

THE LORD IS MY
shepherd

I HAVE ALL
THAT I NEED

PSALM 23:1



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 20-21, 2024



Trinity Lutheran Church

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 20, 2024—5:00 p.m.

April 21, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

*Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

The readings for this fourth Sunday of Easter are rich in their imagery, and at the center is the image of the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep.

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is love - the shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep out of love - that gives the shepherd authority.

Loved by Christ, we find the courage and strength to love each other in equally powerful ways.

Welcome to Trinity! We are glad you're here. If you are new to Trinity Lutheran, please complete an informational card which can be found in the pews.

We love having small children in worship! Those needing a space to change or feed little ones are welcome to use the **Child Care Room** located next to the nursery. A **unstaffed nursery** is also available, located on the 2nd floor just outside the north sanctuary door (door under the stained glass window door).

Handicapped Seating is reserved in the pew located in front of the Technical booth.

Large print bulletins and listening devices are available from the ushers.

Activity Bags are available for children during worship. They are located in the narthex and at the front of the church. Please return them at the end of services.

Serving in Worship This Weekend

Pastor	Dan Gerrietts Daniel Hanson
Organist	Deb Nielsen
Greeters	Dennis and Anna Marie Wilson
Coffee Fellowship	JoAnn Johnson, Sandra Willis
Scripture Readers	
5:00 p.m.	Patty Flatness
9:00 a.m.	David Stine
Communion Servers	
5:00 p.m.	Patty Flatness, Earl Keifer, Linda Nolte
9:00 a.m.	David and Linda Stine
Technical Support	
9:00 a.m.	Lucas and Colleen Frein
Worship Transportation	
	Dean Graven, Jon and Mary Wicks
Ushers	
5:00 p.m.	Penny Bennett, Bob VerBrugge
9:00 a.m.	Dan Clarke, Randy Dedor, Ron Moeller, Kay Larson

Our Mission *We are called to share God's healing love through Christ's forgiveness and our personal servanthood.*

GATHERING

Prelude (5:00pm)

Beach Spring
Clapper Bell Choir

arr. Lloyd Larson

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

C Amen.

P Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P 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!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P 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.

C Amen.

P Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

***Gathering Hymn**

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

ELW 362

*Greeting

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P The joy and peace of God be with you all.

C And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

P 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.

C Amen

Children's Sermon (9am)

Pastor Dan Gerriettes

Psalm 23 (Read responsively)

L ¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

**C ²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

L ³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**C 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.**

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

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

Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

L 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 ²⁰when ever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows every thing. 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.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel Acclamation**

ELW pg 124

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

P The Holy Gospel according to John the tenth chapter.

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

***Gospel: John 10:11-18**

P [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.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Pastor Dan Gerrietts

Hymn of the Day

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ELW 502

*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.

*Prayers of Intercession

P God of grace,
C hear our prayer.

*Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

MEAL

Announcements

Offering

Text to Give is available at Trinity!
Simply text the amount you wish to give to 833-412-0093.
Or scan the QR code with your smartphone.
Please note where your gifts should be directed towards.



Offering Anthem (5:00pm)

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

arr. Lloyd Larson

Clapper Bell Choir

(9:00am)

Agnus Dei

by Douglas Wager

Trinity Choir

*We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We Lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.*

***Offering Prayer**

P Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

ELW pg. 129

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ELW pg.130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Words of Institution

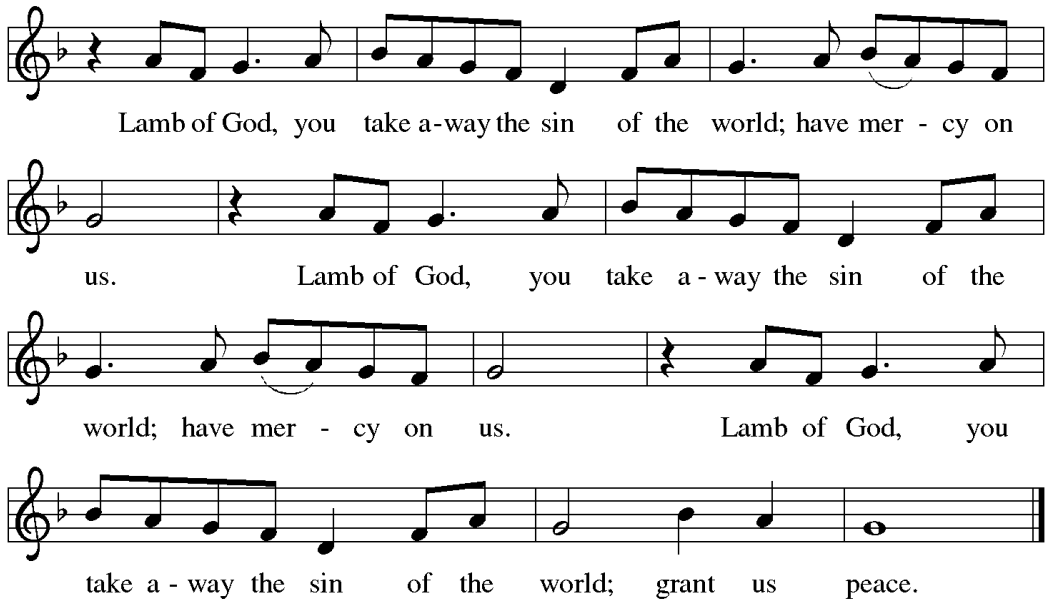
*Lord's Prayer

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.

