



*Nurturing a Living Faith  
with Open Hearts  
and Serving Hands*

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**Introduction to the Day**

*The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.*

**4th Sunday of Easter  
April 21st, 2024  
8:30 a.m.**



***ALL CREATION SINGS***

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the + Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**      "Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!"      ELW #369

**GREETING**

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

**KYRIE**

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**O Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy.  
Have mercy, O Lord. Have mercy, O Lord.**

***Welcome to  
Worship at Trinity  
Lutheran***

*Whether this is your first time worshipping with us, or if you regularly attend, we are very glad that you are with us! Today, we gather to worship God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*The church is not a building – it is you, the people. So "church," thanks for showing up today. If you look around what you will see are imperfect people. Some with smiles, some with broken hearts, some with secrets they are ashamed to share... and yet all of us together are the "church."*

*We are thankful you are here. Through God's Holy Spirit we pray you hear a word of grace and hope today.*

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!  
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus!  
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit!**

**To God be glory forever! To God be glory forever!  
Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!  
Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!  
Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!  
Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**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. Amen.**

FIRST READING: ACTS 4:5-12

Bob Wefald, reader

*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.*

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let 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. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.'

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

"Shepherd Me, O God"

ELW #780

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.*

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How 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?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

<sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And 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. <sup>24</sup>All 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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**Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.  
Alleluia, alleluia. Christ is risen, ris'n indeed.**

GOSPEL: JOHN 10:11-18

*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.*

The holy gospel according to John, chapter 10, beginning with verse 11.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The 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. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I 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. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No 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.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S TIME/SERMON**

Bethany Krepela  
Development Director, Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Savior Like a Shepherd Leads”

ELW #789

**NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Please pray for James, Ellen, Morgan, Tom, Denell, Terry, Michelle, Leona and Knut.*

**OFFERING/OFFERING MUSIC**

“The Trumpet Sound, the Angels Sing”

ELW #531

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. Holy God,

**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. Amen.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**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.**

**COMMUNION SONG**

“Lamb of God”

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**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.  
Grant us your peace. Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER**

Shepherding 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.  
**Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLESSING**

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

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always. **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**

“I know that My Redeemer Lives”

ELW #619

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024**

**WE EXTEND OUR CONGREGATION’S SYMPATHY** to the family of Larry Mickelson, father of Chrisann Striefel. Please keep their family in your prayers.

**RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM** is in memory of parents, Lester & Eleanor Botine. Given by Karen Botine.

**TRUST FUND SCHOLARSHIPS** - Applications are available on our website and in the office. Applications are **due Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Heather for questions.

**VENDOR FAIR BRAINSTORMING** - Trinity has hosted a Vendor Fair & Family Fun event for the past 2 years. There is plenty of room to grow or reimagine this event. We would like to hear from you if you hope to see us do this again or if you have ideas on how we might better engage with the community in a similar type of event. A brainstorming group will meet on Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 5:15 p.m. in the Conference Room. Please see Klarissa if you have any questions or input.

**HIBERNATION TERMINATION CELEBRATION** - Our Mental Health and Substance Abuse Task Force is sponsoring a morning of fun on April 27th. Come meet new people and learn a new hobby or skill. The event starts @ 9:15 a.m. with breakfast. Then, you can choose to attend two different hobby/skill workshops including: lefse making, mediation & breathing, ukulele playing, bible journaling, leather working and painting.

**NEW MEMBER CONVERSATION** - Are you interested in learning more about Trinity Lutheran and what it means to be a member? Pastor Mark will host a conversation in the Conference Room on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 a.m.

**TAMALE MAKING** - Come join us in learning how to make tamales. The class will be on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> (Cinco de Mayo) following the 10:30 am service. There is room for 20 participants, and you will get to take some tamales home! The class is free. Please sign-up in the narthex or email Pastor Martha if you would like to sign up.

**CANOE/KAYAK SUMMER TRIP** - There is still room on this summer’s Canoe/Kayak adventure down the Missouri. We will leave the morning of Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, and arrive in Bismarck on the afternoon of July 27<sup>th</sup>. The cost is only \$50. To register, email Pastor Mark at [narum@trinitybismarck.com](mailto:narum@trinitybismarck.com)

**ONLINE GIVING** - Giving has never been easier! Open your camera on your phone and scan the QR code. It will take you right to Trinity’s online giving site. You can choose to give via credit card or bank account. Try it out today!



**Your Gifts**

**Mar-24**

**INCOME**

	Month Actual	Year-to- date Actual
Contributions	\$57,609.00	\$174,544.00
Other Income	\$2,473.00	\$28,211.00
Transfer	\$300.00	\$900.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$60,382.00</b>	<b>\$203,655.00</b>

**EXPENSES**

Income less expenses	\$60,018.00	\$196,588.00
	\$364.00	\$7,067.00

***THIS WEEK AT TRINITY***

**Sunday 4-21**

**8:30 AM - Worship** in Sanctuary  
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**Monday 4-22**

**5:15 PM - Vendor Fair Brainstorming** in Conference Room

**Tuesday 4-23**

**9 AM - Quilters** in Quilters’ Room  
**6:30 PM - Gift’s Bible Study** in Conference Room

**Wednesday 4-24**

**5 PM - Meal** in Fellowship Hall  
**6 PM - Worship** in Sanctuary

**Friday 4-26**

**8 AM - Rummage Sale** in Community Center

**Saturday 4-27**

**9:15 AM - Hibernation Termination Celebration** in Fellowship Hall  
**10 AM - Rummage Sale** in Community Center  
**2 PM - Cleanup Rummage** in Community Center