

I AM THE  
**GOOD  
SHEPHERD**  
I KNOW MY SHEEP  
AND MY SHEEP  
KNOW  
**ME.**



JOHN 10:14, NIV

**APRIL 26, 2026**

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Trinity Lutheran Church, LCMS

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

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8:00am – Bailey & Dowbenko  
10:30am – Egeland/Soares

**Lectors**

8:00am – Kris Loffler  
10:30am – Sara Valentine

**Keyboard**

Joan Egeland

**Music Director**

Jan Garner

**Trinity Lutheran Church**

Reverend Bryan O'Connor

**Our Mission**



*“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 life of Jesus, our King of Kings!**

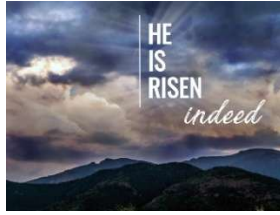
**OUR RITE OF FRIENDSHIP:**

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**



**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  
April 26, 2026**

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Welcome! We believe The Lord's Supper is a gracious gift instituted by Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and as a means of receiving God's grace. We believe that in the holy supper, the true body and blood of the Savior, along with the bread and wine, comes to us. We are encouraged by Jesus to commune frequently, and God tells us through St. Paul that we must examine ourselves in preparation for a worthy reception of the sacrament. This includes a confession of our sins, a proclamation of our faith, and a determination to lead a godlier life in the future. If you also acknowledge your sinfulness and your need for a Savior and recognize Christ's physical presence in the bread and wine, we invite you to join us at the Lord's table. Please enjoy our worship service!

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**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC** by *Joan Egeland*

**“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY”**

John Dykes , Arr. Carol Tornquist

**“JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA”**

Willaim Bradbury - Arr. Cindy Berry

**“MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE”**

Lowell Mason , Arr. Cindy Berry

**SPECIAL MUSIC** by *Sisters In Christ*

**“JESUS PAID IT ALL”**

Words by Elvina M. Hall/Music: John T. Grape

**“THE LILY OF THE VALLEY”**

Charles W. Fry; Arr. from William S. Hays

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**[Please stand]**

**OPENING HYMN "SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US"**  
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1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we  
 2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the  
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and  
 4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures  
 guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -  
 sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -  
 let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.  
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.  
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,  
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.  
 bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
 bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.  
 bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

**INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (BASED ON PSALM 23)

**P** The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures.

**C** **Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, we confess to You that many times we are unthankful for all You give us to sustain our bodies and lives. We long after things that are temporal and earthly, ignoring Your gifts and ignoring those around us in need. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**

**P** He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

**C** **Like sheep we are distracted and wander away. We forget who we are as baptized children of God and fail to respond to Your shepherding in our lives. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**

**P** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

**C** **In the deepest, darkest times of life, we struggle to be confident in Your presence and protection. When we don't feel Your presence, we conclude that You are not with us and have abandoned us. We seek to find our own solutions and comfort – at times withdrawing from Your powerful protection. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**

**P** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**C** **When life is going great and we stand above those who oppose us, we gloat in our own intelligence and abilities forgetting the One who bestows all the blessings in our lives. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**

**P** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**C** **As we walk through this broken world, we overlook the goodness and mercy that flows into our lives from You. We become short-sighted and locked up in the present, ignoring the hope and promise of a bright future in Your kingdom. Forgive us, Good Shepherd.**

**P** Jesus, our Good Shepherd, bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. Receive the forgiveness won for You through Christ's death and resurrection. I forgive you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

**P** Let us pray...Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, keep us from straying after other things that would harm our souls. Help us by Your Holy Spirit to hear and follow Your leading always, until that day when we are gathered with all Your sheep around Your

throne in heaven. We ask this in Your name, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

[Please be seated]

**HYMN OF PRAISE "HAVE NO FEAR, LITTLE FLOCK"**

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1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle  
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle  
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -  
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To  
flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In  
bove, For He stoops down to heal you, Up -  
God, For He stays close be - side you, In



give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
His love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!  
all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!

**+THE WORD++**

**FIRST READING**

**Acts 2:42-47**

**P** They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God

**SECOND READING****1 Peter 2:19-25**

**L** This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God

**ANTHEM** by *Sisters in Christ***“WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE IN ME”**

Words and Music by Reuben Morgan/Arr. by Lloyd Larson

**(please stand)****GOSPEL READING****John 10:11-18**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John the 10th chapter.

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

**P** [Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**[please be seated]**

**HYMN**

**“THE LAMB”**

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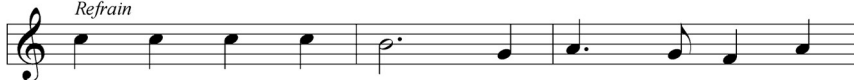


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?  
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.  
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill  
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.  
5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!  
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.  
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.  
He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.  
His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

*Refrain*



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

**SERMON**

*"Are You Comfortable Being a Sheep?"*

*John 10:11-18*

*Pastor Bryan O'Connor*

**[please stand]**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH – NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into

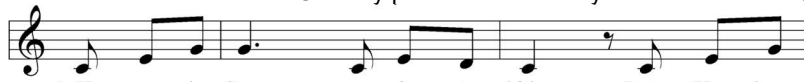
heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen


**[please be seated]**

**OFFERING HYMN: "LAMB OF GOD"**


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1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have  
2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and  
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have




sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a  
brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and




sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.  
fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

*Refrain*



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre-cious blood, My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

**P** Let us pray for the whole church of God and for all people according to their needs.  
(after each petition:

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** Hear our prayer

April Birthdays

26<sup>th</sup> - Roy Coombe & Betty Byard  
27<sup>th</sup> - Kathy Dowbenko & Linda Chamberlain  
30<sup>th</sup> - Frank Ross

April Anniversaries

30<sup>th</sup> - Roy & Beverly Coombe (10)

May Anniversaries

1<sup>st</sup> - Jay & Patti Paxton (50)  
John & Lynn Meissner (50)  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Walter & Georgie Erskine (61)  
Mike & Wanda David (56)

[please stand]

**COMMUNION LITURGY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** You, O Lord, have given us Jesus Christ, Your only Son, to live, die, and rise again.

