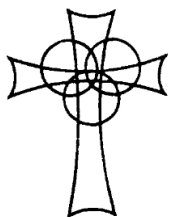


He who  
enters by the  
door is the  
shepherd of  
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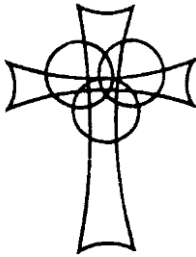
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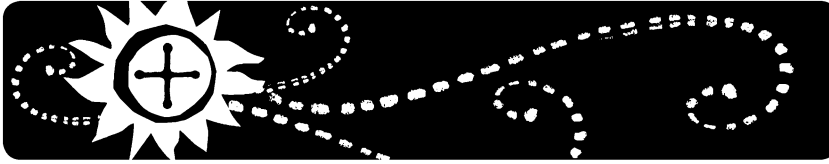


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## Fourth Sunday of Easter

*Good Shepherd Sunday*  
APRIL 26, 2026

***WELCOME TO WORSHIP!***

***Alleluia! Christ is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

The Pastor and People of Trinity Lutheran are glad that you are joining us in worship today. We are an “Easter People.” As such, we celebrate Christ’s victory over sin and death not only one Sunday of the Year, but every Sunday! Jesus Christ is worshipped here as the Living Lord and is seen alive as He comes to us in His Word and Sacraments. We pray that you will discover the same Lord Jesus as you worship with us today.

***PRAYER UPON ENTERING WORSHIP***

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.

***CONCERNING HOLY COMMUNION***

Lutherans believe that in this Sacrament the very Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are present in, with, and under the physical elements of bread and wine. And this Sacrament is distributed to the Baptized of the Church who believe in the Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, sincerely repent of their sins, and desire to receive God’s forgiveness in this Holy Meal. Those who are present at this celebration who are baptized, have been instructed in the meaning of this Supper, and believe likewise are welcome to commune with us at this Altar today. Anyone who desires, child or adult, may come forward to receive a blessing.

Persons who have questions about what Lutherans believe or have any spiritual concerns are asked to speak with an Usher so that they can direct you to the Pastor so that you may speak with him before communing.



## The Divine Service of Word and Sacrament in the Season of Easter

*Divine Service, Setting One*  
*Lutheran Service Book, Page 151ff*

✠ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✠

### ✠ The Preparation ✠

The Prelude

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia”

The Words of Welcome

*The Congregation rises.*

The Opening Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 463*

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia”



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Hail, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
All your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



Of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
When con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



At the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1809–81, alt.*

*Tune: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, c. 1781–1821*

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The Invocation and Easter Acclamation:

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Confession of Sins and Absolution:

**P** Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

**C** **We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.**

*Romans 6:3-4*

**P** Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again. The death He died, He died to sin, once for all. The life He lives, He lives to God. Knowing that we have been raised with Christ, let us confess our sins that our lives may be raised and renewed by the power of His forgiveness.

*from Romans 6:9-11*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*



**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we 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 you and for His sake forgives you all your 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.**

✠ **The Service of the Word** ✠

The Introit of the Day

*Psalm 95:1-3, 6-7a; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*

**P** I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

**C** **Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

**P** Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

**C** **For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.**

**P** Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

**C** **For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**P** I am the good shepherd.

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

The Kyrie Eleison:

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

*Alleluia!*

The Hymn of Praise

*This Is the Feast*

*Refrain*

**C** 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  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*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.

The Salutation and Collect of the Day:



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*The Congregation is seated.*

The First Reading

*Acts 2:42-47*

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup>And all who believed were together and had all things in common. <sup>45</sup>And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>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.



The Epistle

*1 Peter 2:19-25*

<sup>19</sup>This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>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.

*The Congregation rises.*

The Gradual and Verse

*adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6  
Romans 6:9; John 10:14*

**P** Christ has risen from the dead.

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

**C** He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;  
he has put all things under his feet.

**P** Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

**C** death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia.

**P** Alleluia. I am the good shepherd.

**C** I know my own and my own know me. Alleluia.

Alleluia!

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

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and 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.”

