

again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

CHILDREN'S TIME

SERMON

Silence for reflection.

***HYMN: "Shepherd Me, O God"**

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Ushers will gather Prayer Requests cards during the hymn.

*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

Confident that the resurrection of Christ has defeated sin and death, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

For the leaders of the church: bishops, pastors, lay professionals; for those who teach the gospel in our seminaries, colleges, and universities; that salvation be preached to all in word and deed, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the beauty of creation, for those who care for the land and all creatures, and for those who find recreation in natural resources, that all see God's goodness revealed there, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the rulers of nations, local and national leaders, and those who provide counsel to them, that they be guided by the command to love one another, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the sick, the imprisoned, those living with HIV/AIDS, and those who feel themselves living without hope, that they know the comfort of the Lord surrounding them, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For families and friends, for those absent from worship, and for those celebrating significant events in their lives, that the Holy Spirit guide all God's people in their work and their journeys, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In thanksgiving for those who have died and by whose lives we have been nourished, that we be bold in believing God's promise to be with us always, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Holy God, by the death and resurrection of your Son, you have granted new life, abundant renewal, and salvation. Hear our prayers for the sake of the one who has set us free, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

***CONGREGATIONAL OFFERTORY**



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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.

Word of God, Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL READING: John 10:11-18**

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹I 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

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."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23 (Spoken)

¹The LORD ¹is my shepherd;
I shall not ¹be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down ¹in green pastures
and leads me be- ¹side still waters.

³You restore my ¹soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways ¹for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall ¹fear no evil;

for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they ¹comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence ¹of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is ¹running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days ¹of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the ¹LORD forever.

Glory be to the Father and ¹to the Son:
and to the ¹Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now and e- ¹ver shall be:
world without end. ¹Amen.

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 3:16-24

A reading from First John.

¹⁶We know love by this, that he 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

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

***PROPER PREFACE**

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and forever. Amen.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Jesus said, "I am the true vine.
 Abide in me as I abide in you."

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"
 "Eat This Bread"**

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glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Refrain
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
Final refrain
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY: (In unison)**

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.

ANTHEMS: (10:30 a.m.) "Song of Ruth" and "The Gift of Love"
 Bel Canto Choir

FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

A reading from Acts.

⁵The next day their 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?"

***HYMN OF PRAISE:** (8:00 a.m. only)

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.


Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

***BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

***POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.
We give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven and the wine of love, Jesus our risen Savior.
As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness.
Amen.
Jesus Christ, the Word of life, bless you and send you to be his witnesses.
Amen.
God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you in the gift of baptism this day and always.
Amen.

PARISH SHARING TIME

***HYMN:** "Bread of Life from Heaven" (8:00 a.m.) #474

CHORAL BENEDICTION: (10:30 a.m.) "Deep Peace" Bel Canto Choir

***SENDING**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

***POSTLUDE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRIST IS PRESENT WITH US as we worship today. We are grateful that you are among us. If you are looking for a church home, please speak with Pastor Rachel and indicate your interest on the pew pad.

Welcome University Students! We gather Wednesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. at Trinity. There's a free supper, great conversation and informal worship.

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. White grape juice is available in the glass chalice. Gluten free bread is available. If you are unable to approach the communion rail, please let one of the ushers know, and we will come to you.

A nursery is provided during worship just off the South Lobby area, for children ages 5 and younger.

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS are found in the back of the pew in front of you. If you wish, please fill them out and hand them to the usher during the hymn after the sermon. PEW PADS are found at the inside end of each pew. Please sign, pass them down to the end, and then return them to the center.

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given to the glory of God by Laura & Kim Buckner in celebration of 33 years of Holy Matrimony.

TODAY WE WELCOME BEL CANTO CHOIR and thank them for their presence in worship.

Bel Canto is the premiere women's ensemble at the University of Wyoming. Made up of music majors and non-majors, Bel Canto represents an academically diverse cross section of the University. Dedicated to Musical Excellence and creating Beauty in Community through outreach and service, the women of Bel Canto are proud to belong to a family of Sister Singers.

THE FOUR ACTS OF PRAYER an adult study series continues today at 9:15 a.m. It includes a DVD by pastor and story-teller Walter Wangerin plus Bible Study. We meet in the Dahl Chapel off the Gruver Room.

