

I am
the Good Shepherd
John 10:11



Trinity's Mission

*As a Christian community we spread the Good News, grow in faith,
discover and use our gifts to serve God, and care for all people.*

Please continue to be respectful of others' choices and boundaries regarding masking and distancing. If you are feeling ill, remember you can worship from home via the radio or Facebook Live.

WELCOME!

Hymns and Liturgy pages in Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red) hymnal
* = Congregation stands; feel free to remain seated as needed.

Prelude

Bethany Engen, pianist

Welcome / Announcements

Holy Communion — Setting 3

GATHERING

Choral Call to Worship

Come and Fill Our Hearts
Trinity Choir

Confession and Forgiveness*

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Gathering Hymn 369*

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

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.**

Kyrie*

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Canticle of Praise*

This is the Feast

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Prayer of the Day*

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, now and forever. Amen

Anthem

Good Shepherd, by Gwyneth Walker
Trinity Choir

Children's Sermon

Pastor Lane Zaffke

WORD

First Reading

Acts 4:5-12

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities. LISTEN now to what the SPIRIT is saying to the CHURCH.

⁵The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners

stand in their 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 questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’ ¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

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

Psalm 23

read together

¹**The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.**

²**He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;**

³**he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths
for his name’s sake.**

⁴**Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.**

⁵**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.**

Second Reading

1 John 3:16-24

Jesus’ death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God’s commandments.

LISTEN now to what the SPIRIT is saying to the CHURCH.

¹⁶We know love by this, that he 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 ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. 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: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation*

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Gospel*

John 10:11-18

P: The Holy Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Easter—according to John, chapter 10, verses 11 through 18: **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them. Here is the Gospel.

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

“Active Listening”

Pastor Elizabeth Hermeier

Hymn of the Day 778

The Lord’s My Shepherd

Offering will be received during the hymn

Prayers of Intercession*

P: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need of good news. *(Silence for Reflection.)*

After each petition: P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Receive our prayers.**

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **C: Amen.**

Sharing The Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

MEAL

Hymn 182*

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
Offering brought forward during the hymn.

Offering Prayer*

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The Great Thanksgiving*

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Words of Institution*

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The Lord's Prayer*

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Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God

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Distribution

We welcome to Holy Communion all baptized Christians who look to Christ for life and salvation. Those not yet communing are welcome to come for a blessing. If you prefer grape juice, take a filled glass from the inner ring of the tray. If you prefer wine, take an empty glass. Proceed to the rail. Receive the bread first with the words, "**Body of Christ broken for you.**" Then hold your glass up and receive the words, "**Blood of Christ shed for you.**" Drink the wine or juice and place the empty glass in the basket. Return to your seat via the center aisle.

During Distribution

ELW 502 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

ELW 764 *Have No Fear, Little Flock*

ELW 483 *Here Is Bread*

SENDING

Prayer after Communion

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Blessing

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Sending Hymn 536*

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude



Sunday's **Media Ministry** on **KVIK 104.7 FM**
and **Facebook Live** is given
in loving memory of Marilyn Sylling.

PRAYER WORKS!! Please include the following people in your prayers. Prayer requests? Please call the office, 498-5291. Thank you.



For Healing & Strength: Judy Bratland, Linda Nerstad-Kemp, D Wennes, Ricky Rud, Wilder Sherburne, Lorna Kasten, Connie Simon, Brian Henkel, Geri Worden, Judy Tollefsrud, Karson Betcher, Lori Vesterse, Terry "Rudy" Simon, Lone Selness, Janet Fossum, Pr. Bob Stoskopf, Nadia Wold, Lois Steele, Lisa Ochwat, Linda Tollefsrud, Paul Morken, Laurie (Hagen) Jensen, Lucas AJ Wiste, Mary Amundson, Anna Bingham Yearous, Rachel Krenzke, Mavis Johnsrud, and Jennifer Wedmann.

For the Bereaved: Family & Friends of Steve Kemp.



We also pray for our congregations in the SEMN Synod and our global Lutheran partners in Colombia, Tanzania, and South Sudan:

Trinity Lutheran, Albert Lea	St. John Lutheran, Owatonna
St. Paul Lutheran, Red Wing	Cross of Glory Lutheran, Hartland
Dr. Martin Luther Lutheran, Tanzania	Tulya Lutheran, Tanzania

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Today, April 21

Pastors: Elizabeth Hermeier, Lane Zaffke

Lector: Bonnie Solberg **Pianist:** Bethany Engen

Trinity Choir: Scott Solberg, director; Bethany Engen, accompanist

Acolytes: Autumn Peterson, Braelyn Middendorf

Communion Servers: Ruth Johnsrud, Steve Nelson

Fellowship Hosts: Gary & Lori Wilhelmson, Judy Tollefsrud

Wednesday Bible School treats: Karen Bingham (April 24)