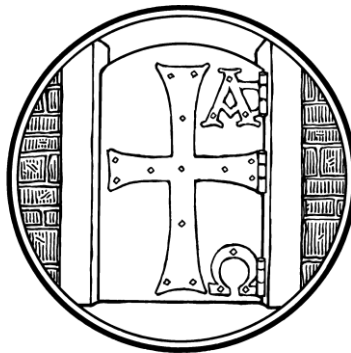
**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*The Congregation is seated.*



The Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 915

“Today Your Mercy Calls Us”



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.  
 2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in  
 3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;  
 4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,  
 Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.  
 His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.  
 What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,  
 The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,  
 No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;  
 When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.  
 A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.  
 Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.  
 We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

*Text: Oswald Allen, 1816–78, alt.*

*Tune: ANTHES, Friedrich K. Anthes, 1812–after 1857*

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The Sermon

Of Doors and Shepherds

Text: John 10:1-10

*The Congregation rises.*



The Nicene Creed:

**C** 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.

The Prayer of the Church:

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Let us pray for the flock gathered by the Good Shepherd, the Holy Christian Church throughout the world, that she would listen to the beckoning Word of truth by which her Shepherd calls her to Himself and keeps her in the one true faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Let us pray for those who are persecuted and martyred because of faith in Christ, that the Lord God would be their strength and salvation in all trials, and that their baptized brothers and sisters may love them in word and deed. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Let us pray for the proclamation of the Name of Jesus in all the earth, that all the baptized may give testimony to Jesus' resurrection and shout joyfully His saving deeds among the peoples. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

- P** Let us pray for our Trinity and Mekane Yesus congregations, that as the Lord has called and gathered us to be His flock in this place we may ever be moved by the Lord to remain faithful to Him and to be about His will and work. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for the governments of the world whose service of law and order is for the benefit of all, that they may pursue those policies and actions that engender peace, protect human life, and encourage all people to serve their neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for all those in need: the lonely and destitute, the sick and the dying, and especially all those we remember now at this altar: \_\_\_\_\_, asking that the Lord may hear their cries of isolation, pain, and suffering and anoint their heads with the joy and peace that flows from His life-giving cup. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for those who mourn the death of loved ones (especially \_\_\_\_\_), that they may be comforted with the knowledge that their loved ones forever rest in the arms of the Good Shepherd. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us rejoice with those who have received special blessings from God, especially \_\_\_\_\_; and we pray that all of God's people would continue to offer their thanks and praise to the Lord for every blessing given to them from His gracious hand. Lord, in Your mercy  
**C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for all the people and concerns that have been committed to our prayers, especially \_\_\_\_\_, and all that which we name before the Lord now in the silence of our hearts... We pray that the Lord will indeed hear these prayers and grant them all according to His good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for all who commune today, that coming to the Table prepared by our Good Shepherd we may receive His Body and Blood to nourish and strengthen our faith. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord for St. Philip and St. James, Athanasius, and all those who have walked through the valley of the shadow of death and now dwell in the house of the Lord awaiting the resurrection of all flesh, especially those whom we now remember in our hearts.... And we pray that He would keep us also faithful until death and finally grant to us the crown of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**C** **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace:

**P** The Risen Christ came and stood among His disciples and said, “Peace be with you.” Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.  
The Peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** **And also with you.**

*The Congregation is seated.*



✠ The Service of the Sacrament ✠

The Hymn of Preparation

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 740

“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at  
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my  
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,  
 staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,  
 Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
 In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He  
 By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
 bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
 to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

*Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724–82; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941*

*Tune: WEIL ICH JESU SCHÄFLEIN BIN, Choral-Buch . . . Brüder-Gemeinen, 1784, Leipzig*

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*The Congregation rises.*

The Preface Dialogue:

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so 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.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

The *Sanctus*:



**C** 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.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving:

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His Body and His Blood on the cross. Gathered in the Name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His Body and drink His Blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

The Words of Our Lord:

**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.”

The Proclamation of Christ and the Lord’s Prayer:

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

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

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your Body and Blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So 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.

The *Pax Domini*:

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



**C** A - men.

The *Agnus Dei*:



**C** 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.

The *Congregation is seated*.



