



Sunday, April 28, 2024

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Worship Times: Sundays 8am @ 10:30am

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Trinity Lutheran
Church, LCMS

**Pastor
Blair Clark**

Worship Assistants

HEAD ELDERS:

8am - Leon Norregaard

10:30am - Will Evans

COMMUNION ASST.

8am

Matthias/Schwieger

10:30am

B. Anderson/M. David

LECTORS:

8am – Carol Greenwell

10:30am – Dorothy Frenz

KEYBOARD:

David Freudenburg

April 28, 2024

Trinity Lutheran Church

Rev. Blair Clark, Pastor

Our Mission

STATEMENT
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“To share the good news of Jesus Christ”



**Our Vision
STATEMENT**

*“To serve as God guides us to bring people
closer to Jesus Christ through worship, Bible
studies, prayer and fellowship”*

WELCOME!!!

**A warm joyous welcome to all who gather to bear
witness to the resurrection of Jesus, our King of
Kings!**

OUR RITE OF FRIENDSHIP:

Members and guests: Please register your attendance in the red pad located at the end of each row. **We ask our guests to please print your complete address and phone number.** When it reaches the other end of the row, pass it back. Upon its return note the other names; you may meet a new friend in Christ today.

Please turn off your cell phone.

**If you desire a hearing assistance unit,
speak with an usher.**

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER April 28, 2024

PRELUDE – *by David Freudenburg*

“OH, THAT I HAD A THOUSAND VOICES”

Tune: Johann B. König
Setting: Anne Krentz Organ

“CHRIST HAS ARISEN, ALLELUIA”

Tune: Tanzanian
Setting: Nancy M. Raabe

“AMAZING GRACE”

Tune: American
Setting: Zach Unke

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please Stand]

OPENING HYMN:
“PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY”
LSB #790

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1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -
 a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
 made you; Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
 fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with
 health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
 fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
 prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His
 tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
 might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
 peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

INVOCATION AND EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P In the water of baptism we were joined to Christ and made members of the kingdom of God. Through water and the Word, God has clothed us with His mercy and forgiveness, earned through the merits of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Let us give thanks to God for His mercy and forgiveness, extended to us daily through baptismal grace.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved those who believed, Noah and his family. You led Your people through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing the washing of Holy Baptism. We pray that You would behold Your baptized people gathered in this house of worship. According to Your boundless mercy, continue to bless us with true faith by the Holy Spirit. Remind us that through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism You drowned the sin inherited from Adam, and that You continue to cleanse us daily from the stain of sins we commit knowingly and unknowingly through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

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.

P We confess our sins together

C **I confess that I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered more. The Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me and so my love for others has failed. There are many whom I have hurt and many whom I failed to help. My thoughts and desires are soiled with sin. I have sinned against God and against you, my brothers and sisters. There is no health in me. For the sake of Jesus Christ forgive me my sin and lead me to amend my sinful life, that I may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P May He who began this good work within us bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

[Please be seated]

HYMN:

“LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH”

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Lord, I lift Your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life;
I'm so glad You came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way.
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your name on high.
(Repeat entire song)

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

P We pray.

All: Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 8:26-40

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians. This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the book of Isaiah the prophet. The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. "How can I," he said, "unless someone explains it to me?" So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before the shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. Why shouldn't I be baptized? And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. Philip, however, appeared at Azotus and traveled about, preaching the gospel in all the towns until he reached Caesarea.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 John 4:1-11

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world. You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood. Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM

“I THEN SHALL LIVE”

Words: Gloria Gaither

Music by Jean Sibelius, arr. by Lloyd Larson

By “All Things Possible and God’s Grace”

[Please stand]

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ!**

[Please be seated]

SERMON HYMN

“TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE”

LSB #783 vs 1-3

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1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.

SERMON

“Fruitful Connections”

John 15:1-8

Pastor Blair Clark

[Please stand]

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

[Please be seated]

OFFERING HYMN

“TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE”

LSB #783 vs 4-6

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4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;
5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no long - er mine;
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its trea - sure store;



Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy roy - al throne.
Take my-self, and I will be Ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

PRAYERS

P God of all good gifts,

C we give You thanks and praise for all the blessings You bestow on us each day. With these offerings we offer ourselves to Your service and dedicate our

lives to the proclamation of Your love; in the name of Him who gave His life for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P As we trust in the Good Shepherd's guidance, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all those in need.

