



April 2024

TRINITY EV.
LUTHERAN
NICOLLET, MN
Pastor Micah Plocher

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
March 31 7 am Sunrise Worship 8 am Easter Breakfast 9 am Worship/comm	April 1 No Worship or Bible Study	2 3:15 Faculty 7 pm Elders	3 3:30 pm NPS Catechism	4 1:30 pm Ladies Guild 7:00 pm Board of Ed	5 8:00 am TLS Chapel	6
7 9 am Worship/comm 10:30 am Fellowship 10:45 Kids in Christ & Bible Class 3:00 pm TNT Bowling Outing	8 6 pm Worship 7 pm Bible Study	9 MN District Pastors Conference-3 days	10 3:30 pm NPS Catechism	11	12 8:00 am TLS Chapel 1:00 pm TLS Early Dismissal for Carnival Set-Up	13 11-3 am CEA CARNIVAL 7 pm Women, Wine & Word
14 9 am Worship 10:30 am Fellowship 10:45 Kids in Christ & Bible Class	15 6 pm Worship 7 pm Bible Study	16 3:15 Faculty 7 pm Council	17 3:30 pm NPS Catechism 7:00 pm Foundations	18	19 8:00 am TLS Chapel 5:30 pm CEA Family Night	20
21 9 am Worship/comm 10:30 am Quarterly Voters meeting 10:45 Kids in Christ 12:00 pm Potluck	22 6 pm Worship 7 pm Bible Study	23 5:30 pm-Telling the Next Generation	24 3:30 pm NPS Catechism 6:00 pm CEA Meeting 7:00 pm Foundations	25	26	27 9 am Adopt a Hwy Cleanup
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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  APRIL 28, 2024

THIS IS HOW WE KNOW WE HAVE THE TRUTH

Sheep listen to their shepherd. God's flock of believers listen to their Good Shepherd Jesus. There are many voices and messages that speak from a worldly point of view. They contradict what Jesus has told us, but we are not misled. Jesus has revealed the truth to us in his Word. His testimony is reliable because his resurrection proves that he has come from God and speaks for God. When we remain in his Word, we overcome falsehood and are safe in the care of the One who laid down his life and took it back up for us.

THE MISSION OF TRINITY

*The members of Trinity are joined together in Jesus' love to **worship** our Lord, **grow** in his Word, and **share** it with others.*

WELCOME TO TRINITY! We're happy you're here! Thank you for joining us this morning to worship our gracious God. This **worship folder** has everything you'll need for the service except some of our songs and hymns. For those, you'll be able to find the words on the projector screen in the front of the church and the music in the blue hymnal.

We love to see **families worshipping together**, and to see little children coming to Jesus unhindered. There's no better way to teach your children how important their relationship with Jesus is! However, if you would like a place to quiet your little ones' "joyful noises," there is a **nursery** down the hall on the south side of the building. There, you'll find a television streaming the service so you can follow along until you feel comfortable returning to the sanctuary.

The **restrooms** are located to the left as you exit the sanctuary. If you need anything before, during, or after the service, our **ushers** will be happy to assist you.

God bless your worship with us today!

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THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sun. (4/28)	9:00 am 10:45 am	Worship Kids in Christ
Mon. (4/29)	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Worship Bible Study
Tues. (4/30)	3:15 pm	Faculty Meeting
Wed. (5/1)	3:30 pm 7:00 pm	NPS Catechism New Foundations Class
Thurs. (5/2)	1:30 pm	Ladies Guild
Fri. (5/3)	8:00 am 6:00 pm	TLS Chapel TLS Entertainment Night

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday 9:00 am	176
Sunday streaming	20
Monday 6:00 pm	18

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday 10:45 am	N/A
Kids in Christ	19
Monday 7:00 pm	10
Monday Virtual	7

SUNDAY GIVING

General Fund	6495.56
Vanco/GF	657.85
Capital	201.60

MINISTER: Pastor Micah Plocher

BULLETIN: Vic & Marlene Johnson for their 64th Anniversary

ACCOMPANIST: Kellsie Wasser

SPECIAL THANKS to all others who served in worship today, including our video and screen coordinators, ushers, greeters, and special musicians.

Hymn

551 Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

AREA NEWS

LUTHERAN GIRL PIONEER CAMP: This camp will be held **June 13-15th** at Flandrau St. Park in New Ulm, MN for completed K-12th Grade BUT the registration is due **May 1** (*No T-shirts will be available after May 1*). See the display in the Narthex. Registration sheets are also available on the table.

MVL PRISM CONCERT: Join us at MVL for the Prism Concert on Saturday, May 4th either from 5-6 pm or from 8-9 pm. It's sure to be a fun time.

