Fourth Sunday of Easter Sunday, April 30, 2023 – Traditional Service with Holy Communion

I AM THE GATE.

JOHN 10:9

WELCOME TO ALL

Welcome to worship at Trinity Lutheran Church! We are glad you are here. We are delighted to gather as one people in the name of the risen Lord Jesus, in whose power over disease and death we take hope. Please use this bulletin to participate in the liturgy and take it with you when the service is ended.

Based on revised CDC guidance, we are no longer encouraging the wearing of masks for those attending worship, regardless of vaccination status. However, if you have symptoms, have tested positive for Covid or been exposed to someone with Covid-19, we ask that you do wear a mask. Please feel free to continue wearing a mask in worship for your safety, if desired. This guidance may change if our risk level changes.

> Bathrooms are located down the hall from the side entrance to the sanctuary. Children are always welcome during worship, but if desired, there is a nursery in room 107 available for children ages birth to school age.

Please be aware that we are streaming our services. If you do not wish to be on camera please contact the church office.

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Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

WELCOME / &NNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

Please respect the silence of those around you preparing for worship.

PRELUDE

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

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Please stand as you are able. THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

The Lord's My Shepherd



APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

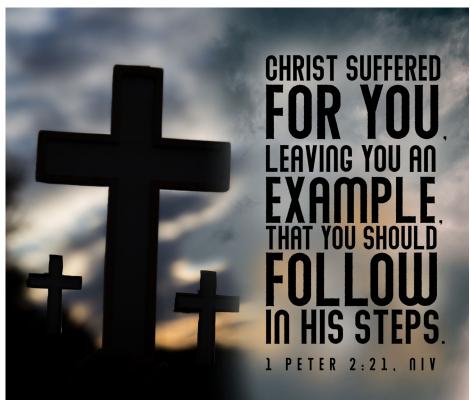
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed Alleluia!



WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 2:42-47

Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.

⁴²The baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**



PSALMODY

Psalm 23

We will speak the Psalm responsively.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
³You restore my soul, O LORD,

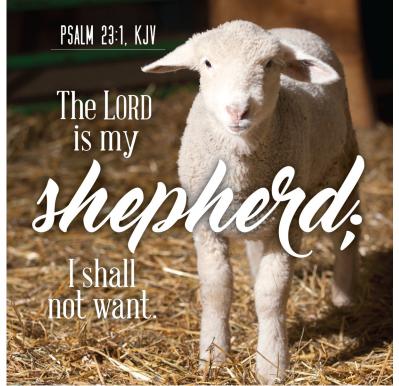
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.



SECOND READING

Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity.

¹⁹It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

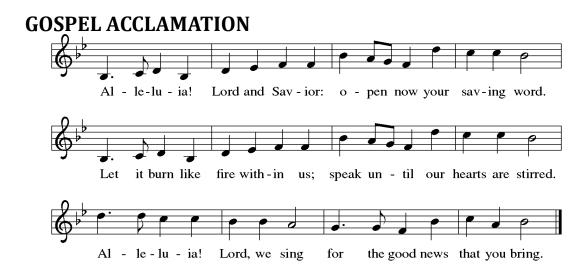
²²"He committed no sin,

and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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Please stand as you are able.



GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 10th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: ¹"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

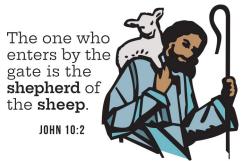
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** *Please be seated.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

ANTHEM

"Oh, You Can't Get to Heaven" Children's Choir Alison and Hannah Ross: Soloists



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Pastor Angela Zimmann

Please stand as you are able.

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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 INTERCESSION

Names of family & friends in prayer found on page 17.

A brief silence.

Response following each petition:

L: Hear us, O God. **R: Your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

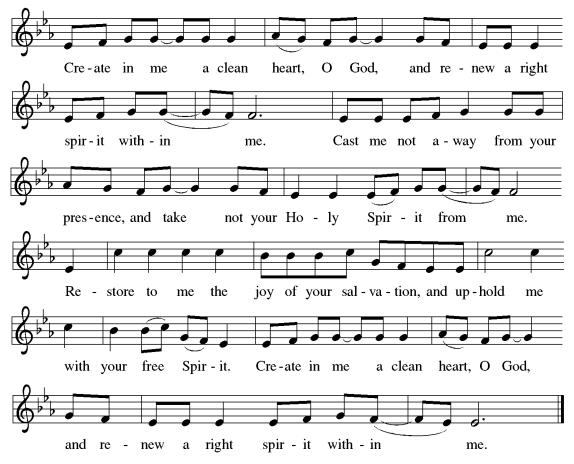
The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you!



OFFERING

Thank you for your generous and faithful support during these extraordinary times. Out of an abundance of caution, we are not currently passing the collection plates. Instead, you may place your offerings in the plates provided by the door as you enter or exit worship. If you prefer, Trinity offers 5 other ways to give as well: Text, Mail, Mobile, Automatic Transfer, & Online. Contact the church office for details.