That all who gather to hear the voice of the Shepherd and feast at His table might be one in Him and in ministry to the whole world, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That all who govern and lead may seek justice and all who serve in our military be watched over as they work for the good of all people, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That all who live without adequate food, clothing, or shelter might receive our care as we share our abundance, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That those who walk through the valleys of fear, loneliness, loss or illness, especially those in our own family of Trinity we have lifted up to You previously; and those whom we now name in our hearts, that they might find Your comfort and love, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That this congregation and the remembrance of the still waters of our baptism might move us to share the loving care of the Good Shepherd with those in need in our community, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

(Intercessory Prayers)

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i *E7u* *oc* *a* *FJ*
i *ou* *Z* *FE*
W *or* *p* *BY*
i *D7c* *oh* *g* *EJ*

$\frac{e \quad l \quad r \quad m}{u \quad Z \quad x}$
S *EE6EAE8*

P Into Your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

[Please stand]

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, blessed are You. Before the foundation of the world You chose us to be Your children. You have liberated us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of Your dear Son, the very image and reflection of Your glory. For Him the universe was made. In Him we have received redemption and forgiveness of sins.

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the ✠ new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P When we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the death of the Lord until He comes.

C **Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

[Please be seated]

AGNUS DEI

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"I LOVE YOU LORD"

Words and Music by Laurie Klein

Arr. by Arnold B. Sherman

Sung by: All Things Possible and God's Grace

“O LORD, WE PRAISE THEE”

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1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee,
2 Thy ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en,
3 May God be - stow on us His grace and fa - vor



In thanks - giv - ing bow be - fore Thee. Thou with Thy
Life to win for us in heav - en. No great - er
That we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior And live to -



bod - y and Thy blood didst nour - ish Our weak souls that
love than this to Thee could bind us; May this feast there -
geth - er here in love and u - nion Nor de - spise this



they may flour - ish: O Lord, have mer - cy!
of re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
blest Com - mu - nion! O Lord, have mer - cy!



May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, That our
Lord, Thy kind - ness did so con - strain Thee That Thy
Let not Thy good Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead
blood should bless and sus - tain me. All our debt Thou hast paid;
heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see



In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer - cy!
Days of peace and u - ni - ty: O Lord, have mer - cy!

“STEP BY STEP”

Communion Song Book #9

O God, You are my God,
And I will ever praise You.
O God, You are my God,
And I will ever praise You.

I will seek You in the morning,
And I will learn to walk in Your ways.
And step by step You'll lead me,
And I will follow You all of my days.

And I will follow You all of my days,
And I will follow You all of my days,
And step by step You'll lead me,
And I will follow You all of my days.

[Please stand]

BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace unto life everlasting. Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P We pray together

All: **We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING”

LSB #924

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1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling

joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,

Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness,
ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found,
may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.



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Christianity is the only religion of the world to insist that reconciliation with the creator cannot ever be accomplished by our performance. Only through the revelation of a Savior, who would be the substitute sacrifice for all of our wrongdoing and make us right with God, can we finally overcome our sense of separation from the Almighty.

This is a gift and promise of life that we rejoice in and share with Christians around the world. We share with all Christians the desire that everyone would come to know Jesus and experience a life under “new management” – the grace and purpose of God.

Trinity is a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. We enjoy a blessed confessional heritage of Biblical Christianity with over 65 million Lutherans around the world and over 7 million Lutherans in the U.S. alone. What we know and believe comes only from the Bible, which is God’s inspired Word. While the Bible is certainly our guide for holy living, the primary purpose of the Bible is to reveal Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

We believe every Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church is a “little Easter”, a celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. We celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper every Sunday in all worship services. We believe the forgiveness and strength of faith we are promised through receiving the very body and blood of Christ is so greatly needed by all of God’s people, for we are truly a community of wounded healers. For a Christian Church to be anything else than a place of common fellowship and unity and a source of strength for our fragile faith is to fail its God-ordained purpose and intent.

Our pastor would like to be of service to you in any way he can. Feel free to call the church office or speak with Pastor Blair directly if you wish to find out more about the church or have more personal needs of a spiritual nature.



**TEACHING THE
LOVE OF
CHRIST**