INTER-FAITH GOOD SAMARITAN WALK TODAY at 2:00 p.m. @ the Civic Center. Registration begins at 1:15 p.m. on southeast side of the Civic Center located at 8th street and Custer. All proceeds go to direct services.

Let us confess our sins,
trusting that God will forgive us
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection)

Faithful and just God,
**we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We have not loved our sisters and brothers
as you have first loved us.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Let your Holy Spirit work in us
to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the abundant life
given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
Amen.**

In this is love,
not that we loved God but that God loved us
and sent the Son to atone for our sins.
In the name of + Jesus Christ,
I announce to you that your sins are forgiven.
Let the perfect love of God cast out fear,
fill you with joy,
and inspire you to live for others.
Amen.

***HYMN: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!"**

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***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.

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Sunday, April 26, 2015 – 4th Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

*Stand as you are able

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 sister or brother in need.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who calls us beloved children,
who gathers us into one flock,
who guides us into all truth.
Amen.

THE SENIOR HIGH YOUTH (SHY) are going bowling *today @ noon*. If you would like to participate, please contact Adam Huck @ 720-324-0520 or ahuck@uwyo.edu. Let him know so that enough lanes can be reserved.

AN APPRECIATION BREAKFAST to honor our church volunteers will be held at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, May 17th. Egg casseroles, juice and coffee will be provided. If you have served Trinity in any way this past year, please join us at this breakfast. Please sign up in the Gruver Room if you plan to attend. This will help the Hospitality Committee with planning.

A FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING will take place immediately following the brunch on May 17. If you are interested in any part of the Fellowship activities at Trinity, please come and learn how you can play a part and make a huge difference in the life of Trinity. Thank you for considering this service. Please contact Kris Oolman.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Sally Edgar, (April 27); Joshua Henry, (April 27); Lisa Klinker, (April 27); Tanya Schimek, (April 27); Karen Dockter, (April 28); Brent Rhodine, (April 29); Cheryl Wilson, (April 29); Garth Cossairt, (April 30); David Brinkman, (May 1) and Nick Moline, (May 1). Happy Birthday!

THE MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP will be meeting this Saturday morning, May 2 at 8:00 a.m. at the east *McDonald's*. Please join with us for breakfast and fellowship.

QUARTERLY REPORTS for the first quarter of 2015 are available on the small table in the north lobby area. Please pick yours up today. Thank you.

PLEASE RECYCLE THE BULLETINS: Feel free to take home any part of the bulletin that you would like. Recycle the rest at the ends of the back pew. Thanks

PREPARATION FOR NEXT WEEK: 5th Sunday of Easter: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-41; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8.

Serving the Church

TODAY (4/26)

Lector: 8:00 Maia Anderson
 10:30 Thom Edgar

Acolyte: 8:00 Connor Frick
 10:30 Derk Lyford

Ushers: 8:00 Al & Bobbie Schimek
 10:30 Ed & Lois Hiller

Greeters: 8:00 The Jablin Family
 10:30 Debbe, Lindsay & Lily Conyers

Nursery: 8:00 Lexi Dockter
 10:30 Lexi Dockter

NEXT SUNDAY (5/3)

8:00 Bob Middleton
 10:30 Mark Lyford

8:00 Madie Jablin
 10:30 Marlena Meyer

8:00 Morgan Mathison
 Janet Overman

10:30 Jason & Jolene Roesler

8:00 Jennie Lawrence
 Mark Rehwaldt

10:30 Georgia Mitchell
 Shirley Heggie

8:00 Hailey Anderson
 10:30 Tracy Kidwell

Stewards: Kris Oolman and Mark Stayton

Altar Guild: Judy Moline

Coffee Fellowship: Kris Oolman

This Week at Trinity

Sunday, April 26	8:00 a.m.	Worship
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Study
	9:15 a.m.	SS / Coffee Fellowship
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
Weds., April 29	12:00 p.m.	SHY Bowling
	10:00 a.m.	Women's Study
	6:00 p.m.	College Group Get-Together
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir
Saturday, May 2	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast @ east McDonald's

