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4th Sunday of Easter

**The good shepherd
lays down his life
for the sheep.**

John 10:11, NRSV



**Trinity Lutheran Church Worship Services are aired on Cable TV, Channel 14, Sunday at 5:30 p.m.
& Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Services are also aired on Digital Channel 990 Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.**

Worship times:
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:30 am
Live streamed Sundays at 8:00 am at [Facebook.com/trinityhowards](https://facebook.com/trinityhowards)

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

OPENING HYMN: 483 With High Delight Let Us Unite



1 With high de-light Let us u - nite In songs of great
2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in - to life,
3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord



ju - bi - la - tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,
all sub-du - ing. His en - e - my Doth van - quished lie;
ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed



Sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us
His death has been death's un - do - ing. "And yours shall
To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall His



free For - ev - er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's
be Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Saith He, who
love Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set



ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.
free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

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Please rise

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

Congregation: But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CONFESSION OF SINS

Pastor: Let us kneel and confess our sins to God our Father.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Please rise

INTROIT: (ALL)

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

KYRIE:

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Song: The Feast of Victory

Refrain

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT: Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST READING: Acts 4:1–12

¹As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the 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 being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well.

¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.

¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: 1 John 3:16–24

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

8:00AM Christian Women’s Fellowship: “Beautiful Savior” Accompanied by Mary Ann Grunewald

Please rise

HOLY GOSPEL: John 10:11–18

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter beginning at verse 11.

Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹Jesus said: “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming ⁴ and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

Holy Gospel..... ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing 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. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of 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 that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED: (We confess together)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

SERMON HYMN: 700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling—Tune and Text: Public Domain



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us
 4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
 ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in
 all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -
 spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



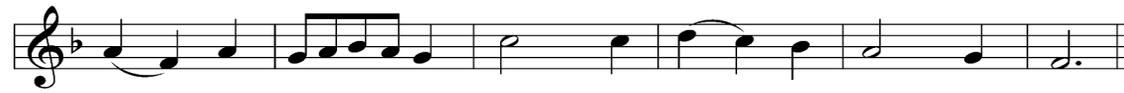
hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.
 turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
 great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
 and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
 as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee
 heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Please rise

SERMON—Please be seated for the sermon

Please rise

THE OFFERTORY:

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

THE PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please be seated

HYMN: 710 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want—Text and tune: Public domain

1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me
 2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to
 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I
 4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence
 5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly
 down to lie In pas - tures green; He
 walk doth make With - in the paths of
 fear no ill; For Thou art with me,
 of my foes; My head Thou dost with
 fol - low me; And in God's house for -
 lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.
 righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.
 and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.
 oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
 ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

Please rise

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

ALL: Amen.

HYMN: 740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

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The Trinity Messenger

VOTERS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- The hymnals and attendance cards are back in the pews.
- Craig Lallensack reported that the WiFi hubs and cables have all been installed and now programming will be done by Northstar PC and Network Solutions. We continue to wait on Spectrum to run the fiber optic cable to church as part of the upgrade to our internet service.
- Pastor Bergelin and Vicar Berg will be at Pastor's conference April 19,20,21.

HYMNALS

The hymnals and attendance cards are in the pews. Please feel free to use the hymnals, or continue reading the music in the bulletins.

ORGANIST/PIANIST NEEDED FOR ASCENSION THURSDAY

We are looking for an organist or pianist for our Ascension Thursday worship service on May 13th. If you are able to play, please call or email the church office. We are looking for long term organists/pianists to play here at Trinity. This is a paid position. Please contact the church office if you are interested.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

The 8th grade Confirmation Banquet will be held Wednesday, April 28th at 6:00pm. Invitations have been given to the Parent's and Secret Friends of our 8th grade Confirmands. The Banquet is for Families, Sponsors, Grandparents, Secret Friends & their Spouses. A meal will be served. Confirmation will take place on Sunday, May 2nd at the 10:30am worship service.

CEMETERY NEWS

If you have any artificial arrangements in the cemetery, please remove them by May 1st. Any that are left after that will be removed for the summer season.

HANDS FOR HOPE

Hands for hope will meet on Tuesday, May 4th at 10:30am.

VICAR'S BIBLE STUDY

In the Old Testament, as Israel wandered in the wilderness, they had no way to provide for themselves. Yet God did not lead them out to the middle of nowhere so that they could starve. God lovingly and faithfully prepared a table with food for them by sending food from heaven and water from the ground. There are many parallels between the ways that God provided for the Israelites during their journey through the wilderness and how God continues to provide for all of our needs today. If you would like to know about other connections, please join me. We will be meeting Monday mornings at 10:00 and Thursday evenings at 6:30.

CALL DAY

Tune into csl.edu/live or csl.edu/callday on Wednesday, April 28th at 7:00PM, to see where our last year's Vicar, Evan Veen gets called.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—SAVE THE DATE!

We are having Vacation Bible School here at Trinity, June 14-18, 8:00-11:30AM. You will be able to register online soon. Watch for more details in next week's bulletin and emails.

FLOWERS

The altar flowers are sponsored by Dave and Liz Haag in honor of their 30th wedding anniversary. To God be the glory!
Happy Anniversary Dave and Liz!

GOD'S BLESSINGS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY WHO ARE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS.

<u>April 26</u>	<u>April 27</u>	<u>April 28</u>	<u>April 29</u>	<u>April 30</u>
Piper Beauvais Adison Zander	Natalie McCraw	Jason Zimmermann Brent Berg	Malachi Polzin	McCoy Milbrath Connie Schmitt

Financials and attendance for April 18, 2021 Sunday school attendance—18	8:00am—86	10:30am—81	Total—167
Description of Offering	Amount Given	Description of Offering	Amount Given
General Fund	\$8,092.90	Preschool	\$177.00
Morning Meditations	\$10.00	Church Improvement Fund	\$510.00
Confirmation Expense	\$56.37		

Acolytes	April 25	8:00am Allison Schobert, Matthew Koenig 10:30am Aaron Schorer, Joseph Senkbeil
	May 2	8:00am Addison Lallensack, Kaitlyn Koenig 10:30am Sam Parnitzke, Annika Liermann
Altar Guild	April 18-25 April 26– May 9	Linda Hopf, Kathy Franz Rita Milbrath, Susie Sixel
April Ushers May Ushers		8:00am: Team 5 10:30am: Team 2 8:00am: Team 1 10:30am: Team 4
April Elders May Elders		8:00am: Scott Plocar 10:30am: Dale Hopf 8:00am: Aaron Kuhlow 10:30am: Mark Plocar
Video Operators	April 25 May 2	Scott Timm Lance Liermann

Monday April 26	Tuesday, April 27	Wednesday April 28	Thursday April 29	Friday April 30	Saturday May 1	Sunday May 2—Confirmation Sunday
8:30am Preschool 10:30am Bible Study 1:00pm Quilters 4:30-6 Confirmation	8:30am Preschool 4:30-6 Confirmation	7:30am LHS Bible Study 8:30am Preschool 4:30-6pm Confirmation 6:00pm Confirmation Banquet	8:30am Preschool 6:30pm Bible Study			8:00 & 10:30am Family Worship with Holy Communion Worship is live streamed at 8:00 am at facebook.com/ trinityhowards 9:15am Sunday school and Bible Class Confirmation takes place at the 10:30am worship service.