



## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Anchored in Faith. Serving Our Neighbor. Singing God's Praise.*

*Mission: To be a caring and diverse community of people who know and share the love of God through Jesus Christ.*

### The Fourth Sunday after Easter April 26, 2026

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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.

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**WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH.** *You are invited to join with us as we seek to be God's loving community for all who enter here. You are received as a friend . . .*

- *just as you are, created by God.*
- *whatever your color, culture and customs, your age, abilities, sexual orientation or gender identity.*
- *wherever circumstances find you... in the midst of change or challenge or pain, in need of strength and hope, or in search of spiritual fullness and friendship.*
- *whether you are a new visitor or an old friend, have no church home, have doubts or do not believe, or want to follow Christ and pursue peace and justice in Christ's name.*

*You are embraced as an expression of the diversity and beauty of the creation God has given us. We invite you to join us in our commitment to being an anti-racist, LGBTQIA+ embracing, community- loving congregation.*

***You are welcome here!***

*The presence of children is a gift to the church and a reminder that our congregation is growing. Please welcome our youngest brothers and sisters and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.*

# ✠ THE SERVICE ✠

## ↓ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parents/caregivers of children who are six or younger are welcome to take their children to the children's room during the worship service for childcare. If you are new or visiting Trinity, please see a greeter who will show you where the children's room is located. You are welcome to bring them back for a blessing during communion or pick them up at the conclusion of worship.

## ↓ PRELUDE

### ✠ GATHERING ✠

(Arrows indicate when the congregation may sit ↓ or stand ↑ as able. **Bold print** are responses spoken by the congregation.)

## ↑ 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.

*Water is poured to refill the baptismal font*

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.**

## ↑ HYMN *All People on Earth Do Dwell*

#883 vs. 1,3,5

**1 All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;  
come ye before him and rejoice.**

**3 Oh, enter then his gates with praise;  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.**

**5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
the God whom heav'n and earth adore,  
from us and from the angel host  
be praise and glory evermore.**

Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1594

## ↑ GREETING

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

## ↑ CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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**1. Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good-will to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth; we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.**

**2. Glory to be Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love. Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above; on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.**

**3. Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone to you we call; Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all: Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright. For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

## ↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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.**

✠ **WORD** ✠

↓ **FIRST READING**

**Acts 2:42-47**

<sup>42</sup> [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> 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, <sup>47</sup> 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.

Word of God, Word of Life.      **Thanks be to God.**

↓ **Psalm 23**      (read responsively)

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> **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.**

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup> **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 Peter 2:19-25**

<sup>19</sup> It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup> "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

<sup>23</sup> When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he

entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Word of God, Word of Life.      **Thanks be to God.**

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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***Alleluia. Lord and Savior; open now your saving word.***

***Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.***

***Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.***

↑ **GOSPEL**

**John 10:1-10**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup> "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. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

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

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

↓ **SERMON**

↓ **CHOIR**      *My Shepherd, You Supply My Need*

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt., based on Psalm 23

**↑ APOSTLES' CREED** p. 105

Let us profess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*(The congregation is encouraged to take the position which is most prayerful to you.)*

You may choose to sit or stand as you are comfortable.

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

Shepherding God, draw all people to yourself and lead them in paths of righteousness. Embolden your church to enter the valleys of the world and guide us beside the still waters of your grace. We pray for military and prison chaplains serving near and far. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Creator God, by the resurrection of your Son, show us your steadfast love and instruct our hearts in your ways. Help us to revere and protect the wonders of your creation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Righteous Judge, strengthen and uphold those who work for justice and advocate for human rights. Bring an end to oppression and save us from the temptation of violence or vengeance. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Great Physician, walk with those who are grieving, and anoint those who are ill or injured, especially *the family of David Sieber Chris Laine, Elizabeth Madaras, Lyla Hanson, Dennis Assid, Juliane Pew, Tracie Rasmussen, David Wentz, Harry Olsen, Jose Hernandez, Tanas and his parents, Henry G., Paul*

*M., Sonya, Michelle Koka, Nevi Zabilski, Ann Kenyon, Ginny Parsons, Lou O'Connell, Ryan Simpson, Peter Dow, Jane McDermott, Mary Goglio, Constance Farber, Alan Petersen, Annalise Simmons, Helen Pedersen, Tricia, Deanna Madarasz, Nancy Stich, Patricia Runo, Michael Rasmussen, Kate Ganschow, Michael Lamb, Maddy Pearce, and Dorothy Wingire.*

Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the ministries of your Word, for Trinity Church Council, Trinity's Transition Team, the priesthood of all believers, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, the Lutheran Church of Kagitumba in Rwanda and our Sunday School. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Good Shepherd, continually seek us out as lambs of your flock, and form us into a community where all are honored and cared for. Spread a feast before us and fill our cups to overflowing. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

At this time, you are invited to pray the prayers of your heart, either silently or aloud.

