon, we will be meeting in small groups to explore the future, share our hopes and hesitations. **Please strongly consider signing up and joining us for this important retreat. Sign-up is in the narthex.** We hope to see you at Good Shepherd on **Saturday, May 2 for the workshop**, and at our **combined worship on May 3 at 10 am at Good Shepherd** for our tri-congregation worship. **Therefore, there will not be a worship service at TOL on Sunday, May 3.**

Women's Lunch Group: You are invited to join the group for lunch on **Thursday, May 14** at 12:30 pm, at Lebro's Restaurant, 330 Campbell Blvd., Getzville. Please contact Judy Menz or Barb Maugans if you have any questions.

Chicken Chowder Sale: TOL is having a chicken chowder sale on **Saturday, May 16, starting at 12 noon.** It's a popular event, and the chowder tends to sell out fast so come early! Want to get involved? There are many ways to help make this fundraiser a success. Sign up on the bulletin board or speak with Matt Grabau. Visit the ingredient sign-up board in the Narthex. If you're donating produce, please drop it off at TOL during the week of May 11. We'll be prepping the vegetables on **Fri, May 15.** Tell your family, friends and neighbors about TOL's chowder!

Book Club at Augustana: April's book is Norwegian by Night by Derrick B. Miller. We will discuss the book on **Thursday, April 23** at 6:30 pm at Augustana.

Friends of Night People: Thanks to our volunteer teams who continue to prepare and deliver 100 sandwiches each week! We also collect clothing, sleeping bags,

blankets, shoes, hats, hygiene items, lip balm & mugs. Please place donations in the blue barrel in the hallway. Thanks!

Operation Christmas Child: The suggested donations for **April** are small toys, such as play dough, yo-yo’s, slinky, small cars or dolls, etc. Thank you.

Devotionals: If you would like a “Christ in Our Home” devotional for **April through June 2026**, please pick one up in the narthex or call the church office.

Book and Puzzle Sale: Please continue to visit and support our Book Sale in the Resource Library down the hall. There are lots of new puzzles, available for a fraction of the cost at retail. No cost for the greeting cards available. Proceeds are used for church building interior improvements, such as carpeting, door mats, etc.

This week’s calendar

<p><i>Please notify the Church Office of any schedule changes, member illness, prayer request, etc., so church staff can respond accordingly. Office hours are <u>Tuesday, 9 am – 1 pm, Thursday and Friday, 9 am–12 noon.</u></i></p> <p><i>For a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Fred. For office related matters, please leave a voice mail message or send an email.</i></p>	Sun	4/19	9:30 am 11 am 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship Service at Augustana Worship Service at TOL Abiding Faith Worship GA Meeting
	Mon	4/20	10 am 5:45 pm 6 pm	OA Meeting Yoga Sandwich Team #1
	Tues	4/21	5:45 pm 7:30 pm	Chair Yoga CoDA
	Wed	4/22	12 noon 5:45 pm 4 pm	Sermon Dialogue Yoga Set up for Weavers Guild Workshop
	Thurs	4/23	All day 9:30 am 5:45 pm 6:30 pm 7 pm	Weavers Guild Annual Workshop Yoga Yoga Book Club at Augustana GA Meeting
	Fri	4/24	All day 11 am	Weavers Guild Annual workshop Pr. Sohail’s South Asian Community
	Sat	4/25	4 pm	Weavers Guild Annual workshop ends Pr. Sohail’s Worship Service
	Sun	4/26	9:30 am 11 am 12 noon 3:30 pm 7 pm	Worship Service at Augustana Worship Service at TOL Potluck and Annual Meeting Abiding Faith Worship GA Meeting

Announcements: *If you’d like to submit a bulletin or Tidings announcement, please send to trinityoldlutheranchurch@gmail.com or call 716-836-4868 by Wednesday morning.*

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