## The Distribution of Holy Communion

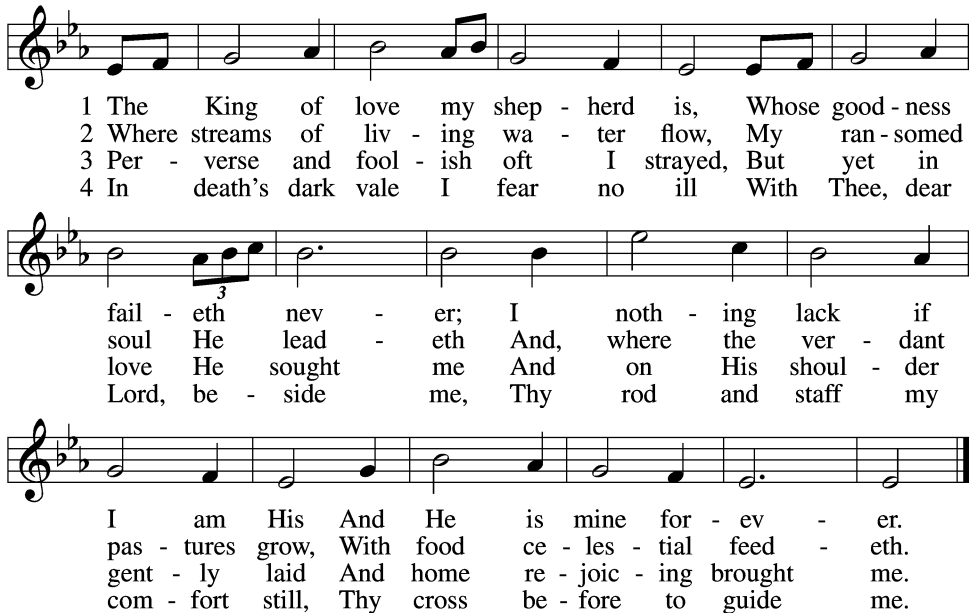
*Holy Communion is celebrated in this place in the joyful confidence that Jesus Christ Himself comes to us to give us in bread and wine His very Body and Blood to offer to us the forgiveness of sins. All Baptized Christians who have been instructed in the meaning of this Sacrament and confess with us Christ's Real Presence in this Holy Meal are welcome to commune with us at this Altar. A fuller explanation of what Lutherans believe concerning Holy Communion may be found on page one of this worship folder.*

*Holy Communion is distributed to the congregation at the chancel rail. Please follow the direction of the ushers to make your way to the Altar. You may kneel or stand as you feel comfortable. The Sacrament is distributed in the following manner...Please extend your hand to the assistant to receive the Body of Christ. Christ's Blood may be received in one of two ways, using that which you feel most comfortable: 1) individual cups containing wine and white grape juice will be offered by the Pastor, or 2) drinking from the chalice. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.*

## The Distribution Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 709*

### "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant  
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der  
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my

I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.  
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

*The Hymn continues on the next page...*

- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
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!

*Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–77*

*Tune: ST. COLUMBA, Irish, c. 18th cent.*

*Text and tune: Public domain*

*The Congregation rises.*

The Post-Communion Canticle:

*Thank the Lord*



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

*Alleluia!*

The Post-Communion Collect:

**P** Let us pray.

We give You thanks, almighty and merciful God, that You have refreshed us with Your Holy Sacrament; and we beseech You to pour out upon our hearts the Spirit of Your love, and to unite in peace those whom You have fed with the true Paschal Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



The Benediction:

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.



The Dismissal:

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**P** Go in peace to love and to serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

**C** Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

The Hymn to Depart

*Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 711*

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”





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.

