



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 27-28, 2024



Trinity Lutheran Church

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April 27, 2024—5:00 p.m.

April 28, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

*Livestream Worship Service/KCMR 97.9

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

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	Teresa Jacobson
Greeters	Dan and Jane Billings
Coffee Fellowship	Roger and Susan Schlitter
Scripture Readers	
5:00 p.m.	Sally Becker
9:00 a.m.	Kirk Hardcastle
Technical Support	
9:00 a.m.	Ellen Gansen, Leah Gerrietts, Carter Rockwell
Worship Transportation	
	Randy Elsbernd Dennis & Anna Marie Wilson
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

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**

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

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*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 God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live.

Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love
and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Noisy Offering Collection (9am)

Pastor Daniel Hanson

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

L ²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea. 3

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L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

L ⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

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The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. The first staff is in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time, with a melody that starts on G4, moves to A4, B4, and then has a half note G4 with a fermata. The second staff continues the melody from the first staff, starting on G4, moving to A4, B4, and then has a half note G4 with a fermata. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,' are written below the first staff, and 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the second staff.

P The Holy Gospel according to John the fifteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

***Gospel: John 15:1-8**

P [Jesus said:] ¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Daniel Hanson

Hymn of the Day

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

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***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)

The Tempest
Aden Swisher

by N. Faber

(9:00am)

All Things Bright and Beautiful
NordKor Choir

***Offertory**

We Praise You, O God

ELW 870

***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.

***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.

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** *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

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***Sending**

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

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Flowers are in *memory of Jay Balek* given by Sue Balek,

Bulletin Cover Art is in honor of family members given by Jake and Nancy Rockman.

Sunday—April 28th

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

We will be recognizing our Sunday School staff at the 10:30 service. Sunday School students and the Adult Choir will present a very special song celebrating teachers. See the back of the bulletin for a complete list of teachers, shepherds and leaders.

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.

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.

TLC OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- **Worship Greeter** – Greet worshippers as they enter the building for weekend and mid-week 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.

2024 Bulletin Calendar

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

Bandage Rolling

Monday, April 29 at 9:00 a.m.—Fellowship Hall
Come and help make bandages for Global Health Mission.

Mission hospitals and rural clinics are the frontline for healthcare for millions of people across the globe. Most lack even the most basic supplies, including bandages. Many have no access to clean, affordable bandages, and many have little or no access to clean water. Sterilization is difficult and it can be a challenge to have enough clean bandages for daily patient care. GHM rolled bandages help meet that need. Although most often used for wound care, including burns, the bandages can be useful in other ways at hospitals and clinics where resources are scarce.

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
(Weather Permitting)

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.

WOMEN'S MAY BREAKFAST

**Thursday, May 9
9:30 a.m.**

Fellowship Hall

Please join us at the
May Breakfast!

All are welcome to join us for a delightful breakfast, coffee and fellowship followed by special entertainment.

Have you ever seen a *nyckelharpa*?
▪ **“Victoria Borgessen”** will bring her nyckelharpa and will present a celebration of Scandinavian heritage and folk music traditions.

A free-will donation will be taken and all proceeds will be going to the Hawkeye Harvest Food Bank.

***We hope you join us—
invite a friend!***



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.



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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, April 29

9:00 a.m. Quilt Workshop & Bandage Rolling (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 p.m. Trinity Bronze Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts / Girl Scouts

Tuesday, April 30

8-9:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
Noon Staff Meeting
4:15 p.m. NordKor Rehearsal (Choir Rm.)

Wednesday, May 1

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Library)
6:30 p.m. May Bike Ride
6:30 p.m. Confirmation (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday, May 2

8:00 a.m. BASES Exercise (Gathering Space)
10:30 a.m. Clappers Bell Choir (Sanctuary)
7:00 p.m. Una Vocis Rehearsal

Saturday, May 4

5:00 p.m. **Worship Service**
6:00 p.m. *Guided Labyrinth Walk*

Sunday, May 5

9:00 a.m. **Worship Service**
10:30 a.m. **Worship Service**

Outdoor Worship Schedule

Starting May 26, 2024
Memorial Day Weekend

Saturdays:

5:00 PM - Traditional Worship

Sundays:

9:00 AM— Contemporary Worship in the Courtyard—bring your lawn chairs!
Inside Seating available in the Gathering Space with sound system.

10:30 AM - Traditional Worship (Inside)
Livestreamed & 97.9 KCMR

THANK YOU

Trinity Sunday School Teachers & Shepherds 2023/2024

Shepherds - 3-year olds

Joseph & Chelsea Jones

Shepherds - 4-year olds

McKenzie Humpal, Meghan Judisch

Shepherds – Kindergarten

Maggie Berding, Grace Berding

Shepherds -First & Second Grade

Gretchen Kellar, Tiffany Heuer

Shepherds - Third & Fourth Grade

Logan Corcoran, Grace Swisher

Shepherd – Fifth & Sixth Grade

Alyse Hesley

Teachers: IGNITE - Gr 7-12

Liz Fitzgerald

Teachers: Grades 1-6

Art – Emmy Swisher

Theatre – Teranie Heinzerling

Games – Tom Kirby, Katie Lindsay

Teachers: Age 3-K

Art—Lisa Wulf

Storytime—Shepherds

Games— Shepherds

Music/Worship Leader: Molly Gerrietts



A special thank you to **ALL** the Substitute Teachers,
Parents & Shepherds who helped this year!

"...do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them." Deuteronomy 4:9