> Create in Me a Clean Heart Offering Song



MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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:

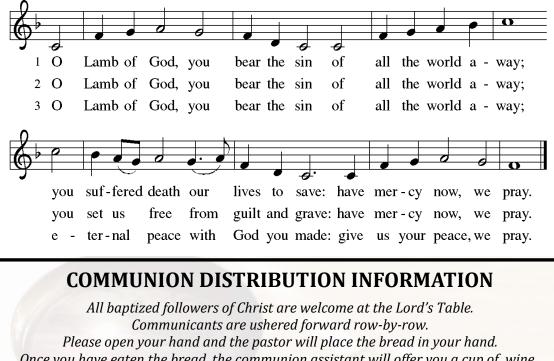
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you. **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.



Once you have eaten the bread, the communion assistant will offer you a cup of wine. Please take the cup of wine from the tray.

After drinking the wine, you may return to your seat along the side aisle. If you prefer, grape juice is available which you may request from the communion assistant.

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER THE BENEDICTION

Savior, like A Shepherd Lead Us



SENDING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE

"Head of the Church Triumphant"

Mason

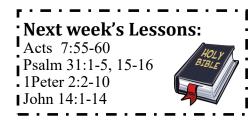
Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God, with thanks for blessing us with our daughter, Jenna Mae Vogel, 8 years ago, by Erich and Laurie Vogel





The children's bulletins are given to the Glory of God, and in honor of Brooklynn Barkman's 11th birthday, by her sister, Isabella, and her cousins, Dilynn & Alyssa Fisher

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:		
Sunday, April 23, 2023:	92	
Online views:	68	



WUKSHIP	MODIDIMNID
Preacher /Presider	Pastor Angela Zimmann
Organist	Robert Eyer Jr.
	10 AM
Ushers	Dewey Hutsler
	Phil Lobaugh
Acolyte	Hannah Ross
Lector	Joyce McDonald
Communion Asst.	Kathy Ashway
	Luke Coder
Communion Prep	Herm Hopple
	Pam Hopple
Livestream Team	Jason Brown
Nursery	Lisa Coder
	Luke Coder

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IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

We Pray For

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Robert Kitzmiller Dennis Alleman Jim Cistone Barbara Bankert Jerry Bitner Doug Price Betty Leonard Jerry Crist Ray Guldin Connie Renshaw

Richard & Gloria McCauley Bernice Conner Bob Shannon Doris Krieble Shirley Shilling Deb Hutsler Sue Lensbower Thomas Clarke Brenda Zullinger Marlene Fisher Mary Royce Donna Shetter Phyllis Dusman Floss Sterner Michele Phillips Curt Stambaugh Cheryl Kelly Cameron

MEMBERS

Travis, Janelle, Brooklynn, & Isabella Barkman

Helen Barnes

James, Regina , Frank, Thomas, Michael, David, & May Elizabeth Barra

Benjamin Barrows

**Names may be added / removed by calling the church office.
**Names will normally be removed after <u>4 weeks.</u>

OFFERING

Budgeted amount needed: <u>\$8,072.12</u> 04.23.23 Offering: <u>\$3,062.00</u> Thank You!

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY & NNOUNCEMENTS



DISCOUNT CARDS

SpiriTrust auxiliary will sell the business discount cards for a discounted price of \$2 instead of \$5. They make great Easter gifts. Contact Sharon Emmons at <u>mysunni@comcast.net</u> / or 717-264-3977. The sale benefits Luther Ridge Community--residents.





Confirmation students are invited to attend the All Saints Confirmation Camp at Nawakwa this summer.

The cost is \$435 per child, which

Trinity will pay. There is no cost to you!

If interested, contact Ruth Cramer or the church office prior to May 1st.

THIS WEEK @ TRINITY

Sunday - 04/30	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages - Library
-	9:00 AM	Confirmation - Cloud 9
	9:00 AM	Scripture & Coffee
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
	10.00 / 101	4 th Sunday of Easter
		Recycle Paper Sunday
Monday - 05/01	7-8:30 PM	Boy Troop - Scout Room
		Deadline—Pentecost Geranium Orders
Tuesday - 05/02	11:00 AM	Worship - Lounge
	6-9 PM	Cub Scout Committee - Scout Room
	7:00 PM	Property - Lounge
Wednesday - 05/03	9:30-11:30 AM	PASR - Social Hall
·	10:00 AM	Service/Witness - Lounge
	5:30 PM	Yoga - Social Hall
	7:00 PM	Choir - Sanctuary
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Thursday - 05/04	6:30-8 PM	Girl Scouts - Scout Room & Library
	7:00 PM	Learning Committee - Cloud 9
	7:00 PM	Grief Share - Lounge
Friday - 05/05	5:30 PM	Discover Dance Works - Social Hall
-	6-8 PM	Cub Scouts - Scout Room
	8-10 PM	Girl Troop - Scout Room
Saturday - 05/06		National Nurses Day
Sunday - 05/07	9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages - Library
-	9:00 AM	Confirmation - Cloud 9
	9:00 AM	Scripture & Coffee
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary
		5 th Sunday of Easter



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Wallace Whitworth

Vision "Growing in God"

Mission Statement "Seed - Planting and Growing in our Faith Sow - Sharing the word of God with our community Steward - Giving to all the love of God Service - Showing the love of God with our community"