



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

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Introduction to the Day

Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

**4th Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026
8:30 a.m.**



PRELUDE

WELCOME & SHARING OF PEACE

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

Amen.

OPENING SONG

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

ELW #789

GREETING/KYRIE

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HYMN OF PRAISE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our shepherd,

you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***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. 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.

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 34:7-15

The Seibel Family, readers

God will shepherd Israel.

⁷ Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: ⁸ As I live, says the Lord GOD, because my sheep have become a prey and my sheep have become food for all the wild animals, since there was no shepherd, and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves and have not fed my sheep, ⁹ therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: ¹⁰ Thus says the Lord GOD: I am against the shepherds, and I will hold them accountable for my sheep and put a stop to their feeding the sheep; no longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, so that they may not be food for them.

¹¹ For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. ¹² As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD.

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

PSALM 23

“Shepherd Me, O God”
(Congregation sings Refrain)

ELW #780

SECOND READING: ACTS 2:42-47

Today’s reading is a description of life in the community following Peter’s sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God’s people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.

⁴² [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Celtic Alleluia”

ELW #174

GOSPEL: JOHN 10:1-10

Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.

The holy gospel according to John, chapter 10, beginning with verse 1. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹ “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

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

CHILDREN’S TIME/SERMON

Pastor Martha HarriSon

HYMN OF THE DAY

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

ELW #502

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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

“Christ, Our Peace”

ACS #1037

*Please pray for Dick, Amy, Rod, Melissa, Hal, Sandy, Lynn, Ken,
 Gary, Dirk, Kathy, Ruthalee, Paul, Tiffany, Pat, Brenda, Shirley, Leonard, George, Carol, Todd & Mark.*

OFFERING/OFFERING MUSIC

OFFERING RESPONSE

“Spirit, Open My Heart”
Refrain only

ACS #1043

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God,

accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Shower us with your love so that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Almighty God, Father, + Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

SENDING SONG

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

ELW #774

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

RADIO BROADCAST/LIVE STREAM is in memory of Joe & Irene Victor and Otto & Zella Thomsen. Given by Dale & Linda Thomsen.

ALTAR FLOWERS are in memory of Carol Houser on the 35th anniversary of Scott and Carol's wedding at Trinity on April 27th, 1991. Given by Scott Houser.

RUMMAGE SALE - Our rummage sale is coming up and the funds raised will go towards our children & youth ministry. Please consider helping when you are able!

- Wednesday, April 29 we'll be setting up tables & racks after worship.
- We start accepting donations Thursday, April 30.
- Help unpack items/set-up Thursday, April 30 – Thursday, May 7. Just stop on by and unpack a box or 10!
- Help bag items people are purchasing during the sale Friday, May 8 (8-5) & Saturday, May 9 (10-2). Please let Gracia know if you can help.

Help pack up the leftovers starting at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 9. Please let Gracia know if you can help or just come on by & help.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION - Trinity Lutheran seniors and college students - now is the time to apply for the Trinity Lutheran Scholarship through our Trust Fund. This is a competitive scholarship process based on church involvement and involvement in other faith activities. You can find the application on our website or pick up a copy in the church office. **The deadline is April 30th.**

BUY-A-MILE FUNDRAISER - Support Trinity Youth who are headed to North Carolina to serve and help with the rebuilding after Hurricane Helene. Stop by the table in the Narthex to make a donation. Each mile is \$1. Sponsor 1 or 100! Thank you for your support of our youth!

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!



THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sunday 4-26

- 8:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM - Bible 101 in Fellowship Hall
- 9:35 AM - Church School
- 10:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary

Tuesday 4-28

- 9 AM - Quilters in Quilters' Room
- 4 PM - Property Committee in Conference Room
- 6 PM - Mission & Outreach Committee in Conf. Room

Wednesday 4-29

- 2:30 PM - Upstairs Bible Study in Conf. Room
- 5:15 PM - Meal served in Fellowship Hall
- 6 PM - Worship in Sanctuary
- 6:40 PM - Youth Group, Confirmation, Church School
- 6:40 PM - Rummage Sale setup in Community Center

Friday 5-1

- 10 AM - Theology & Coffee in Conference Room

Saturday 5-2

- 9 AM - Council Retreat
- 10 AM - Grief Group in Conference Room

Sunday 5-3

- 8:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM - Bible 101 in Fellowship Hall
- 9:35 AM - Church School
- 10:30 AM - Worship in Sanctuary



Friday, May 8
@ 8 am – 5 pm &
Saturday, May 9
@ 10 am – 2 pm

Semi-Annual **TRINITY'S RUMMAGE SALE**

In the Community Center

Drop Off Items:

Thursday, April 30 –
Friday, May 1
&
Monday, May 4 –
Tuesday, May 5
during office hours
(8am-12pm & 1pm-5pm)

Not Accepting:

- ✗ Electronics, TVs
- ✗ Opened Makeup
- ✗ Sanitizer
- ✗ Exercise Equipment
- ✗ Food
- ✗ Car Seats
- ✗ Medical Devices
- ✗ Textbooks

Funds raised
will support
Trinity's Youth
Ministry.



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