Invitation to the Table

Communion

All who desire the presence and forgiveness of Christ that come in the sharing of this bread and wine are welcome to commune with us today. Ushers will direct you from the outside aisles to one of the stations in the front of the sanctuary, where you may kneel at the rail. You will return to your seat by the center aisle. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available. If for any reason you are not comfortable participating in communion today, we invite you to come forward with your arms crossed over your chest to receive a blessing.



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.

Communion Hymns*Have No Fear Little Flock*

ELW 764

The Lord's My Shepherd

ELW 778

***Prayer after Communion**

P Shepherd God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C Amen.

SENDING***Blessing**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always.

C Amen.

*** Sending Hymn***God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

ELW 536

***Sending**

P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers and Bulletin Cover Art are in honor of **Bob and Phyllis Rush's 57th Wedding Anniversary** which is on April 22.

Holy Baptism

Today we celebrate the baptism(10:30) of **Micah Dennis Hanson**. Micah is the son of Pastor Daniel Hanson and Aimee Lenth. Micah's sponsors are Katie Gehrz, Kyle Jaeger, Kristen Kolsrud, Chris and Laurel Meester and Annie Bunio Thompson. **Join us in giving thanks to God as we welcome Micah to the Body of Christ and the mission we share.**

Sunday School Heads to Good Shepherd—

Trinity's Sunday School classes will head to Good Shepherd on Sunday, April 21, during the Sunday School hour to share music, prayer and greet residents.

New Giving Option at Trinity

Thanks to new legislation, anyone with an IRA who is 70.5 or older can now make a one-time gift to Trinity for up to \$53,000 to fund a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA). A CGA with Trinity has significant tax benefits, provides you income from the interest, and supports future ministry at Trinity. Want to learn more? Contact Pastor Dan Gerriets or a member of the Legacy Fund Committee. We can work with your investment advisor to facilitate the process.

Thank You

The entire Farland family would like to express our gratitude for all the prayers sent up since Parker's leukemia diagnosis last summer. Those prayers have worked, and Parker is now cancer free! The calls, texts, prayers, and support have meant the world to us and have helped us more than you will ever know. We are so very thankful for our church family.

With love—*Parker, Hadley, Kasslin, Julie, Bruce, Courtney, Kevin*

Wednesday Night Alive

LAST ONE TILL FALL!

April 24, 2024

Meal is at 6pm

*Maid Rites, Cheesy Hasbrowns
Vegetable and Dessert
Free Will Offering*

Programming begins at 6:30

- **An Introduction to Cerro Gordo Clean Energy District**
Hear about its work to move the county to Locally Owned Clean Energy. Three ongoing projects are: reducing high-energy costs low income households have to pay, fighting the electric rate increases that Alliant is proposing, and the most important— helping develop utility wind, solar and storage ordinances. Join climate expert Don Hofstand and Gina Clinger as they share information that affects everyone.
(Gathering Space)
- **Living Well in the Midst of Grief & Loss**
This class will give you an opportunity to explore how grief and loss impact your heart, soul, strength and mind. Facilitated by Linda Vold, Retired Therapist & Becky Elsbernd, Parish Nurse. *(Rm. 300)*
- **Trinity Choir—** meet in the Choir Room
- **Kindergarten - Grade 6**
students will come to *the 2nd floor* and learn new things from talented Trinity adults with a new activity each week.
- **Confirmation : Grades 7 & 8** Students will meet together from 6:30 – 7:45 pm - experience small group and large group learning as they study for their confirmation.
- **Flame: Grades 9-12—**meet in the Youth Rm.

Next Sunday—April 28th

There will be a noisy offering taken at both Sunday services on April 28. The money will be used to purchase new Quiet Bags for the sanctuary.

End of Sunday School & Teacher Recognition—April 28th

Everyone is invited to attend the 10:30 AM service after the last SS class. Sunday School students and the Adult Choir will present a very special song celebrating teachers. All who have participated in Sunday School this year are urged to attend!