MLC FORUM CHILDREN'S THEATRE: ALICE IN WONDERLAND: Saturday, May 4, 3:00 & 7:00 PM. Join us on May 4 for Martin Luther College children's theatre production of *Alice in Wonderland!* In this endearing version of Lewis Carroll's memorable story, Alice's quest to find the Queen's missing tarts leads her through a maze of incredible and suspenseful adventures, along with familiar characters and events from the classic story. Tickets are \$3 for all attendees and will be sold at the door only, beginning 30 minutes before each show time. Visit mlc-wels.edu/forum for more information.

AREA ASCENSION SERVICE & GRILL-OUT: Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Mankato is holding an Ascension Day service on Thursday May 9th at 6:30pm. Starting at 5pm you are invited to a community grill out, where a free will donation will be collected for the "Connections" homeless shelter in Mankato. Join with brothers and sisters in Christ to rejoice in the one who prepares a place for us in the Father's kingdom of glory!

THE 2024 NATIONAL WORSHIP CONFERENCE will be in Kenosha, WI, **July 30-August 2, 2024**. This conference is for any WELS member who has an interest in *what* we do in worship and *why* we do it. Its goal is to exhibit excellent gospel-centered worship in various styles, enrich attendees' appreciation for worship, and energize church members to use their gifts at their home congregations. For more information, visit welsworshipconference.net. Indicate interest to Pastor Plocher.

This Is the Feast

938 *This Is the Feast* sts. Ref-5, Final Refrain



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: v. 4
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. Refrain
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia! Final Refrain



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TRINITY NEWS

MVL MUSICAL: Have a free day? On *Sunday, April 28th*, come see MVL's spring musical "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" at 2 pm!

TNT PICKLEBALL & BONFIRE: Trinity Nicollet Teens are planning to get together to play pickleball on *Sunday, April 28th at 6:00 PM*. We'll meet at church and go from there. Direct questions to Sarah or Olivia Enter.

CRUISIN' ON PINE & 99: We will once again host a pork chop stand at the bi-weekly roll-in, starting *May 9th* – just a few weeks away! A sign-up sheet is on the Narthex bulletin board for helping with cash register, food service, set-up, and grilling. It would be wonderful if school and church families could each take 1 time during the Summer to help on an event day from 5-8 pm. Direct questions to Larry Bruegger at 507-420-9195.

NEW DAY PREGNANCY BABY BOTTLES: Help support at-risk mothers! Please take a baby bottle from the narthex, fill it with coins, and return it by June 1st. We will send in your donation to New Day Pregnancy Center.

LADIES GUILD: The next meeting of the Ladies Guild will be on *May 2nd*. They are going to Schmidt's Meat for a tour of the facilities. Please **RSVP** to Judy Wilking at 507-351-0659 by *Sunday, April 28*. Everyone is welcome!

TRINITY SOCCER BIBLE CAMP: This year's camp will be held July 6-8 from 5:30-7:30 pm. You need to register by June 22 to receive a camp shirt. Go to www.trinitynicollet.org to register.

TRINITY DIRECTORY: The Trinity Directory password has changed on the website due to hacker activity. We had to make it stronger so if you need the password, please call the office and I will give it to you. We are not going to send out an email with it, just to be safe.

ASCENSION SERVICES: Set time aside on *May 9th* at 6:30 pm for the ascension of our Lord.

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Acts 20:28-32

²⁸Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. ³⁰Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. ³¹So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.

³²"Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

The children are invited to come forward for a message designed specially for them.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 23F My Shepherd Will Supply My Need



1 My shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je -
2 When I walk through the shades of death, his
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at -



ho - vah is his name; in pas - tures fresh he
pres - ence is my stay; one word of his sup -
tend me all my days; oh, may his house be



makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
my a - bode and all my work be praise.



He brings my wan - d'ring spir - it back when
His hand, in sight of all my foes, will
There would I find a set - tled rest while



I for - sake his ways and leads me, for his
still my ta - ble spread; my cup with bless - ings
oth - ers go and come, no more a stran - ger



mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
o - ver - flows; his oil a - noints my head.
or a guest but like a child at home.

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Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.
Amen.

Seasonal Closing Hymn

451 See, What a Morning

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity.

Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

Offering

The members of Trinity Lutheran Church have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and throughout the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

At this time, we ask both members and guests to fill out the **friendship register** found at the end of each pew. When you've written your information, please pass it to the next person until everyone has had a chance to sign it. Thank you for helping us serve you with the gospel!

Online giving options are available. Scan the QR codes to give an offering on our mobile giving app or in your internet browser.



Mobile



Browser

Stand

Second Reading

1 John 4:1-6

¹Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

⁴You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

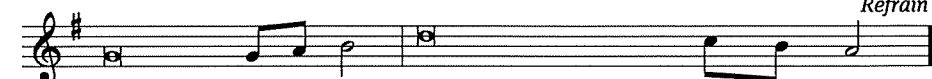
Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

Refrain



Tone



I am the good shep - herd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me.

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Gospel

John 10:11-18

¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. ¹³The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

¹⁴“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep 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 are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. ¹⁷The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

552 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Sermon

1 John 4:1-6

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.