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*Faithful Through the Years*  
Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Trinity Lutheran Church  
"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever." Hebrews 13:8

## **Quasimodo Geniti**

(Easter 2)

**April 12<sup>th</sup>-- anno Domini 2026**

*Quasimodo Geniti* means "Like newborn babes," the first words of our Introit for this morning. These words come from 1 Peter 2:2, and they express the faith that Jesus bestows on us by his Word. Faith is passively receiving the salvation Christ gives us in his Word. This is the faith that Jesus teaches Thomas about. "Blessed are those who do not see yet believe," he says. Those who hear the Word of God and keep it as their dearest treasure in both life and death are like newborn babes thirsting for that pure spiritual milk of God's Word.

This is why John wrote his account of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. "These things were written," John says, "so that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name." This is why the entire Bible is written, just as St. Paul writes (Rom 15:4), "whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope." The Word of God is given for our comfort. It is given to give us a clear conscience before God (1 Pet 3:21). This is what it means to have peace with God. And this is why Jesus declares after his resurrection, "Peace to you."

This is why God's Word is proclaimed. This is why Jesus rose from the dead. And this is what faith clings to. It clings to the peace we have with God, since we have been justified by Christ (Rom 5:1). Jesus appeared to Thomas because he needed to be a witness of the Resurrection (Acts 1:21-22). And yet Jesus willed that Thomas believe based upon the Word proclaimed to him by the other apostles. Even after his apostles witnessed his Resurrection, it was still Jesus' will that he would sustain them by his Word (John 17:17). So this is his will for us, as we depend on it like infants depend on their mother's milk.

**DEAR VISITORS:** As a congregation in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Trinity practices **closed communion**, which means that we only commune those who are members in good standing of sister congregations and have been instructed in the Christian faith as it is summarized in Luther's Small Catechism. If you are a visitor and desire to commune at Trinity, **please speak to Pastor Preus before the service.**

# The Order of Holy Communion

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**Hymn of Invocation** ∞ *Who Is This that Comes from Edom*

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*Stand for final stanza*

**Invocation, Confession & Absolution**

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*Please remain standing through the conclusion of the Collect of the Day.*

Service of the Word



## Introit

P As newborn babes, Alleluia,\*

desire the pure milk of the Word. Alleluia. Alleluia. (*1 Peter 2:2*)

**C Sing aloud to God our strength;\***

**make a joyful shout to the God of Jacob.**

P You called in trouble, and I delivered you;\*

I answered you in the secret place of thunder.

**C I am the LORD your God,\***

**who brought you out of the land of Egypt;**

P open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.\*

With honey from the rock I would have satisfied you. (*Psalms 81:1, 7, 10, 16*)

**Gloria Patri** ∞ *Glory be to the Father*

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**Kyrie** ∞ *Lord, Have Mercy*

**Gloria in Excelsis** ∞ *Glory to God in the Highest*

**Salutation & Collect of the Day**

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading** ∞ *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD laid His hand on me and by His Spirit took me out and put me down in the middle of a valley that was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me past them all around. There were a great number lying on the floor of the valley, and they were very dry.

<sup>3</sup>"Son of man," He asked me, "can these bones become alive?"

"Lord GOD," I answered, "You know."

<sup>4</sup>"Prophecy about these bones," He told me, "and say to them: 'Dry bones, listen to what the LORD says. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD says this to these bones: I will make breath enter into you, and you will live. <sup>6</sup>I will put sinews on you, have flesh come on you, cover you with skin, and put breath in you so you will live and know I am the LORD.'"

<sup>7</sup>I prophesied as I was ordered, and as I prophesied, there was a noise and a rustling as the bones came together, one bone to another. <sup>8</sup>I saw sinews coming on them. Flesh came on them, and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

<sup>9</sup>"Prophecy to the breath," He told me. "Prophecy, son of man, and tell the breath,

'The Lord GOD says this: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain people so they will live.' " <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as He ordered me, and breath entered into them and they stood on their feet — a very great army.

<sup>11</sup>"Son of man," He said to me, "these bones are all the people of Israel. They are saying, 'Our bones are dry, and we've lost all hope. We're completely cut off.' <sup>12</sup>So prophesy and tell them, 'The Lord GOD says this: I will open your graves and raise you out of them, O My people, and bring you to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>Then you will know I am the LORD when I open your graves and raise you out of your graves, O My people. <sup>14</sup>I will put My Spirit in you so you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know I the LORD said it and I did it, says the LORD.' "

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Epistle *∞ 1 John 5:4-10*

<sup>4</sup>Every child of God conquers the world. Our faith is the victory over the world. <sup>5</sup>Who conquers the world but he who believes Jesus is God's Son? <sup>6</sup>This is He Who came by water and blood — Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And the Spirit is telling the truth because the Spirit is the Truth. <sup>7</sup>There are three who bring us the truth: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit, the water, and the blood, and these three have one purpose.

<sup>9</sup>If we accept the testimony of men, God's testimony is greater because God's testimony is the truth He told about His Son. <sup>10</sup>If you believe in God's Son, you have in you the testimony of the truth. Anyone who will not believe God has made Him a liar because he hasn't believed the truth God told about His Son.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*



### Verse

P Alleluia.\*

Alleluia.