Belong & Grow New Member Class

Thursday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Are you looking for a church home? A place to belong? Are you exploring whether Trinity might be the right community for you to connect and grow deeper? Pastor Dan Gerrietts leads an interactive class session for those exploring membership or wondering if Trinity is right for them. This is the only session one attends to prepare for membership. Learn more about the worship life, mission commitments, and faith expressions that ground us. Take a tour of the building. Meet other people. Childcare is available by request. **Please contact the church office.**

New Members will be Received on Sunday, May 12th at the 9:00 a.m. service with a reception during coffee fellowship time.

Visio Divina

Tuesday, April 30 at 10:00 AM - MacNider Museum - 303 2nd St. SE

Visio Divina, or “sacred seeing,” is an ancient form of Christian prayer in which we allow our hearts and imaginations to enter into an image in silence to see what God might have to say to us. We will meet at the MacNider Art Museum, where you will be invited to choose one painting or sculpture that seems to catch your eye. You will then spend time gazing at that one object and reflecting on questions or the personal meaning it evokes in you. Come and encounter the Divine through visual art.

TLC OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- **Worship Greeter** – Greet worshippers as they enter the building for weekend and midweek services. Volunteer position. Contact the office.
- **Usher** – Distribute bulletins, welcome, collect offering, usher people for communion. Volunteer position. Contact the office.
- **Readers** – Read the lessons for weekend services. Lessons provided a week prior to reading. Volunteer position. Contact the office.
- **Communion Servers**– Assist Pastors with Communion distribution during worship services. Training available. Volunteer position. Contact the office.
- **Worship Transportation** – Assist Region 2 Transit driver in picking up those needing a ride to Sunday worship. Volunteer position. Contact the office.
- **Community Kitchen Volunteers**—Trinity provides volunteers to help prepare and serve meals at the Community Kitchen, *either the 1st Monday of each month from 9-1:00 and the 4th Wednesday of each month from 4-6:30 p.m.* See the bulletin boards by the church office.
- **Help at Affordables**—Trinity provides volunteers to help sort donated clothing at Affordables on the *2nd Wednesday of each month from 9-11:00 a.m.*

For more worship serving opportunities, go to trinity-mc.org/worship-volunteers

Bike Ride

Wednesday May 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Come join us for a bike ride on the new High Line Trail. We will start from the Trinity parking lot and ride to 19th St. SE.

World Labyrinth Day

Saturday, May 4 / 6:00 PM / Trinity Labyrinth

All are invited to walk the Labyrinth in Trinity's courtyard to celebrate World Labyrinth Day on Saturday, May 4. We invite you to walk the Labyrinth anytime that day or join us on a guided walk at 6:00 PM. Walk with the intention of peace in ourselves, our relationships, our country, and our world. The sign next to the Labyrinth offers guidance and brochures on how to walk a labyrinth. The Labyrinth is open and available to the community.

2024 Flower Calendar and Bulletin Calendar

If you'd like to honor a loved one, remember a birthday and/or an anniversary please sign up. Both calendars are located on the bulletin board next to the church office. Altar Flowers are \$45 and Bulletins are \$25

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL & DAY CAMP

Trinity Lutheran Church will hold its annual Vacation Bible School for students age 3 - 5 and Day Camp for Grades 1-6 on June 10 - 13, 2024. Counselors from Riverside Lutheran Bible Camp will be involved in leading activities throughout the week.

The theme for all ages is Cultivate based on John 15:5.

PRESCHOOL—Activities will be held from 9:00 - 11:00 AM for children aged 3 - Kindergarten.

Cost is \$25/child

GRADES 1-6—(Entering Fall 2024) Activities will be held from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Bring a sack lunch. Register online or pick up a form at the church office.

Cost is \$25/child

Register NOW at:

trinity-mc.org/vacation-bible-school
or scan the QR code below!



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, April 22

9:00 a.m. Lectio Divina (Rm. 322)
9:00 a.m. Quilt Workshop (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m. Trinity Bronze Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, April 23

8-9:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
9:30 a.m. Caregiver Support Group (Rm. 300)
Noon Staff Meeting
4:15 p.m. NordKor Rehearsal (Choir Rm.)
6:30 p.m. Council Meeting (Rm. 300)

Wednesday, April 24

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Library)
4:00 p.m. Trinity Serving at Community Kitchen
6:00 p.m. WNA Meal
6:30 p.m. WNA Programming

Thursday, April 25

8:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
10:30 a.m. Clappers Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
6:30 p.m. Belong and Grow Membership Class (Fellowship Hall)
7:00 p.m. Una Vocis Rehearsal

Saturday, April 27

5:00 p.m. **Worship Service**

Sunday, April 28

9:00 a.m. **Worship Service**
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. **Worship Service**

Please call the church office if you or your family are hospitalized.

Often our members that are hospitalized are not showing up on the Clergy Visitation list at the hospital. If you or a family member would like to be visited by a Pastor or our Parrish Nurse, please be sure to contact the church office. Thank you.

CO-Ed Softball returns this Summer

There is a sign-up sheet outside the church office. Stephanie Johnson will be coaching. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Stephanie at 641-420-5301.