

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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 21, 2024 Traditional Service with Holy Communion

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation responds in bold print.

Please use the Chapel beside the office if you desire silent prayer before worship.

PRELUDE

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

GATHERING

Please remain seated.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. Amen.

Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official

entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

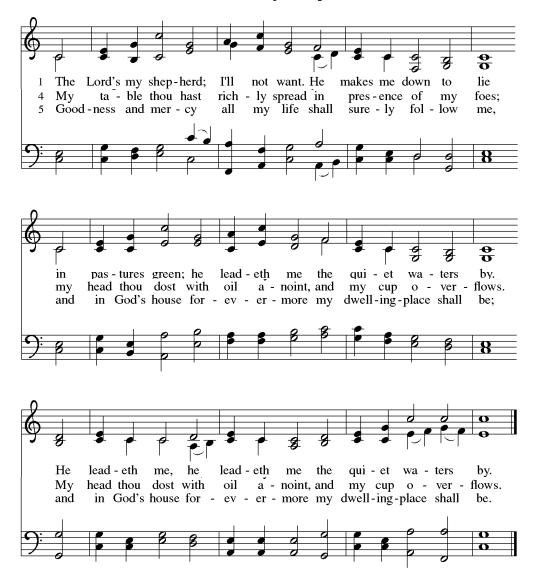
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Please stand as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

ELW 778

"The Lord's My Shepherd"



Text: *The Psalms of David in Meeter*, Edinburgh, 1650 Music: BROTHER JAMES' AIR, James L. Macbeth Bain; arr. Gordon Jacob, 1895–1984 Arr. © Oxford University Press.

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 Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.



WORD

FIRST READING

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

⁵The next day the rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone.'

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be 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 those who trouble me; 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

1 John 3:16-24

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

¹⁶We know love by this, that Jesus Christ laid down his life for us - and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

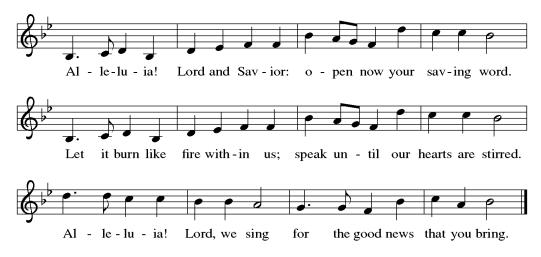
²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

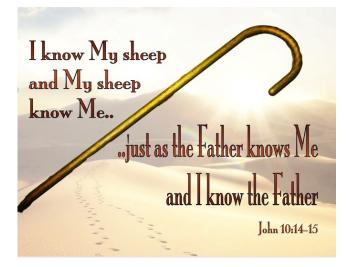
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

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

Jesus said: ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Barbara Barry

ANTHEM

"Jesus Loves the Little Children" Children's Choir Root

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: God of grace,. **R: hear our prayer.**

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. 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 five other ways to give as well: Text, Mail, Mobile, Automatic Transfer, and Online. Contact the church office for details.

OFFERING MEDITATION

"Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us"

Bradbury



MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

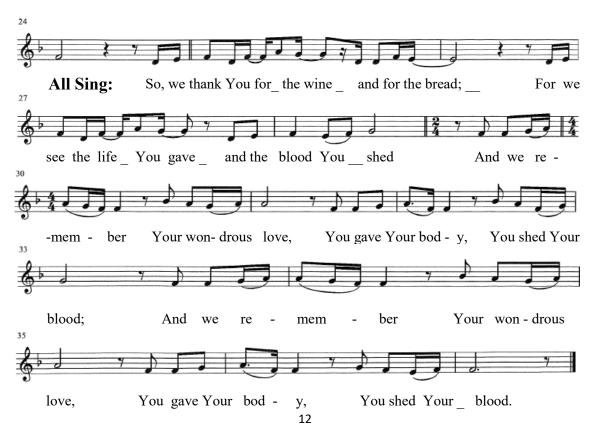
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

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

Pastor sings: ...and as you drink it, remember Me...



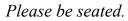
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us.

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

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table. **Thanks be to God.**





COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

God loves you! All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Communicants are ushered forward row-by-row. Please open your hand and the pastor will place the bread in your hand. Once you have eaten the bread, the communion assistant will offer you a cup of wine or juice from the tray. Wine is red. Juice is white. After drinking, you may return to your seat along the side aisle.

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

James Druckenbrod, Donald Grier, Philip Lobaugh, Barb Montgomery, & Brenda Runshaw

Gracious God, as you have sent messengers of compassion to your people, we send these Eucharistic ministers in your name. Empower them to serve brothers and sisters who are unable to share the sacrament with us today. Fill them with your Spirit; give them the gifts of humility, patience, gentleness, kindness, and above all, love, that through their ministry others may know the peace of your presence, and that by the body and blood of your Son they may experience the joy of your salvation.

Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

THE BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN



Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt. Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Please be seated.

POSTLUDE

"Thine is the Glory"

Mark Hayes



Worship bulletins are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our Coke Pap by Merle and Emily Dentler.

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my parents, Charles and Helen Shreiner. by Mary Jo Frey.





