



You did not choose me,
but I chose you,
and appointed you to
go and bear fruit.

John 15:16

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

Welcome / Announcements

Holy Communion — Setting 3

GATHERING

Choral Call to Worship *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*
Trinity Choir

Confession and Forgiveness* p. 94 (left column)

Gathering Hymn 625* *Come, We That Love the Lord*

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* p. 138

Canticle of Praise* *This is the Feast* p. 140-141

Prayer of the Day*

O God, pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which can exceed all we can desire. In your name, we pray. Amen.

Anthem *The Narrow Way*, by K. Lee Scott
Trinity Choir

Children's Sermon

WORD

First Reading **Acts 10:44-48**

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. LISTEN now to what the SPIRIT is saying to the CHURCH.

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on

the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

Psalm 98

read together

¹O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

²**The Lord has made known his victory;
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

³He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

⁵Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

⁸**Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy**

⁹at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith. LISTEN now to what the SPIRIT is saying to the CHURCH.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

Gospel*

John 15:9-17

P: The Holy Gospel for the Sixth Sunday of Easter is from John, chapter 15, verses 9 through 17: **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another. LISTEN now to the GOOD NEWS the SPIRIT is bringing to the CHURCH:

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Time

Sermon

Pastor Lane Zaffke

Hymn of the Day 708

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love
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

"Canon of Grace"—Trinity Handbell Choir

ELW 838 *Beautiful Savior*

ELW 595 *Jesus Loves Me!*

ELW 358 *Great God, Your Love Has Called Us*

Prayer after Communion

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SENDING

Blessing

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Sending Hymn 836*

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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 made possible through donations given to our Media Ministry Fund. *Thank You!*

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, 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.

In Celebration: Baptism of Ole Miles Wilhelmson.



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

First Lutheran, Red Wing

Aurora Lutheran, Owatonna

Ikungi Lutheran, Tanzania

Mang'onyi Lutheran, Tanzania

St. Paul Evangelical Church, Lewiston

St. John Mwando Lutheran, Tanzania

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Today, May 5

Pastors: Elizabeth Hermeier, Lane Zaffke

Lector: Ruth Johnsrud **Acolytes:** Rohland Bjerke, Tyler Turner

Trinity Choir: Scott Solberg, director; Rachel Udstuen, accompanist

Trinity Handbell Choir: Demitre Ellis, director

Communion Servers: Janice Messner, Jacque Wennes

Fellowship Hosts: Steve & Joyce Bergrud, Jeff & Sue Engen

498-AMEN: May 5-18...Terry Holland

Next Sunday, May 12

Lector: Janna Myrah **Acolytes:** Renner Staggemeier, Mariah Fretty

Fellowship Hosts: Nancy Gulbranson, Karen and Bill Fried

498-AMEN: May 19-June 1...Nolie Kapplinger

May Usher Team: Dana Kjome, Blaine Liudahl, Curt Roverud, Alfred Wendel

May Altar Guild: Dawn Hewitt (chair), Milly Halverson, Carolyn Kampschroer, Carolyn Olson, Carol Sherburne

LOOKING AHEAD ON TRINITY'S CALENDAR:

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

ATTENDANCE

Sunday, April 28: 87 in-person ▪ 53 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!

NEWS & INFORMATION

EVENT CELEBRATING MOTHERS — SATURDAY, MAY 11

Come enjoy some time and space at the Trinity Center on Saturday, May 11 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. to celebrate mothers and the little people who make it all worthwhile. There will be space for mothers of all ages to do crafting, sewing, or other soul-fulfilling activities. For the little ones, there will be a nap room (Bring Your Own Blankets), and activity rooms for older children upstairs, complete with Lego building blocks, diamond art, paper crafts, and other kid-oriented things to do. A light snack will be provided for both kids and moms. Please let us know of any food allergies. Please RSVP for children 4 years old and under due to their special supervision needs. An RSVP is also highly recommended for children aged 5 and above. Please RSVP to Charity Schroeder, 319-360-3107, or charityschroeder75@gmail.com. A free will donation to help cover the costs of the event will be collected. This event is hosted by our Outreach Team; proceeds will go toward their future projects.

WE'RE HIRING! We're 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 (avg. 10-15 hours/week), includes 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 498-5291.