*Text: Hymns for the Young, 1836, 4th ed., London, alt.*

*Tune: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816-68*

*Text and tune: Public domain*

The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

✠ *To God Be All Praise and Glory!* ✠

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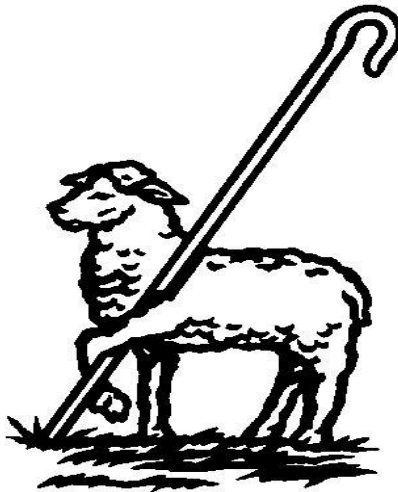
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### *THOSE WHO SERVE US THIS MORNING IN WORSHIP*

The Celebrant & Preacher  
The Lector  
The Communion Assistant  
The Worship Assistant  
The Parish Musician

The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel  
Sarah Lydia McCoyer  
Helen Joynes  
Paul Ritter  
Skip Hall



## NOTES AND NEWS

*LARGE PRINT HYMNALS* ... Copies of the *Lutheran Service Book* in Large Print are available for use during worship for those who may have need of them. You may find them on the literature table at the rear of the sanctuary, and please return them there following the service.

*MOVIE AFTERNOON* ... Our friends at Ascension Lutheran are hosting a viewing of the film, "Facing the Giants", this coming Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The event cost is \$10 which includes hot dog, chips, popcorn, a can of soda, and candy. Doors will open at 2:30 PM and the movie will begin at 3 PM. Ascension is located at 7415 Buchanan Street, Landover Hills, MD 20784.

*HYATTSVILLE CROP WALK* ... Get your walking shoes ready, it's just one week until the Hyattsville CROP Walk. This year's CROP Walk will take place at Driskell Park in Hyattsville, **Next Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1 PM**. You can register as a walker with the Trinity team here:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/team/trinity-lutheran-mt-rainier-md>

or by using the link found on our church website's homepage.

See Sarah Lydia ([slmccoyer@gmail.com](mailto:slmccoyer@gmail.com)) for details on joining the team, donating, or helping out in other ways

*OUR PRAYER LIST* ... We are pleased to have an active ministry of prayer among us, attested by the weekly "O Christ, Hear Us" page in the bulletin, inviting us all to remember these persons and needs in our prayer during worship at Trinity and in our own personal prayers during the week. We kindly ask you to also help us keep this list current and up to date by letting us know of any changes or deletions which need to be made. To do this please contact Pastor or the church office with a note that can be placed in the offering basket at church, or with an email.

*ALTAR FLOWERS* ... The flower chart for **2026** is available for you to donate floral arrangements to adorn the Lord's Altar in honor of special occasions or in memory of loved ones. The chart can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. The donation for a single arrangement remains at **\$50.00**, mainly owing to delivery charges, which we hope will not increase. If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email ([trinity-elc-office@verizon.net](mailto:trinity-elc-office@verizon.net)).

*LUTHERAN RADIO ONLINE AND ON THE AIR FOR YOU THIS WEEK:*

**KFUO Radio**, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUE.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUOradio on [Facebook](#), [X](#), and [Instagram](#).

**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org:** Sharathon 2026 is finally here, and you don't want to miss out on the fun! Join us from Thursday, April 30th-Saturday, May 2nd for live programming, giveaways, and more! To learn more or to make a gift to KFUE Radio, visit [kfuo.org/sharathon](http://kfuo.org/sharathon). It is your support that makes our work possible!

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR ...** Offer up your plans to God in prayer and see what God does with them. Let your plans become prayers that lead you to praise. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, May 3, 2026, for this message from Lutheran Hour Speaker, the Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "Planning Is Everything". The Lutheran Hour can be heard online on KFUE.org on Sundays at 12:30 PM and 5:00 PM, as well as on SiriusXM's Family Talk 131 channel on Sundays at 10:00 AM. For more ways to listen, to hear messages on demand, or for more information on this media ministry, visit the Lutheran Hour Ministries website at [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org), and click on "The Lutheran Hour" link. You can also view many of the other devotional and spiritual life materials provided by Lutheran Hour ministries as well.

**OTHER MEDIA MINISTRIES FOR YOUR LISTENING AND VIEWING ...**

**LUTHERAN PUBLIC RADIO**     [lutheranpublicradio.org](http://lutheranpublicradio.org)  
24/7 internet radio station with *Sacred Music for the World*.