The children's bulletins are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Trinity's children, our children and grandchildren by Merle and Emily Dentler.

LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE:		WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
Sunday, April 14, 2024	99	Preacher /Presider	Pastor Barbara Barry
Online views:	106	Organist	Robert Eyer, Jr.
Next week's Lessons: April 28, 2024	i	Ushers	Don Grier Ken Saylor
Acts 8:26-40		Acolyte	Dave Wenerd
Psalm 22:25-31 1 John 4:7-21	/// i	Lector	Janelle Barkman
John 15:1-8		Cantor	Lou Lerda
Update your Information. Contact the Office by phone or email: <u>office@trinitychbg.org</u> or call 717-263-8156		Communion Asst.	Erich Vogel Laurie Vogel
		Communion Prep	Cindy Scanzello
		Livestream Team	Jason Brown
		Nursery	Brenda Runshaw Ken Runshaw

THOUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

We Pray For

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Gloria McCauley	Joanne Forrester	Doris	Doris Krieble			
Kathy Hoffman	Angela Krom	Greg V	Greg Wilson			
Darlene Davies	Denny Alleman	Deb H	Deb Hutsler			
Kathy Largent	PJ Snider	Thoma	Thomas Clarke			
Barb Hardsock	Becky Mornings	star Brend	Brenda Zullinger			
Donna Klenzing	Judy Wrights	Marler	Marlene Fisher			
Michele Phillips	Paul Stockhauser	n Mary	Mary Royce			
John Seilhamer	Shirley Shilling	Floss S	Floss Sterner			
Bob Shannon	Denny Verner	Curt S	Curt Stambaugh			
Jean Baughman	Linda Remson	Chery	Cheryl Kelly			
Sharon Emmons	Sue Lensbower	Camer	Cameron			
MEMBERS						
Peggy Tarner	Larry and Judy Tinberg Shi	 Number of the second sec				
**Names may be added / removed by calling the church office. **Names will normally be removed after <u>4 weeks.</u>						
OFFERING Total Budgeted Giving expected as of April 14, 2024: \$319,038.71 Amount received as of April 14: \$347,886.97 Thank You!						

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WEEKLY MNOUNCEMENTS

APRIL'S SPECIAL OFFERING ELCA WORLD HUNGER

The special appeal for the month of April is World Hunger. Hunger is a continuing problem, and we Christians can fight it by continuing to share what we have. Our Synod continues to be a leader in total giving. We give of our first fruits on a regular basis, and must if the world is to see a difference in suffering and death due to hunger. An envelope for World Hunger will be with your church envelopes. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

IN APPRECIATION Following Worship

You are invited to lunch on Sunday, April 28th. Trinity is appreciative of your many gifts: time, talents, money, and prayer. We give thanks for your generosity.

Please RSVP <u>TODAY</u>, Sunday, April 21st.



INTENT CARD DEADLINE <u>TODAY</u> April 21st Our goal is 100 cards returned.

STEWARDSHIP

Use your artistic and creative talents and design a NEW LOGO FOR TRINITY! Win a \$25 Gift Card!

Your design will be used on our website, printed materials, and social media. Open to ALL ages and abilities. Submit your design to the office by June 3, 2024. Top 5 designs will be given to the congregation for a vote.



SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2024



THIS WEEK @ TRINITY				
Sunday - 4/21/24	9:00 AM	Learning for all Ages:		
		Confirmation - Cloud 9		
		2nd to 5th Grade - Library		
		Preschool to 1st Grade - Nursery		
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary		
		Fourth Sunday of Easter		
Please RSV	P TODAY for the S	Stewardship Appreciation Luncheon		
Monday - 4/22/24	6:00 - 8:00 PM	Bible and Brew		
	7:00 - 8:30 PM	Boy Troop - Scout Room		
Tuesday - 4/23/24	6:30 PM	Stamp Club - Lounge		
Wednesday - 4/24/24	11:00 AM	Sewing Group - Jean D's Home		
· ·	5:15 PM	Yoga - Library		
	7:00 PM	Choir - Sanctuary		
Thursday - 4/25/24	5:00 - 8:00 PM	Dance Works - Social Hall		
	7:00 PM	Grief Share - Lounge		
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Friday - 4/26/24	5:00 - 8:00 PM 6:00 - 8:00 PM	Dance Works - Social Hall		
	8:00 - 8:00 PM 8:00 - 10:00 PM	Cub Scouts - Scout Room		
	8:00 - 10:00 PW	Girl Troop - Scout Room		
Saturday - 4/27/24	11:00 AM	Diane Sterner's Funeral		
Sunday - 4/28/24	9:00 AM	Learning for all Ages:		
		Confirmation - Cloud 9		
		2nd to 5th Grade - Library		
		Preschool to 1st Grade - Nursery		
	10:00 AM	Worship - Sanctuary		
		Fifth Sunday of Easter		
RECYCLE PAPER DAY Stewardship Appreciation Luncheon following Worship in the Social Hall				
Group April A at J For m	/ING GROUP 24, 2024 at 11 AM ean D.'s home. ore info call/email e church office.	or call the church office. Altar Flowers - \$40 Plus		

