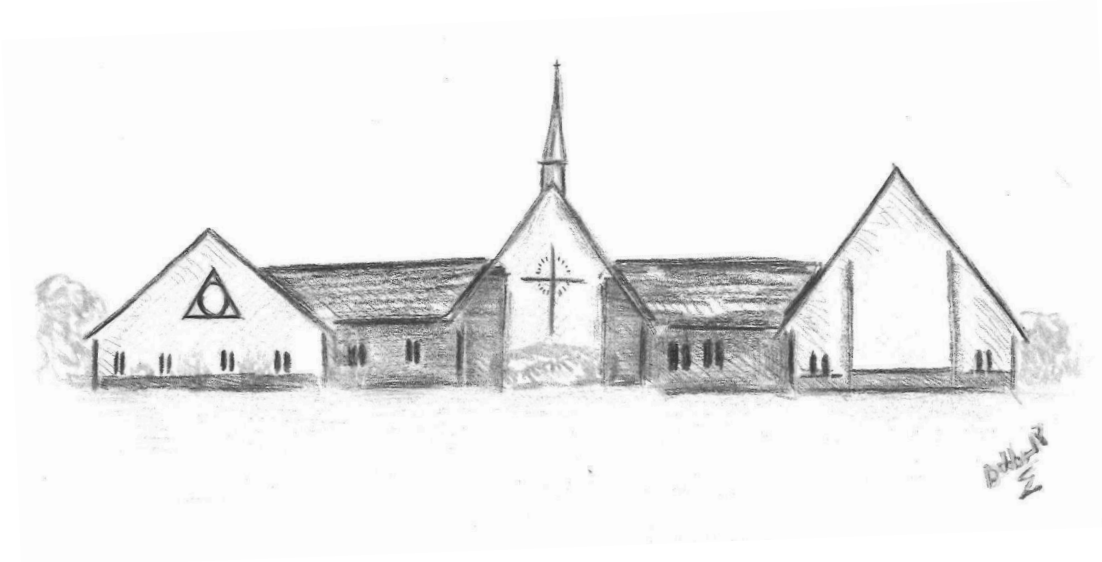


Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026



OUR MISSION:

***To make disciples for Jesus Christ,
to baptize and to teach the faith,
that all may know the hope of Jesus Christ
and become responsible members of His church.***

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INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

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.

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to all who are visiting today. Please complete a purple visitor's card which can be found on the clipboard in the pew chair in front of you, and place in the offering plate. May your hopes be restored, spirits lifted and your enthusiasm renewed when you visit here.

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORSHIP

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in gratitude for those who support Trinity’s mission by Elaine Gross.

Families

At Trinity, we love having children worship with us. And we know children need to fidget and squirm! We invite parents and grandparents to all that the Kid's Corner has to offer, located just off the sanctuary in the narthex. There is a wide selection of books on the tall stand, and plenty of crayons and coloring books in the basket. “Borrow Bags” are filled with items for fidgety children to use during worship. Return them to the stand following worship.

P Now, let our singing help us clear our hearts and minds for worship.

WELCOME SONG

THE WORD

452 Open the Eyes of My Heart

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: "O-pen the eyes of my heart, Lord. O-pen the eyes of my heart; I want to see you; I want to see you; to see you high and lift - ed up, shin-ing in the light of your glo - ry. Pour out your pow-er and love as we sing 'Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.'" The final line of music is: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, I want to see you."

The initial petition of this song is based on the language of Ephesians 1:18, while the second part draws on the account of Isaiah's vision in Isaiah 6:1-5. That event, in turn, is the basis of the threefold *Sanctus* that has become a traditional element in Christian worship.

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OPEN THE EYES
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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

P Please rise.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us
confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful God,

C **you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

We ignore the needs of our neighbors;

we resist your call to oppose injustice;

we give in to scarcity and fear;

we assume the worst about one another.

Cleanse us from our faults

and release us from their grasp.

Show us your lovingkindness.

Restore our hearts and repair your world,

that we may live in Christ's ways.