498-AMEN: April 21-May 4...Lara Wold Mendez

Next Sunday, April 28 — Senior Recognition Sunday

Lector: Karen Bingham **Acolytes:** Liam Rohland, Chase Peterson

Fellowship Hosts: Bev Nelson, Roxie Finnesgard, Barb Gulbranson

Wednesday Bible School treats: Nancy Gulbranson (May 1)

498-AMEN: April 21-May 4...Lara Wold Mendez

April Usher Team: Phil Griffin (captain), Steve Hagen, Len Myrah, Ron Onsgard, Aaron Solum, Mike Solum

April Communion Bread Maker: Terry Holland

April Altar Guild: Jan Kraabel (chair), Jan Lochner, Bev Nelson, Cindy Thorson

NEWS & INFORMATION

MAY / JUNE NEWSLETTER will be assembled on Tuesday, April 30. Please have all news items to the office before Fri., April 26. Thank you!

MAPLE SYRUP IS RESTOCKED! Trees have been tapped and syrup has been made for this season! It is available in the office or Fellowship Hall. \$10/pint. Proceeds go to youth and family ministry. Thanks to all who work hard to harvest the sap and make this syrup.

WE'RE HIRING! Trinity is looking for a Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry. Prior experience working with youth programs is preferred, paid position with benefits. Questions? Contact: Betty Dokken, Staffing Team lead, bettydokken8@gmail.com or Pastor Elizabeth, prelizabeth.trinitysg@gmail.com.

SUMMER YOUTH LEADER We are seeking a college-age student or adult to work with Pr. Lane and the Education Team lead to coordinate and lead summer activities for youth in grades 7–12. The paid position will be 100-125 hours (averaging 10-15 hours a week) and will include evening or weekend hours depending upon events. The activities will approximately run June 5- August 7. Questions? Contact: Nancy Gulbranson, nancygulbranson01@gmail.com OR Betty Dokken, bettydokken8@gmail.com or 507-429- 2749, OR the church office 507-498-5291.

AN EVENING TO CELEBRATE SPRING GROVE AT NORWAY HOUSE IN MINNEAPOLIS ON APRIL 23. Norway House along with the Giants of the Earth Heritage Center is bringing a taste of Spring Grove to Minneapolis. Norway House is sponsoring the trip which includes lunch and an open house exhibit at Norway House. **There is still room on the bus.** Or attendees may drive themselves. The bus group will stay overnight at the Danish Cultural Center. **Registration and more information:** www.norwayhouse.org/spring-spotlight. It is open to the public. For more details about the bus, costs, and availability, contact Bill Fried, 507-381-9293 or giantbill1@gmail.com.

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, April 14: 100 in-person • 83 online

UPDATE FROM THE FINANCE TEAM

YTD income: \$76,826.16

YTD expenses: \$67,108.79

Balance: +\$9,717.37

We have an outstanding loan from ourselves of \$3,333.

Thank you to each of you for your generous giving to Trinity!

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sun. 4/21	9:15 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:15 a.m.	Fellowship
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	1:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts' "Pinewood Derby," FH
Tue. 4/23	5:00 p.m.	AA, TC
Wed. 4/24	12-3 p.m.	Release Time, TC
	3:30 p.m.	Wed. Bible School, TC
	4:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts, TC
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation, FH
	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary No Vocal Choir rehearsal tonight— will rehearse Sun. morning at 8:50 a.m., FH
Thu. 4/25	9:30 a.m.	Communion at Tweeten Apartments
Fri. 4/26	May/June Newsletter info due in the office	
	9:00 a.m.	Love Day, FH
	7:00 p.m.	NA, TC
Sat. 4/27	10:30 a.m.	AA, TC
Sun. 4/28	9:15 a.m.	Senior Recognition Sunday Worship
	10:15 a.m.	Fellowship & Reception for Seniors
	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
FH=Fellowship Hall MR=Middle Room YGR=Youth Gathering Room TC= Trinity Center Hand sanitizer is available at all entrances.		

LOOKING AHEAD ON TRINITY'S CALENDAR:

April 28: Senior Recognition Sunday

May 19: Syttende Mai Meatball Dinner

May 29: Baccalaureate

June 10 –13: Vacation Bible School and Day Camp

June 16: Pastor Elizabeth's last Sunday

Trinity Lutheran Church

Office Hours: Mon - Fri: 10am - 4pm

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Pastor: Elizabeth Hermeier

Visitation Pastor: Lane Zaffke

Support Staff: Marlene Deschler, Stewart Storlie **Bookkeeper:** Nicole Krenzke

Organist: Rachel Storlie

Choir Director: Scott Solberg

Pianist: Linda Gjerdrum, Rachel Udstuen

Handbell Director: Demitre Ellis

Custodian: Gary Wilhelmson

Technology Lead: Rick Sundet

