



*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
10:30 a.m.**



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

“Build Your Kingdom Here”
CCLI #6186078

On screen

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

“Hallelujah Is Our Song”
CCLI #7004969

On screen

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Glory to God Most High”

**Glory! Glory to God! Glory in the highest!
Glory! Glory to God! Glory to God Most High (sung twice)**

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

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.

⁵The next day [the] 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.”

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

**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.

PSALM 23

(Please read responsively).

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
 I shall not be in want.
²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
 and leads me beside still waters.**
³You restore my soul, O LORD,
 and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.
⁴**Though 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.**
⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
 you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
 and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

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.

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 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.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW pg. 188

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
 You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.
 Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia.
 Alleluia, alleluia.**

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:] 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.”

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

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

ELW #502

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

*Hands for prayer, hands for care and giving,
hands to fold, hands to hold on tight.
Hands to touch, hands in such thanksgiving,
hands to praise, hands to raise on high.*

Hands for Prayer, *refrain*
Marsh Drege

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

*Hands for prayer, hands for care and giving,
hands to fold, hands to hold on tight.
Hands to touch, hands in such thanksgiving,
hands to praise, hands to raise on high.*

OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC

“Create In Me a Clean Heart”

ELW #185

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

“Come to the Table”
“Table of Grace”
CCLI #7034085

ELW #481
On screen

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

“Build Your Kingdom Here”
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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 30th**. 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 22nd @ 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 4th @ 9:30 a.m.

TAMALE MAKING - Come join us in learning how to make tamales. The class will be on Sunday, May 5th (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 25th, and arrive in Bismarck on the afternoon of July 27th. The cost is only \$50. To register, email Pastor Mark at 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

<u>Mar-24</u>	Month Actual	Year-to- date Actual
INCOME		
Contributions	\$57,609.00	\$174,544.00
Other Income	\$2,473.00	\$28,211.00
Transfer	\$300.00	\$900.00
Total Income	\$60,382.00	\$203,655.00
EXPENSES		
Income less expenses	\$60,018.00	\$196,588.00
	\$364.00	\$7,067.00

Electronic Giving - Trinity offers the option of Electronic Giving as a simple way to contribute. This would allow you the freedom from worry or concern whether you are out of town, on vacation or wondering how to budget your contributions. Giving forms are available in the office, at the Welcome Center or on Trinity’s website.

We have also updated and simplified our website www.trinitybismarck.com in aiding you to give towards Trinity’s Capital Campaign. The GIVE PLUS area on the left allows you to give a recurring or one-time donation using a credit card. If you have questions or need assistance with electronic giving, please feel free to call Heather Baumann @ 223-3560. Thank you again for your continued financial support.

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