Amen.

P God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In ✙ Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,

live anew as beloved children of God.

C **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

W&P 113

113

Open our eyes, Lord

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff. The lyrics are written below the staff.

O - pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see
Je - sus, to reach out and touch
him, and say that we love him.
O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to
lis - ten. O - pen our eyes,
Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

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GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **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.**

P Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

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.

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

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day 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, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23

- L ¹ The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
- C ² **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**
- L ³ You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
- C ⁴ **Though 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.**
- L ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- C ⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**
- P Please rise.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

7 Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

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

Detailed description: The musical notation is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of four lines of music. The first line begins with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the'. The second line continues with 'words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.'. The third line contains 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le -'. The fourth line concludes with 'lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: F, C/E, Gm7, C, C/Bb, F/A, Bb, C, Dm, F/A, Bb2, Csus, Dm, Gm7, C7sus, C, F, F/A, Bb2, Csus, Dm, Gm7, C7sus, C, F.

GOSPEL: JOHN 10:1-10

P The holy gospel according to John, the tenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.

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.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

P Please be seated.

SERMON

The Reverend Karen Nelson, Pastor

P Please rise.

SERMON HYMN

W&P 102

102

No longer strangers



1 We once were lost;
2 We once were cut off;
3 We who once were dead,



with - out hope, with - out God; but now in Christ
but now we are brought near, for Christ is our
now we . . . live in the light, we fol - low Christ



Je - sus, we have been found—
peace, . . . we were bro - ken, now whole— one
Je - sus, a - bun - dant in grace— who



saved by the prom - ise of God!
spir - it, one bod - y of Christ!
saved us, who raised us to life!



No long - er stran - gers, no long - er lost and a - lone!



No long - er stran - gers, now we are



saints! We are one in the house of God!

APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C **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.

P Please sit or kneel.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

L Let us pray.

L Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

L Shepherding God, draw all people to yourself and lead them in paths of righteousness. Embolden your church to enter the valleys of the world and guide us beside the still waters of your grace. We pray for military and prison chaplains serving near and far. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

L Creator God, by the resurrection of your Son, show us your steadfast love and instruct our hearts in your ways. Help us to revere and protect the wonders of your creation. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

L Righteous Judge, strengthen and uphold those who work for justice and advocate for human rights. Bring an end to oppression and save us from the temptation of violence or vengeance. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

L Great Physician, walk with those who are grieving, and anoint those who are ill or injured. Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit.

We especially pray for those who are unable to be with us today: Sandy, Dot, Nancy, Diane & Joan.

For those in need of God's healing love and strength: Bryson, Rick, Steve, Bob, Frank, Paul, Ray, Peggy, Marita, Tilly, Heather, Margie, Chrissy, Cindy, Tom, Susan, Karen, Jim, Tony, Carol, Melissa, Emma, Hannah, Hope, Sandra, Waine, Alison, Tony, Michelle, & Bart.

For those in need of God's guidance, protection and strength.

In gratitude for God's abundance.

For those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

For those who serve and protect our nation: Jordan, Brian, Craig & Eve.

And for those who we hold in our hearts, and those whose needs are known only to you God.

Merciful God.

C receive our prayer.

L Good Shepherd, continually seek us out as lambs of your flock, and form us into a community where all are honored and cared for. Spread a feast before us and fill our cups to overflowing. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

L God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P Please rise.

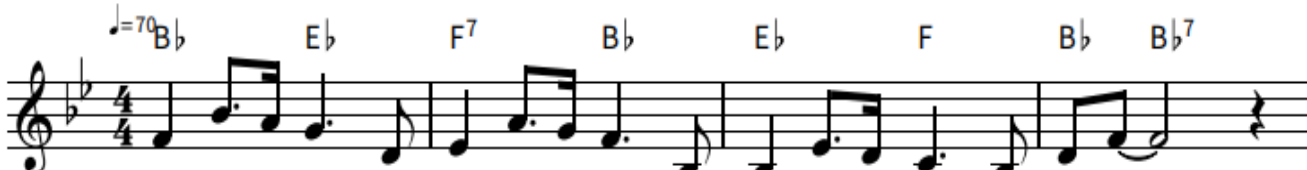
P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

While we sing, you may turn to those sitting closest to you to offer, and receive, the peace and reconciliation which is possible only through Christ.

