



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  MAY 11, 2025

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BECAUSE HE LIVES:

We Know Jesus Is Trustworthy

As we observe Easter, it is good for us to review the details: *who, when, where*. After all, Jesus' resurrection is a historical event – the historical event on which everything else hinges. But we risk missing the point if we simply recall the historic details of Easter. We must also see its significance: Jesus won! And that means something for us, today and every day. ***Because He Lives***, not only is our eternity secure, but we have everything we need to live our present lives.

There's a difference between talking the talk and walking the walk. In his Word, Jesus promises many wonderful things: that he cares for you, that he would do anything for you, that he's leading you to the green pastures of paradise. How do you know you can trust what he says? Look at what he did. He gave his life to save you from your sin and took it back up again to prove that nothing can separate you from God. Now nothing can keep him from keeping his Word to you. This is what makes us sure that ***Jesus is Trustworthy***: The Good Shepherd lay down his life for his sheep.

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. For those, you'll be able to find the words on the screen in the front of the church and the music in the blue hymnal.

We love to see **families worshiping together**, and to see little children coming to Jesus unhindered. 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!

Acknowledgments

Setting Two from Christian Worship

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Stand

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

Confession

CW 172

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

CW 174

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.

Lord, have mercy.

Amen.

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

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



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*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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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 13:15,16a,26-39

¹⁵After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the leaders of the synagogue sent word to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have a word of exhortation for the people, please speak."

¹⁶Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said:

²⁶"Fellow children of Abraham and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent. ²⁷The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus, yet in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath. ²⁸Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. ²⁹When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the cross and laid him in a tomb. ³⁰But God raised him from the dead, ³¹and for many days he was seen by those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to our people.

³²"We tell you the good news: What God promised our ancestors ³³he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm:

" 'You are my son;
today I have become your father.'

³⁴God raised him from the dead so that he will never be subject to decay. As God has said,

" 'I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David.'

³⁵So it is also stated elsewhere:

“ ‘You will not let your holy one see decay.’

³⁶“Now when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed.

³⁷But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.

³⁸“Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. ³⁹Through him everyone who believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.

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.

Anthem

His Battle Ended There

Sung by Trinity Kids in Christ

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb.”

¹¹All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying:

“Amen!
Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength

be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen!"

¹³Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?"

¹⁴I answered, "Sir, you know."

And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵Therefore,

"they are before the throne of God
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne
will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶'Never again will they hunger;
never again will they thirst.
The sun will not beat down on them,'
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd;
'he will lead them to springs of living water.'
'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'"

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



Refrain

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

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Gospel

John 10:22-30

²²Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter,
²³and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade.
²⁴The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."
²⁵Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. ²⁷My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

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

Acts 13:15,16a,26-39

The Good Shepherd Keeps Every Promise

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

Loving Shepherd of the sheep, fill us with contentment and confidence during this season as we celebrate your Easter victory. You laid down your life for the sheep and then rose again to assure us that you give us eternal life.

Good Shepherd, save us.

Strengthen our faith to follow where you lead, to the green pastures of your Word, the quiet waters of our baptism, and the gracious table of your body and blood where our cup overflows with your forgiving love. Guide us to find in you the gate that leads to safety and good pastures.

Good Shepherd, lead us.

Guard and protect us from those who want to lead us astray and snatch us out of your hand. Give us courage to fight against the devil and wisdom to recognize false teachers. Lead us to honor and follow those you have called to shepherd your flock, the Church.

Good Shepherd, guide us.

Let your rod and your staff comfort us and all your sheep in times of sickness and sadness and especially when we walk through the valley of the shadow of death. May we find in your redemption and your Father's resolve the unbreakable promise that we will dwell in your house forever.

Good Shepherd, console us.

Move us to reach out to sheep who are not yet a part of our sheep pen but whom you have claimed as your own. Give us your passion to search for the sheep who are lost and lead us to rejoice when they have been found.

Good Shepherd, inspire us.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We thank you for all the blessings we have gained from your goodness: family and friends, wealth and health, work and leisure. Give us wisdom to long for and cherish your more precious gifts, your Word and sacraments, so that your goodness and love may follow us all the days of our life.

Good Shepherd, hear us. 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!*

Stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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

577 Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love

TRINITY NEWS

CALL NEWS: On *Sunday, May 21 at 7:00 pm*, MN District President Dennis Klatt will bring a list of candidates for the Voters to vote on to fill our upcoming pastoral vacancy. Please mark the date on your calendar and plan to attend!

On Wednesday, April 23, we called *Mrs. Carolyn Kelly* to be our preschool teacher and director. Please keep her in your prayers as she deliberates how and where she can best serve in God's kingdom. If you would like to reach out to her, you can email her at we5kellys@gmail.com.

PINE & 99-TRINITY PORK CHOP STAND: We will host the next Pork Chop Stand on *May 22nd*. If you can help with grilling, set-up, serving food, or taking payments, please sign up for dates that work for you. This is the same evening as the TLS closing service, so we could really use your help! Direct questions to Larry Bruegger at 507-420-9195. Thanks!

CLOSING SERVICE: Trinity Lutheran School will close its 2024-25 school year with a worship service on *May 22nd* at 6:00 pm. Please join us as we celebrate the school the Lord has provided us with and recognize the teachers that will be leaving after this year.

LADIES GUILD: The Ladies Guild will meet at church on *May 10th at 12:15 pm* to attend the Grooveberry Jams Concert presented by the Singing Hills Chorus at Hosanna Lutheran Church (105 Hosanna Drive, Mankato). This Chorus was created in 2017 for people living with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and their care partners. All are welcome to join us! Meet us at church or attend by driving yourself. The cost is \$10.00 at the door.