**ISSUES, ETC**     [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org)  
A program of *Christ-Centered, Cross-Focused Talk Radio*.  
Airs Monday-Friday from 4-6 p.m. ET, both on its website and on [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org).  
Archived shows are also available to listen to at any time.

**WORSHIP ANEW**     [worshipanew.org](http://worshipanew.org)  
Weekly Lutheran Worship services online and devotions.

*REMEMBERING THE SAINTS ...* In our weekly Prayer of the Church, the final petition is dedicated to all of the Faithful Departed who are now with the Lord and a part of the Church Triumphant. As a part of this remembrance, we recall by name the saints who are on the calendar of Feasts, Festivals, and Commemorations of our church and remembered during the current week. Some have asked for more information about these saints; so, biographies for each saint, along with a prayer and suggested Scripture readings, are now available for you on our church website.

*THIS WEEK'S FEAST AND COMMEMORATIONS...*

May 1                **St. Philip and St. James, Apostles**

May 2                **Athanasius of Alexandria, Pastor & Confessor**

Visit <http://tlcmr.org/worship/celebrating-the-saints/> where you can learn more about the cycle of saints' days on the church calendar and find the biographies for each saint listed by month.

*COMPASSION CENTER NEWS...* Our Compassion Center is open and is serving members of our community with their needs for food and clothing. If you are able to volunteer during the Center's open hours, please contact Elma. Thank you all for your continued help and support and prayers.

There continues to be increased need to help feed those in our community. In order to keep our pantry shelves well-stocked to meet the needs of our neighbors, we will continue to receive your generous donations of food. All non-perishable foods are welcome, and especially needed items include:

Cereal; Peanut Butter; Pasta and Pasta Sauce; Macaroni & Cheese; Rice; Soups;  
Canned Tuna and Chicken; Canned Fruit; Canned Vegetables (both green and color)

Clothing donations are also welcome. There is a need for boys' (sizes 10-18), girls' (sizes 10-14), and men's (especially small and medium) clothing.

There is always a demand for diapers and wipes, especially sizes 3, 4, 5, and pull-ups 2T-4T.

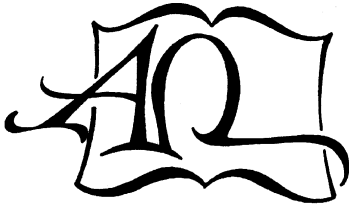
Donations can be dropped off at the Center during Center hours. And you can also leave your donations at church, and we will make sure that they are delivered to the Compassion Center. Thank you for your loving and generous support.

Center Hours: Mondays & Tuesdays: 10 AM – 4 PM

Wednesdays: 10 AM – 2 PM

Elma Pervaiz, Coordinator, LMS Compassion Center, Hyattsville, MD

Center Phone Number: 301-277-2302, ext. 23



*PREPARING FOR THE COMING SUNDAY ...*

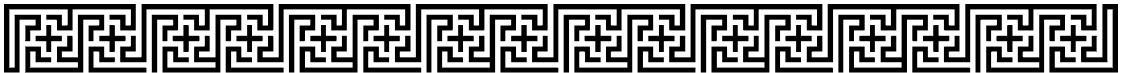
The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

Scripture Readings: Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14



**PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 26 – MAY 3**

*May Be Subject to Change*

<b>Today</b>	<b><i>The Fourth Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday</i></b>	
	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	12:00 PM	EECMYM Worship (at church in person)
<b>Monday</b>	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:00 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Compassion Center Open
<b>Thursday</b>	9:00 AM—Noon	Church Office Open
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b><i>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</i></b>	
	9:30 AM	Worship Service with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	10:45 AM	Trinity Singers Rehearsal
	12:00 PM	EECMYM Worship (at church in person)



## CHURCH STATISTICS



Sunday, April 19, 2026

Worship Attendance: 20; Communed: 19.