**C** He is truly present with us in bread and wine.

**P** You, O Lord, are the One who brings renewal.

**C** You are the One who creates restoration.

**P** Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, who takes away the sin of the world.

**C** Holy, holy, holy are You, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** 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.

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**PEACE OF THE LORD**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

[please be seated]

## AGNUS DEI

### “O CHRIST, THE LAMB OF GOD”

Tune: LSB #895

O Christ, the Lamb of God,  
O Christ, our loving Shepherd;  
The sin of the whole globe  
You take away forever.

O Christ, the Lamb of God  
You take our sin away  
Grant now to us Your peace,  
Oh, hear us now we pray.

**NOTE:** *If you have a physical condition that would prohibit you from taking wine in the Lord's Supper, a few individual cups of white grape juice, instead of wine, are placed in the center of each communion tray for you. For those with a gluten allergy we now provide gluten-free wafers. Please help yourself to the gluten-free wafers located in the center of the tray.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### ANTHEM by *Sisters in Christ*

#### “WE REMEMBER YOU”

Words and music by: Walt Harrah/Arr. by Lloyd Larson

#### “THE LORD’S MY SHEPHERD, I’LL NOT WANT”

LSB #710 Text and tune: Public domain



1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; He makes me  
2 My soul He doth re - store a - gain And me to  
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I  
4 My ta - ble Thou hast fur - nish - ed In pres - ence  
5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life Shall sure - ly



down to lie In pas - tures green; He  
walk doth make With - in the paths of  
fear no ill; For Thou art with me,  
of my foes; My head Thou dost with  
fol - low me; And in God's house for -



lead - eth me The qui - et wa - ters by.  
righ - teous - ness, E'en for His own name's sake.  
and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still.  
oil a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.  
ev - er - more My dwell - ing place shall be.

## “SHEPHERD OF TENDER YOUTH”

LSB #864 Text and tune: Public domain



1 Shep - herd of ten - der youth, Guid - ing in  
2 You are the ho - ly Lord, O all - sub -  
3 You are the great High Priest; You have pre -  
4 O ev - er be our guide, Our shep - herd,  
5 So now, and till we die, Sound we Your



love and truth Through de - vious ways; Christ, our tri -  
du - ing Word, Heal - er of strife. Your - self You  
pared the feast Of ho - ly love; And in our  
and our pride, Our staff and song. Je - sus, O  
prais - es high And joy - ful sing: In - fants and



um - phant king, We come Your name to sing  
did a - base That from sin's deep dis - grace  
mor - tal pain None calls on You in vain;  
Christ of God, By Your en - dur - ing Word  
all the throng, Who to the Church be - long,



And here our chil - dren bring To join Your praise.  
You so might save our race And give us life.  
Our plea do not dis - dain; Help from a - bove.  
Lead us where You have trod; Make our faith strong.  
U - nite to swell the song To Christ, our king!

## “LORD JESUS CHRIST, LIFE-GIVING BREAD”

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1 Lord Je - sus Christ, life - giv - ing bread, May I in grace  
2 To pas - tures green, Lord, safe - ly guide, To rest - ful wa -  
3 O bread of heav'n, my soul's de - light, For full and free  
4 I do not mer - it fa - vor, Lord, My weight of sin



pos - sess You. Let me with ho - ly food be fed,  
ters lead me; Your ta - ble well for me pro - vide,  
re - mis - sion I come with prayer be - fore Your sight  
would break me; In all my guilt - y heart's dis - cord,

In hun-ger I ad-dress You. Pre-pare me well  
Your wound-ed hand now feed me. Though wea-ry, sin-  
In sor-row and con-tri-tion. Your righ-teous-ness,  
O Lord, do not for-sake me. In my dis-tress

for You, O Lord, And, hum-bly by my prayer im-plored,  
ful, sick, and weak, Ref-uge in You a-lone I seek,  
Lord, cov-er me That I re-ceive You wor-thi-ly,  
this com-forts me That You re-ceive me gra-cious-ly,

Give me Your grace and mer-cy.  
To share Your cup of heal-ing.  
As-sured of Your full par-don.  
O Christ, my Lord of mer-cy!

**[please stand]**

**PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray...Lord Jesus, our Shepherd King, we praise and thank You for the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation You give us in this meal. Continue to protect, guide, and provide for us, the people of Your pasture and the sheep of Your hands. Move us to share Your mercy and compassion with all people; for You reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** Amen.

**P** Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God!

**CLOSING HYMN "GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING"**

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1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing, Nev-er a-lone.  
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.  
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos-er to Me;  
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My  
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you  
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy-ful and free. Here My  
I the Lord will smile up-on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you Mine for-ev-er.  
heard My dear Son's sto-ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo-ry.  
Spir-it's pow-er filled you; Here His ten-der com-fort stilled you.  
Lord will be your Fa-ther, Sav-ior, Com-fort-er, and Broth-er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.  
Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.  
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy-ful and free.  
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.



*For you  
shall go  
out in*

**Joy**

*and be led  
forth in*

**Peace...**

**Isaiah 55:12, ESV**



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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 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.

We would like to be of service to you in any way we can. Feel free to call the church office if you wish to find out more about the church or have more personal needs of a spiritual nature.