NEW BEGINNINGS: We are again doing the "baby bottle drive" for New Beginnings, a Home for Mothers, which is based in Milwaukee, WI and connected with the WELS. If you have any left-over change, put it in the bottle and return it by June 1 and I will send them the donation from Trinity. Thanks so much for your help!

TLS CLOSING SERVICE: Join us Thursday, May 22 at 6 pm for Trinity's Closing Service followed by a farewell reception of cake and cookies for teachers and staff that will be leaving us.

AREA NEWS

OWLS MEETING: Our local MN Valley Chapter 13 OWLS will be meeting on **Monday, May 12** at St. Paul's Church in New Ulm for a noon pizza meal which is covered with Thrivent Action Team money. If you would like to attend, contact Myron Fluegge at flueggemtj@hotmail.com or phone 507-359-2424.

LWMS TRIP TO TULSA CONVENTION 2025: Join us **June 25-30** for the annual LWMS Convention being held in Tulsa, Oklahoma. We would love to fill a bus and travel as a group. Thielen bus lines from Redwood Falls will be our coach. Registration packets are on the table in the Narthex. All Registrations are due by **April 25th** so make your plans now. We hope to see you! Convention registration is now online at <https://whova.com/portal/registration/EVSZBFt2emX@u-zaJ2g7/>

SYTTENDE MAI supper will be held at Norseland Lutheran Church on **Saturday, May 17th** from 4-7 pm. Please note the advertisement on the bulletin board for more information.

THE CANCER GROUP at St. John's church in New Ulm will meet **on Sunday, June 1, at 3:00pm** in the church fellowship area. Anyone living with a history of cancer (whether the diagnosis was recent or longer ago) as well as adult family members and friends who support someone with cancer are welcome to attend. We will be previewing *When Cancer Comes*, a series of three books published recently by Northwestern Publishing House. This series uses the Biblical accounts of Job, Jeremiah, and Paul along with personal cancer stories to encourage and provide Gospel comfort to persons with cancer and to those who care about them. We will also discuss a possible project to extend spiritual comfort and support to others who are diagnosed with cancer.

GRIEF SHARE: St. Peter Lutheran Church is offering a 13-week session starting **Monday, June 2** from 3:30-5 pm. If you are grieving and need some help, visit www.griefshare.org/findagroup to sign up, or you can contact Anita in the office at 507-931-1866.

BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE: The Seventh Annual Apologetics and Worldview Conference **June 18 - 19, 2025** Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato MN Unsurpassed Christian Apologists The work of defending the truth of Christianity has been ongoing throughout the church's history, resulting in many great apologists. To register go to: www.apologeticscenter.org/events/

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL in Courtland is holding a Rummage and Bake Sale if you are interested on May 30th, 8 am- 6 pm and May 31, 8am-12. The address is 50605 478th St. Courtland, MN.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

Sun. (5/11)	9:00 am	Worship
	10:15	Fellowship
	10:45	Kids in Christ & Bible Study
Mon. (5/12)	6:00 pm	Monday Night Worship
	7:00 pm	Bible Study
Tues. (5/13)	3:15 pm	Faculty
Wed. (5/14)	3:30 pm	NPS Catechism
Fri. (5/16)	8:00 am	TLS Chapel

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Sunday 9:00 am	152
Monday 6:00 pm	13
Streaming	19

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday 10:45 am	NA
Kids in Christ	28
Monday 7:00 pm	7
Monday Virtual	4

SUNDAY GIVING

General Fund	6496.65
Vanco	1458.00
Capital	76.60

MINISTER: Pastor Micah Plocher

BULLETIN SPONSOR: Jim & Linda Gronholz in honor of Rachel & David Aldermans Anniversary

ACCOMPANIST: Lori Enter

PRE-SERVICE: Hazel Krohn, Lyla Johnson, and Charlie Johnson

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



May 2025

TRINITY EV.
LUTHERAN
NICOLLET, MN
Pastor Micah Plocher

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
May 4 9 am Worship/Comm 10:15 am Fellowship 10:45 K in C 10:45 Pre-call meeting/District	5 6:00 pm Worship 7 pm Bible Study	6 7:00 pm Elders	7 3:30 pm NPS Catechism	8 5:30 pm Entertainment Night 7:00 pm Mens Fellowship @ TBD	9 8 am TLS Chapel	10 1:30 pm Ladies Guild/Concert 7:00 pm Women, Wine & Word
11 9 am Worship 10:15 am Fellowship 10:45 Bible Study/K in C	12 6:00 pm Worship 7 pm Bible Study	13 3:15 pm Faculty	14 3:30 pm NPS Catechism	15	16 8 am TLS Chapel	17
18 9 am Worship Confirmation/Comm 10:15am Fellowship 10:45 Bible Study	19 5:30 pm CEA Family Night @ Wow Zone 6:00 pm Worship 7 pm Bible Study	20	21 ALL School Fieldtrip 7:00 pm Pastoral Call meeting 7:00 pm Council	22 12:50 pm TLS Early Dismissal 6:00 pm TLS Closing Service	23	24
25 9 am Worship 10:45 Bible Study	26 6:00 pm Worship 7 pm Bible Study	27 3:15 pm Faculty/year end 7 pm Mens Bible Study/Fireside	28	29	30	31
June 1 9 am Worship 10:15am Fellowship 10:45 Bible Study	2 6:00 pm Worship 7 pm Bible Study	3 7:00 pm Elders	4	5 1:30 pm Ladies Guild 7:00 pm Board of Ed	6	7