P He is risen from the dead,\*

and is going before you into Galilee. Alleluia.

**C After eight days Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said,\*  
"Peace to you!" Alleluia. (Matthew 28:8, John 20:26)**

### *Triple Alleluia*

**Gospel** ✨ *John 20:19-31*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>That Sunday evening the doors were locked where the disciples were, because they were afraid of the Jews. Then Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace to you!" <sup>20</sup>When He said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were delighted to see the Lord.

<sup>21</sup>"Peace to you!" Jesus said to them again. "As the Father sent Me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When He had said this, He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>Whenever you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven; whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas, one of the twelve, who was called Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We saw the Lord." "Unless I see the marks of the nails in His hands," he told them, "and put my finger in the marks of the nails and put my hand in His side, I won't believe it."

<sup>26</sup>A week later His disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were locked, but Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace to you!" He said. <sup>27</sup>Then He told Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at My hands — and take your hand and put it in My side. And don't doubt but believe."

<sup>28</sup>"My Lord and my God!" Thomas answered Him.

<sup>29</sup>"Do you believe because you've seen Me?" Jesus asked him. "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup>His disciples saw Jesus do many other miracles that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these things are written so that you believe Jesus is the Christ, God's Son, and by believing have life in His name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed**

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*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day** ✨ *Ye Sons and Daughters of the King*

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**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Offertory**

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*Sit*

**Gathering of the Offering**

*Stand to sing as the offerings are brought forward*

*We give Thee but Thine own,*

*Whate'er the gift may be*

*All that we have is Thine alone,*

*A trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

Please complete the  
Record of Fellowship in the  
folder in your pew.

## General Prayer

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**Ushers for today:** Keith Rethemeyer, Charlie Scheer, Karson Eads, Jacob Preus

**Next week:** Adam Swann, Evan Scheer Joseph Rethemeyer, Kyle Scheer

**Greeter for today:** Larry Scheer

**Next Week:** James Eads

**Acolyte today:** Tripp Cronin

**Next Week:** Robert Preus

**Flower and Altar Care: April:** Keri Otten & Lisa Scheer

**Organist:** Andrew Finck

**Prayer and Petitions:** Wayne Scheer and Sue Eads, health concerns. Homebound; Ray & LeeAnn Rohling, Diana Scheer, Paul & Sue Laune; Missionaries: Brandt Klawitter, mission work in Norway; Pastor James May (missionary to Africa); Rev. David Preus (missionary to Romania); Michael & Naomi Erslund, Lutheran Bible Translators. Immanuel Lutheran School, Washington; Camp Trinity; Luther Classical College; Christ the King Lutheran High School.

**Birthdays and Annivers:** James Fortner, 14<sup>th</sup>

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**Ladies Luncheon:** The ladies of the church will be meeting for lunch on **Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at Stone Hill Vintage 1847 Restaurant, Hermann at 12:30 pm.** All ladies are welcome.

**Quarterly Voters Meeting** April 19<sup>th</sup>, downstairs following church service.

**Ladies Aid Meeting** April 19<sup>th</sup>, in the Conference Room, following church service.

**Washington Circuit Third Sunday Youth, April 19:** Attention any and all Washington Circuit youth and their friends in grades 6<sup>th</sup> through high school. This is a great opportunity for our Lutheran youth and their friends to get together, have fun and dig into God's Word, specifically the book of Romans. Bring your Bible along. We will meet from 6-8 p.m. at Camp Trinity (439 Camp Trinity Drive, New Haven) for fellowship, food and Bible study. Any adults that may have to drive youth are welcome to stay and partake of the activities or just hang out at Camp Trinity to save miles on the road.

**VBS 2026, May 27-29 Wake, Awake: Watching for Jesus.** Contact Ruth Rethemeyer for more information.

**Grass cutting** time is here once again. A volunteer sign-up sheet has been placed on the bulletin board in the vestibule. Volunteers, please pick out some dates and sign-up. If you are unable to cut personally, you can make a donation and some young volunteers will cut for you. See Roger Helling if you have questions.

## Smalcald Articles

### Article IV - Of the Papacy.

1 That the Pope is not, according to divine law or according to the Word of God the head of all Christendom (for this [name] belongs to One only, whose name is Jesus Christ), but is only the bishop and pastor of the Church at Rome, and of those who voluntarily or through a human creature (that is, a political magistrate) have attached themselves to him, to be Christians, not under him as a lord, but with him as brethren [colleagues] and comrades, as the ancient councils and the age of St. Cyprian show.

2 But to-day none of the bishops dare to address the Pope as brother as was done at that time [in the age of Cyprian]; but they must call him most gracious lord, even though they be kings or emperors. This [Such arrogance] we will not, cannot, must not take upon our conscience [with a good conscience approve]. Let him, however, who will do it, do so without us [at his own risk].

3 Hence it follows that all things which the Pope, from a power so false, mischievous, blasphemous, and arrogant, has done and undertaken. have been and still are purely diabolical affairs and transactions (with the exception of such things as pertain to the secular government, where God often permits much good to be effected for a people, even through a tyrant and [faithless] scoundrel) for the ruin of the entire holy [catholic or] Christian Church (so far as it is in his power) and for the destruction of the first and chief article concerning the redemption made through Jesus Christ.

*(continued next Sunday)*