

# Trinity Lutheran Church and School

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

9:30am

*The Mission of Trinity Lutheran Church is the preaching, teaching, baptizing and sharing the love of Christ in our church, our community and our world.*



## **Welcome to Trinity!**

We are so happy that you have joined us for worship this morning. We are a community of believers in Jesus Christ who seek to love God with all of our heart, with all of our mind, and with all of our soul. We have a deep desire that all would come to the saving knowledge of the truth of Jesus as Lord! We cordially invite you to worship with us every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and join us for Bible Class and Sunday School after church.

## Pre-Service Music

### The Prelude – Ringing of the Bells - Greeting

*Please Stand*

#### Confession and Absolution

L: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

L: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

L: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

L: O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. So, then, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

#### Opening Hymn

*Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing*

LSB 421 sts. 1–3

I Jesus, grant that balm and healing

In Your holy wounds I find,

Ev'ry hour that I am feeling

Pains of body and of mind.

Should some evil thought within

Tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,

Show the peril, and from sinning

Keep me from its first beginning.

2 Should some lust or sharp temptation  
Fascinate my sinful mind,  
Draw me to Your cross and passion,  
And new courage I shall find.  
Or should Satan press me hard,  
Let me then be on my guard,  
Saying, "Christ for me was wounded,"  
That the tempter flee confounded.

3 If the world my heart entices  
With the broad and easy road,  
With seductive, sinful vices,  
Let me weigh the awful load  
You were willing to endure.  
Help me flee all thoughts impure  
And to master each temptation,  
Calm in prayer and meditation.

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### **Introit**

L: I am the good shepherd.

**C: I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.**

L: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

**C: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

L: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

**C: let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

L: For the LORD is a great God,

**C: and a great King above all gods.**

L: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

**C: let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

L: For he is our God,

**C: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

L: I am the good shepherd.

**C: I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.**

**Kyrie**      Sung

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

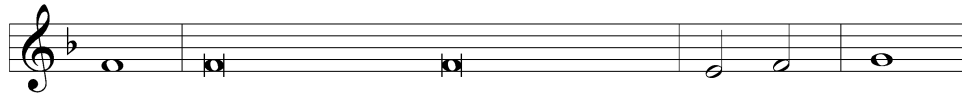
**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

# Hymn of Praise

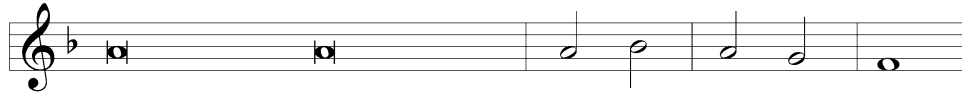
## *Gloria in Excelsis*



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



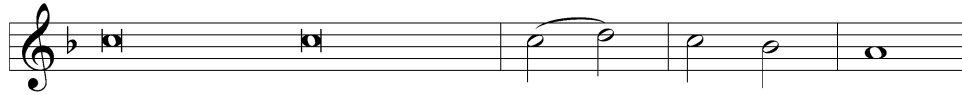
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



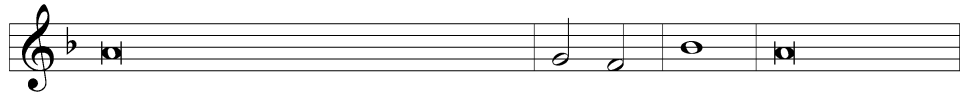
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



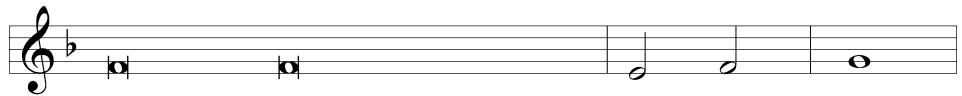
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

L: Let us pray... 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.



*Please Sit*

### **First Reading**

Acts 2:42–47

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

L: This is the Word of our Lord.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual**

L: Christ has risen from the dead.

