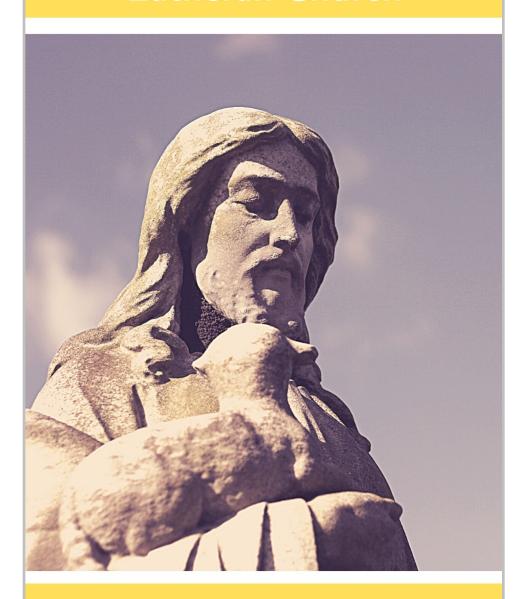
# Trinity Lutheran Church



Sunday, April 25, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Easter

#### WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

#### **PRELUDE**

#### WELCOME

#### **OPENING CALL TO WORSHIP**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

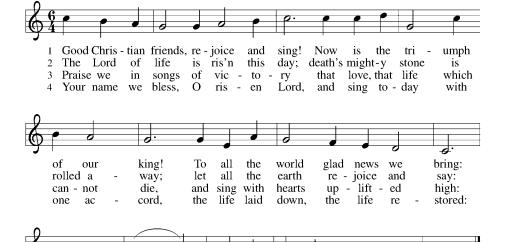
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#### **GATHERING HYMN:**

Al - le - lu - ia,

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! (ELW 385)



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#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the 

→ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

If we are honest with ourselves, our hearts condemn us. But God, who knows everything, is greater than our hearts; and God's deep desire for us is mercy, love, and peace. Therefore let us confess our sin.

Amen.

Shepherding God,

Have mercy on us. We talk about love, but our actions betray us. We talk about love, but we neglect the poor.

We talk about love, but we fail to love one another.

Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, and abide in us by the power of your Spirit so that our lives may show our love for Jesus Christ, in whose body we live and in whose name we pray. Amen.

We seek God's grace with boldness because we trust in Jesus Christ, the One who loves us and laid down his life for us.

This is the good news of the gospel:

in + Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

#### **EASTER HYMN:**

#### You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (ELW 484)



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

We are your people, O God the sheep of your pasture, the flock you have gathered. Lead us beside still waters; teach us the way of righteousness; and feed us at your table; through Jesus Christ, our good shepherd.

Amen.

#### FIRST READING: Acts 4:5-12

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

A reading from Acts.

<sup>5</sup>The next day the rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let 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. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone.'

<sup>12</sup>There 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**

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 John 3:16-24

A reading from 1 John.

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

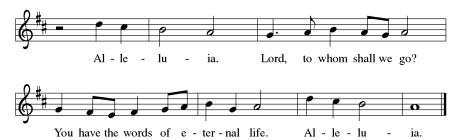
<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And 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. <sup>24</sup>All 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.

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#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said: <sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The 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. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I 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. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No 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 again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

#### **SERMON**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY:**

#### The King of Love My Shepherd Is (ELW 502)







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- thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

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#### NICENE CREED

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 INTERCESSION

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

As the lector closes each petition:

Hear Us O God.

The people respond:

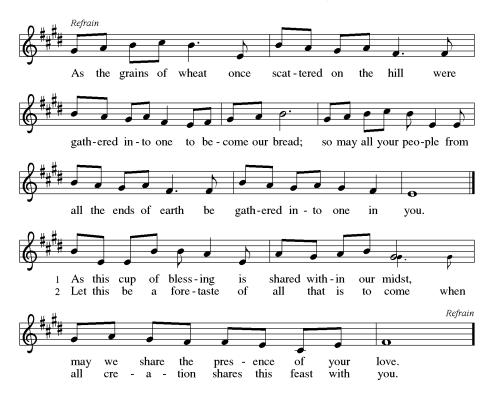
Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### OFFERTORY HYMN: As the Grains of Wheat (ELW 465)



#### **OFFERING**

Please place offering at the end of service as you leave the church.

#### OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.

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.

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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**

#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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,

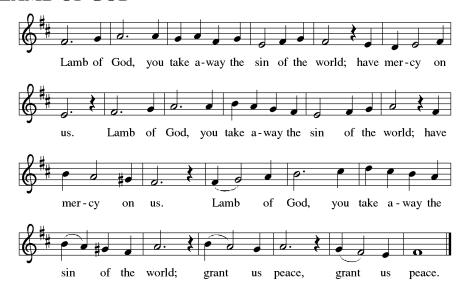
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

#### LAMB OF GOD



#### **COMMUNION**

White grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

#### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

#### **BLESSING**

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

#### SENDING HYMN: This Joyful Eastertide (ELW 391)



#### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

#### **POSTLUDE**

### **Trinity Happenings:**

**Wednesday, April 28:** 10:00 am Women's Bible Study

**Sunday, May 2:** 9:00 am Worship Service

10:15 am Fellowship

**Wednesday, May 5:** 10:00 am Women's Bible Study

**Sunday, May 9:** 9:00 am Worship Service

10:15 am Fellowship

QUESTIONS ABOUT GIVING? If you ever have any questions about your financial gifts to Trinity, please contact Trinity's financial secretary, Alison Shaver, at alebeda@uwyo.edu. If you need an up-to-date statement of giving, please contact the church office.

#### 2021 Year-To-Date as of March 31, 2021

**Expenses** - \$53,123.59 **Income** - \$64,176,22

THOSE NEEDING OUR PRAYERS: Please keep the following members in your prayers this week: The Baldwin Family and Emily Consonni. If there is someone that could be added to the Trinity Prayer Chain, please inform Jennie Lawrence by email at missjennae@yahoo.com.



## TRINITY **TRUMPET**

Sign up for our weekly email newsletter to get weekly news and special event emails from Trinity

Sign up at the Hub today!

## Congratulations

To newlyweds

Duane Hemsher & Michelle Capps

Wed on April 17, 2021



# Volunteer Sign Up LET US KNOW HOW YOU CAN SERVE!



- USHERS
   VOCALISTS
- READERS
   FELLOWSHIP
- COMMUNION
   FLOWERS

SIGN UP SHEETS AT THE HUB

### **Serving in Worship**

**TODAY: April 25, 2021** 

Lector: Logan Raper Ushers and Greeters: Bredenhoft Family Communion: OPEN

Altar Guild: Andrea Wilkison

NEXT SUNDAY: May 2, 2021

**Lector: OPEN** 

**Ushers and Greeters:** OPEN

**Communion:** OPEN **Altar Guild:** Mary Flores

If you wish to serve in worship Sign Up sheets are at the Hub.

Thank you!

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