### *MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR MARCH 2026:*

General Offerings received (5 Sundays): \$20,626

General Offerings needed to meet the budget: \$13,935

Withdrawals from Thrivent (money market): \$0

Balance in Thrivent mutual funds: \$49,820 (as of 12/31/25)

*God is good, all the time! Our strong offerings in March balanced out our shortfall from January and February. This helps as we prepare for a few larger expenses in April. Many thanks to all!*



✠ **O Christ, Hear Us!** ✠

**Intercessions for the Week of April 26, 2026**

**Prayers for Continued Healing and Help**

*For Members of Our Trinity Family:*

Julie & Kenny Gilroy, Diane Hines, Travis Joynes, Waymond Joynes, August Kruelle, David Peele, Tracy Peele, Ernie Ritter, Paul Ritter, Angela Tankesley, and Judy Welch

*For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:*

Luke Wright, grandson of Charlie & Jean Reichelt

Susan Krahling, relative of Gus & Betty Kruelle

Britnany Tankesley, niece of Lynda Pfeil

Juliet Dowling, mother of Ras-I Dowling

Linda Kruelle, daughter of Gus & Betty Kruelle

Caron Janko, former Concordia Teacher

Jari Zickuhr, former Concordia Teacher

Nathan Simon, son of Art Simon

Bernie Salemie, friend of Trinity

Robin Peele, daughter of Vincent & Tracy Peele

Doris Peele, mother of Vincent Peele

Orbelina Flores & Family, mother of former Concordia Students

Kay & Bob Kerstetter, relatives of Carole Dingess

Kumar Krishnan, co-worker's spouse of Joyce Varona

Craig Damron, husband of Edith Damron  
Steve Groo, father-in-law of Michelle

Varona

Denise Watkins, fiancée of Mark Carr

Raymond Elias, brother of Joy Sandiford

Daniel Thomas, friend of Cullen Elias

Mr. Emanuel, husband of Shelda Emanuel

Mary Gillis, former Concordia Teacher

Laura Godwin, granddaughter of

Gus & Betty Kruelle

Jim Wallace, friend of Michelle Varona

Millie Valentin, co-worker of Joyce Varona

Dale Kruelle, son of Gus Kruelle

Pat Dodson, mother of Kim Schiebel

Sean Smith, friend of Joyce & Dave Varona

Eleanor Droege, former Concordia Teacher

Kelly Williams, co-worker's spouse of

Joyce Varona

Leo Caito, relative of Carole Dingess

Carolyn Beus, daughter of Susan Kennedy

Ann Lavezzo, friend of Judy Welch

**Thanksgivings and Blessings**

Kristina Pfeifer, August Kruelle, Robin Smith, Darla Yaun, Bonnie Priebe, Brandon Pfeifer, and Emily Sahadeo, who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Gus & Noel Pratico, who celebrate their wedding anniversary this week.

## We Keep In Our Prayers

- ✘ Our Trinity family, our ministries, and our mission.
- ✘ Pastor Gugssa Biru and the people of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus in Maryland.
- ✘ For the Lord to continue to move the hearts of our Trinity Members to a deeper realization of our part in His mission to the world and to be *Ablaze!* with a desire to tell the Good News about Jesus with those whom we come into contact in our lives.
- ✘ For the work of our Compassion Center, for Elma Pervaiz, our center coordinator, and for Redeemer Lutheran and the Lutheran Mission Society, our mission partners.
- ✘ For our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer persecution for the faith and Name of Jesus, even to the point of shedding their blood.
- ✘ For peace in our world, especially in those places that are affected by war, oppression, or acts of terror.
- ✘ Our government leaders, and for the members of our armed forces.
- ✘ For all those affected and recovering from the effects of natural disasters.
- ✘ For peace and reconciliation that brings an end to racism and bigotry in our nation and world.
- ✘ For calm, civility, and peace in our nation's political and social discourse.
- ✘ For peace in our neighborhoods and for an end to violence.
- ✘ For the students, teachers, and staff in our educational institutions.
- ✘ For all those we know who are sick, who grieve, and who are in any need of prayer.





***Celebrating the Gift of Ninety-Five Years of  
God's Love and Grace!***

***...as it was in the beginning,  
is now,  
and will be forever.  
Amen!***

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