**C: God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor.**

L: He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

**C: he has put all things under his feet.**

### **Special Music**

School Choir

### **Children's Message and Mighty Mites**

Pastor Jake

### **Epistle Reading**

I Peter 2:19–25

<sup>19</sup>This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

L: This is the Word of our Lord.      **C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand*

## Alleluia



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## Holy Gospel

John 10:1-10

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



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Jesus said: “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Please Sit

## Hymn of the Day

*The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

LSB 710

- 1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.
- 2 My soul He doth restore again  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for His own name's sake.
- 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.

4 My table Thou hast furnishèd  
In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.

5 Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house forevermore  
My dwelling place shall be.

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## Sermon

*Please Stand*

## Nicene Creed

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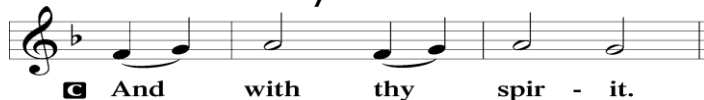
## Offering and Offertory *Sung*

**Creat in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

### Preface

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



### Proper Preface

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## Sanctus Sung

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

## Lord's Prayer

P: 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



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## Communion Confession *1 Cor. 10:17\* Acts 2:42\*\* 1 Cor. 11:23-32\*\*\**

*As a member of the LCMS, Trinity practices closed communion. If you are not a member of Trinity Church and desire communion please speak to Pastor or one of our Elders prior to the service. Individuals are welcome to come forward for a blessing with their arms crossed over their chest*

P: The Lord's Supper is God's gift for Christians who are properly taught. In communing, we want people to receive Christ's body and blood for their good. This means that as you come to the Lord's Table you affirm that Jesus is your Savior and Lord; and with Lutheran Christians (LCMS), you confess:

**C: I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sin and ask God's forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan and death. I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament, and under the form of the bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life.**

## The Words of our Lord

### Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



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**Agnus Dei** Sung

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

*Please Sit*

**Distribution and Distribution Hymns**

***Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia***

LSB 466

1 Christ has arisen, alleluia.

Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.

For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,  
Even from death, dispelling its gloom. Refrain

ref Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;  
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.

Our sin forgiving, alleluia!

Jesus is living, alleluia!

2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
Until its strength by God was dispersed.

He who gives life did death undergo;  
And in its conquest His might did show. Refrain

3 The angel said to them, "Do not fear!

You look for Jesus who is not here.

See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;  
Only the grave cloths are lying there." Refrain

4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;

He has arisen this world to save.

Jesus' redeeming labors are done;  
Even the battle with sin is won." Refrain

5 Christ has arisen; He sets us free;

Alleluia, to Him praises be.

Jesus is living! Let us all sing;

He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. Refrain

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***I Am Jesus' Little Lamb***

1 I am Jesus' little lamb,  
 Ever glad at heart I am;  
 For my Shepherd gently guides me,  
 Knows my need and well provides me,  
 Loves me ev'ry day the same,  
 Even calls me by my name.

2 Day by day, at home, away,  
 Jesus is my staff and stay.  
 When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,  
 Into pleasant pastures leads me;  
 When I thirst, He bids me go  
 Where the quiet waters flow.

3 Who so happy as I am,  
 Even now the Shepherd's lamb?  
 And when my short life is ended,  
 By His angel host attended,  
 He shall fold me to His breast,  
 There within His arms to rest.

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***Have No Fear, Little Flock***

1 Have no fear, little flock;  
 Have no fear, little flock,  
     For the Father has chosen  
     To give you the Kingdom;  
 Have no fear, little flock!

2 Have good cheer, little flock;  
 Have good cheer, little flock,  
     For the Father will keep you  
     In His love forever;  
 Have good cheer, little flock!

3 Praise the Lord high above;  
 Praise the Lord high above,  
     For He stoops down to heal you,  
     Uplift and restore you;  
 Praise the Lord high above!