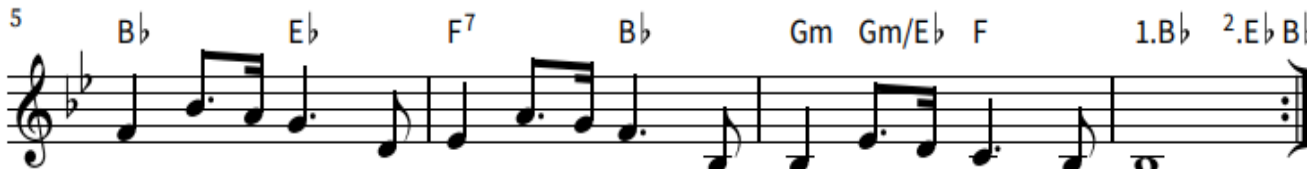
Peace

$\text{♩} = 70$ $B\flat$ $E\flat$ F^7 $B\flat$ $E\flat$ F $B\flat$ $B\flat^7$



Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you - - -

⁵ $B\flat$ $E\flat$ F^7 $B\flat$ Gm $Gm/E\flat$ F 1. $B\flat$ 2. $E\flat$ $B\flat$



Pe - ace to you! God's Pe - ace to you. I share Go - d's Peace with you!

P Please be seated.

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P Please rise.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Merciful God,
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day
when we will hunger and thirst no more.
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,
that goodness and mercy may follow us
and bless the world you love.
In the name of Jesus,

C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

♩=65 C

G Am F Dm⁷ G C G

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord Go - d of po - wer and might. Hea - ven and earth are

6 Am Em F Am G C G Am

full of your glo - ry Ho - sa - nna in the high - est! Bless - ed is He who comes

11 F Em F G C

i - n the name of the Lor - d Ho - sa - nna in the high - est!

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **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.**

P Please be seated until the invitation.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

P The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C **Amen.**

To receive Holy Communion please come by the center aisle to the pastor to receive the bread (wafer) and then proceed to the communion assistant for intinction (dipping your wafer in the wine) and then eat, then return to your seat by the side aisle.

Non alcoholic wine is used at all services.

A gluten free wafer is available, simply tell the Pastor when you approach.

If you are not communing and desire a personal blessing please come to Pastor with your hands at your sides.

P Please rise.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you forever in his grace.

C **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Holy One,
through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.

In the name of Jesus,

C **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with his favor, and give you his peace.
In the name of the Father, ✠ and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

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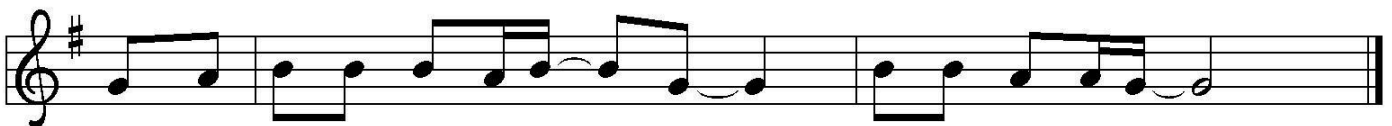
I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift-ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift-ed me. I'm so glad Je - sus lift-ed me,
Sa - tan had me bound, When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



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Sunday April 26- 11:15 Constitution changes Q & A

Thursday April 30 - 1 pm TAG games

Friday May 1 - 6 pm Bingo

Looking Ahead

Sunday May 3 - 11:15 am Congregational Meeting

Tuesday May 5 - 11 am TAG Book Group

Sunday May 10 - Mother's Day Diaper Drive

Sunday, May 17 - Nursery School Teacher Recognition & Baptism

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