TRINITY YOUTH AND PARENTS – watch your mail this week for information on the **Syttende Mai Meatball Dinner**: Our youth will be serving dinner on Sunday, May 19, from 10:30 a.m. until gone. This year, we are offering limited in-house dining (up to 125 tickets). Meals are \$13 each and it includes meatballs, gravy, potatoes, glazed carrots, lefse, bun, rømmegrøt and dessert. Watch the newsletter and next week's bulletin for more information.

NEWSLETTER was assembled and mailed on Tuesday, April 30. This is a May Newsletter only, and contains lots of information. Be sure to check it out!

MORE NEWS & INFO

TRINITY CHURCH PEW REHAB – PROPERTY TEAM PROJECT

The Property Team, along with several other volunteers from the congregation, wants to refinish the church pews. This project could take as long as 18 months and will be paid for privately. The sandblasting, fixing, sanding, and refinishing will be done at Jeremy Lee's rural home body shop. Our tentative plan will be to have two groups of six workers. Labor will include moving pews, assisting sandblaster, sanding the pews, pew ends rehab (filler or veneer replacement), staining, sealing, applying top coats, and hauling them back to the church. We are looking for 12 volunteers that can commit to this project. Not sure about your woodworking skills? We will have technical support and will train you. Good tools will be provided, but we will need a few more sawhorses and a trailer. If you want to talk more, call Jerald Oakes, 507-500-1518. If you want a written detailed description of the plan, email Mark Dokken, markdokken@gmail.com.

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL will be **May 12**, which is also Mother's Day. **Wednesday Bible School** activities are done for the year. Thanks to all of the families that participated in these programs. Look for information about our fall programming in the August newsletter. **Thank You** to all the volunteers who provided treats for Wednesday Bible School attendees this year. Special Thanks to Pr. Lane and Pr. Len for leading Release Time.

TRINITY POST-SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Students in your 2nd-4th year of college — remember Trinity has a scholarship opportunity for you through our Scholarship Endowment! **Deadline to apply for the scholarship is Wednesday, May 29.** Applications are in the office or on our website.

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.

“TO BE—TOGETHER SINGING ONE” An Evening Spring Concert will be presented **TONIGHT, May 5, at 7 p.m.** at Decorah Lutheran Church, at 309 Winnebago Street. This annual concert features **The Luren Singers**, **Luther College Norskkor** (freshmen male chorus), and Decorah Middle School's **Viking Voices** and the High School's **Bass Clef Ensembles**. Several Trinity members sing with Luren. The free-will offering collected will go to the Decorah Area Food Pantry. Refreshments will follow the concert. **Join Us!!**

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sun. 5/5	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. 5/7	5:00 p.m.	AA, TC
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Team, FH
Wed. 5/8	9:30 a.m.	Adah Circle, at Tweeten Apartments
	1:00 p.m.	Eve Circle, at Spring Grove Manor
	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation, FH
	7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary Church Council, FH
8:00 p.m.	Vocal Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary	
Thu. 5/9	4:30 p.m.	Cub Scouts, TC
Fri. 5/10	7:00 p.m.	NA, TC
Sat. 5/11	9a-4:30 p.m.	Synod Assembly in Mankato
	10:30 a.m.	AA, TC
	12-5 p.m.	Mother's Day Crafting & Childcare Event, TC
Sun. 5/12	9:15 a.m.	Worship
	10:15 a.m.	Fellowship
	10:30 a.m.	Last Day of Sunday School
	11:15 a.m.	Worship at Tweeten Nursing Home
FH=Fellowship Hall MR=Middle Room YGR=Youth Gathering Room TC= Trinity Center Hand sanitizer is available at all entrances.		

Trinity Lutheran Church

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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

Welcome

We're Glad You're Here

- I am visiting today. *Welcome! Please join us again!*
- I would like the pastor to contact me.
- I would like to receive the church newsletter:
 - via email via mail
- I would like to receive the weekly email.
- I would like to know more about joining Trinity Lutheran.

Please tear off this page and drop it into the offering
or hand it to an usher. Thank you!

Today's Date: _____

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Prayer request / Additional Information:

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
Saturday, May 4, 2024 ▪ 5:00 P.M.

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Sermon

Pastor Lane Zaffke

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