4 Thankful hearts raise to God;  
 Thankful hearts raise to God,  
     For He stays close beside you,  
     In all things works with you;  
 Thankful hearts raise to God!

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**What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
Oh, what needless pain we bear—  
All because we do not carry  
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
- 2 Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

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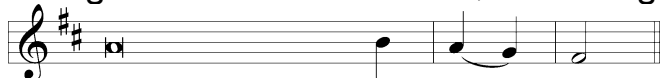
*Please Stand*

**Post Communion Blessing****Nunc Dimittis***Sung*

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**Thanksgiving**

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P: Let us pray.

**C: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**



### Salutation and Benedicamus

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Bless we the Lord.

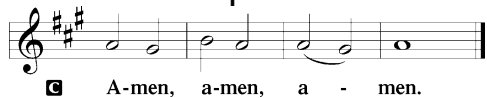


### Benediction

P: 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.



### Closing Hymn

*Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing*

LSB 421 sts. 4–5

4 Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me  
By Your wounds, Lord, is made whole;  
When I'm faint, Your cross revives me,  
Granting new life to my soul.  
Yes, Your comfort renders sweet  
Ev'ry bitter cup I meet;  
For Your all-atoning passion  
Has procured my soul's salvation.

5 O my God, my rock and tower,  
Grant that in Your death I trust,  
Knowing death has lost its power  
Since You crushed it in the dust.  
Savior, let Your agony  
Ever help and comfort me;  
When I die be my protection,  
Light and life and resurrection.

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### Announcements

## COMMUNION CONFESSIONS SCRIPTURES

\*“ Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.”

\*\*“And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

\*\*\*“ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup> In the same way, also he took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. <sup>27</sup> Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup> For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. <sup>30</sup> That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. <sup>31</sup> But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup> But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.”

## THOSE TO REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

**Health-** Joan Haines, Emma Conklin, RoseMarie Dieckhoff, Dana Robb, Delphine Lehde Mullan, Kathleen Mueller, Erin Hunt, Jim Bracht, Alyssa Parrigon, Tess Holle, Dick Highfill, David Tunnell, Karen Schmedeke, Don Schmedeke, Karen Miller, Baby Reed Fuemmeler, Lois Gaddy, Robbie Krueger, Grace Doss, Stephen Schoen, Debbie Schoen, Orville Meyer, David Holle, Mark Fellwock, Janet McBride, John McBride

**Anniversaries-** David & Connie Chapman are celebrating 54 years of marriage on April 28.

**Remembering our Seasoned Saints (80+ years old)-** Bob Dieckhoff, June Fritz, Dan Haines, Delphine Hesemann, Janice Koenemann, Orville Meyer, Nick Prater, Fay Schoen, Bonnie Worm

**Families of the Week-** Ted Dahlstrom family, Mary Ann Daugherty, Briana Diaz family, Robert Dieckhoff family, Kenneth Dittmer, Bruce Doss family, Grace Doss, Mike Doss family, Janie Doss family, Micaela Dotson family, Robyn Drake family, Carol Durbin

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**Self Service Nursery** is available in the chapel for families with children. Toys and Supplies are in the cabinet. Ask an usher for assistance.

**Hearing assistance** receivers are available. Please ask an usher.

**Lap Robes** are in the black cabinet in the narthex and bell tower. Please ask an Usher or Elder for assistance if needed.

**For Altar Flowers-** contact the Church Office.

## **Assisting in Today's Service**

**Preacher:** Pastor Jake Sletten  
**Liturgist:** Lay Minister Bruce Sletten  
**Elder:** Jason Obermann  
**Assisting Elder:** Philip Kleiboeker  
**Acolytes:** Adela Matlata & MJ Sletten  
**Sound System:** Bob Senninger  
**Broadcaster:** Darron Schoen  
**Organist:** Susan Senninger  
**Pre-Service Music:** Kerry Rector  
**Communion Set-up:** Karlea McBlair  
**Communion Wash:** Walt & Cheryl Brown