*A moment is offered for prayers from the congregation*

Living God, we praise you for the saints who have died in faith and now dwell in your love. At our end, bring us, with them, to our heavenly home. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

✠ **MEAL** ✠

**↑ SHARING THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**↓ OFFERING**

**↑ GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## ↑ PREFACE FOR THE DAY

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## ↑ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Page 207

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, in the highest. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-sanna in the high-est, ho-sanna in the high-est.*

## ↑ JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### ↑ LORD'S PRAYER

*You are invited to pray in the version or language of your choice.*

**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.**

### ↓ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life. **Thanks be to God!**

### ↓ DISTRIBUTION

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. The cup we serve is non-alcoholic. Gluten-free wafers are offered for those who have need. Please indicate your need to the pastor as you approach to receive the host. If you do not wish to take communion you may come forward for a blessing or remain seated.*

## ↓ LAMB OF GOD Page 208

*O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.*

*O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.*

*O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.*

## ↑ POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

## ↑ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

## ✠ SENDING ✠

### ↑ BLESSING

## ↑ HYMN *Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing* #544

- 1 Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing, worship, thanks, devotion voicing: glory be to God on high! Christ, your cross and passion sharing, by this eucharist declaring yours the final victory.*
- 2 Scattered flock, one shepherd sharing, lost and lonely, one voice hearing, ears attentive to your word; by your blood new life receiving, in your body, firm believing, we are yours, and you the Lord.*
- 3 Sins forgiven, wrongs forgiving, we go forth alert and living in your Spirit, strong and free. Partners in your new creation, seeking peace in ev'ry nation, may we faithful foll'wers be.*

Text: Howard C. A. Gaunt, 1902-1983, alt.  
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## ↑ DISMISSAL

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

## ↑ POSTLUDE

# THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AT TRINITY

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 43

## IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK:

Mon 4/27 9:30am Craft Group  
Wed 4/29 7:30am Tuesday Morning Bible Study (meets on Zoom)  
10:00am Women's Bible Study (meets on Zoom)  
Sun 5/3 8:45am Pop-up Choir Rehearsal  
9:30am Worship

**TOMORROW YOUTH REPETORY (TYR) is back for their Spring Performance Session.** This season's performance is called "Little Red Meets a Wolf". Performances will take place at Trinity over the next four weekends. You can come see this show at one of these performance times:

*Sun 4/26 3pm; Fri 5/1 7pm; Sat 5/2 12pm, 3:30pm, 7pm; Sun 5/3 3:pm or 6:30pm; Fri 5/8 7pm; Sat 5/9 12pm; 3:30pm, 7pm; Sun 5/10 3pm or 6:30pm; Fri 5/15 7pm; Sat 5/16 12pm, 3pm, 7pm; Sun 5/17 3pm*

### A synopsis of this play:

The story is all over town. As Little Red went into the forest to deliver breads and cakes to her sick grandma, Little Red Met A Wolf. And then, in sinister fashion, the wolf attacked and ate the little girl. Fortunately, a hunter who was passing by spotted the wolf, and rescued Little Red. And now Little Red is safe back at home, and everyone is so glad.

There's only one problem: The story wasn't exactly true....

And now that lie is starting to have unintended consequences. And now the town is whipped into a fury. And now all the best hunters in the land are descending on the forest, in search of wolves that they believe are all "Big and Bad."

As her lies add up, and the world closes in, Little Red must set out on a journey to save the very thing she once demonized. But with her story spinning further and further out of her control, can she really make things right?

Written by TYR's Tyler Null, and featuring a slew of popular songs recognizable to the young and less-young, this original take on the classic tale explores prejudices that we find in the world around and also inside of us, and how we face our mistakes.

**SPECIAL OFFERING OPPORTUNITY:** Our office renovation is underway and will be nearing completion in the next two weeks or so. One unexpected item that we didn't anticipate was some electrical upgrading to take place in what will become the new church office. We anticipate that this expenditure will cost about \$3,000 for the permit and work to be done. Other work in the office (new lighting, painting and new office furniture) has cost about \$3,800 to date. If you would like to contribute to help offset the cost of the office renovation, you may place a special offering in the offering basket with the notation "Office Renovation" so we can be sure it gets credited to the right place.

**Assisting in Worship:**

Assisting Minister: Anita Burnaford

Reader: Sherri Bangert

Greeters: Gunther Hofmann & Kristin Moeller

Children's Attendant: Kaye Fitzsimons

Coffee Hour: Karol & Mike Luque

Altar Guild: Marvera Kline

**Next Week's Scripture Readings:**

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14