

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Proclaiming, Teaching and Living the Gospel of Christ!

*“...So also you have
sorrow now, but I will
see you again and your
hearts will rejoice, and
no one will take your
joy from you.”*

John 16:22 (ESV)

Fourth Sunday of Easter

(Jubilate)

April 25 & 26, 2026



Welcome, children of our Heavenly Father!

I Cor. 10:16 calls our eating and drinking of the sacramental bread and wine an actual sharing in the body and blood of Christ. As we share this gift of the Savior, we also seek to be faithful to the confession of the Apostles' Doctrine, which Scripture says was shared by those who received the sacrament together. For this reason, guests who desire to commune are kindly asked to speak to the pastor or an elder.



In our prayers: Audrey (*Grandmother of Samantha Dehning*), Evelyn Bauer, Doris Benjamin (*mother of Jane*), Lois Brenneisen, Anna Burns (*friend of Emma Kruse*), Sarah C. (*requested by a friend of Sharon Dummer*), Sue & John Cornett (*sister and brother-in-law of Joanne LaChappell*), Benny Cruse (*grandson of Donna Ohrt*), Andrea Dewez (*friend of Sharon Dummer*), JoAnn Dickman, Violetta Donovan, Karen & John Eberhardt (*sister and brother-in-law of Barbara Schwark*), Donald Fehrenbacher (*father of Ashley Evans*), Heidi Gallegos (*niece of Gloria Graham*), Rebecca Graham (*mother-in-law of Gloria*), William Graham (*husband of Gloria*), JD Hall, Richard Hall (*nephew of Sharon Dummer*), Scott Horsch (*friend of Jeanette Pfeifer*), Jason (*nephew of Michelle Hinich*), Jeff Jones, Jamie Jones (*friends of Kamber Johnston*), Kellen (*family friend of Ryan & Jessica Kruse*), Peter Kelly (*friend of the Chmielowiec's*), Brent Klockenga (*cousin of Heather Thurston, nephew of Nancy Snedecor*), Michelle Kooy, Gerald Kroesch, Myra Jean Kroll (*close friend of Emma Kruse*), Don LaChappell, Marge (*friend of Norma Bell*), Brandon Malone, Bonnie Matherly, Les Naese (*father-in-law of Brian Malone*), Donna Ohrt, Marilyn Ohrt (*friend of Deb Chmielowiec*), Caleb Outerbridge, Jeanette Pfeifer, Brian Plenert (*son-in-law of Don & Joanne LaChappell*), Melissa Plugge (*friend of Tina Varvel*), Kevin Schaumburg, Mallory Glazik-Sommer, Willy Van Wassenhove, Jason Warpet (*cousin of Deb Chmielowiec*), Lorraine Whitwell, Nicole Windsor (*friend of Rachel Taube*), and Jared Zimmerman (*son-in-law of Douglas & Tammy Gray*).

For all those that our Savior knows are in need, and those we name privately before our Lord.

+ **ORDER OF WORSHIP—DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE—LSB 151** +

+ **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** +

Hymn of Invocation: In Thee Is Gladness

LSB 818

Stand

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 Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit (*Spoken responsively ½ verse by ½ verse*) *Psalm 66:3, 5, 8–9; antiphon: vv. 1–2*

Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alleluia.

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alleluia.

Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!

So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.”

Come and see what God has done:

he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

Bless our God, O peoples;

let the sound of his praise be heard,

who has kept our soul among the living

and has not let our feet slip.

Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alleluia.

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alleluia.

☐ Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;
 as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Kyrie

☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

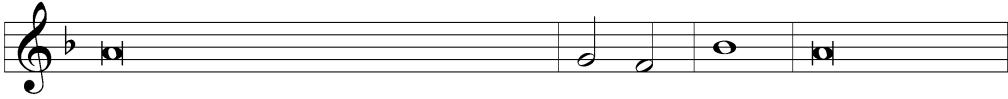
☐ Glory be to God on high: **☐** and on earth peace, good - will toward
 men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
 O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
 O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



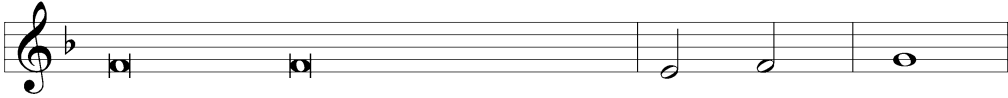
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir-it.



P Let us pray.

P Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through

Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Lamentations 3:22–33

- ²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
²³they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
²⁴“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”
²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul who seeks him.
²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.
²⁷It is good for a man that he bear
the yoke in his youth.
²⁸Let him sit alone in silence
when it is laid on him;
²⁹let him put his mouth in the dust—
there may yet be hope;
³⁰let him give his cheek to the one who strikes,
and let him be filled with insults.
³¹For the Lord will not
cast off forever,
³²but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
³³for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve the children of men.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 John 3:1–3

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has

not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 16:16–22

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



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁶[Jesus said:] “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” ¹⁷So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” ¹⁸So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: He’s Risen, He’s Risen

LSB 480

Sermon

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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Offertory



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

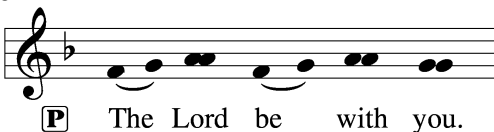
After each petition

P ...let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Preface



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, 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:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bles - ed is He, bles - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

P 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.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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."

Pax Domini



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: What Is This Bread

LSB 629

Distribution Hymn: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

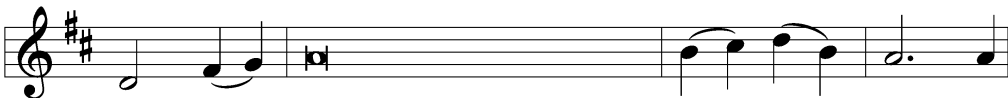
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Distribution Hymn: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis



C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-

cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
 peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

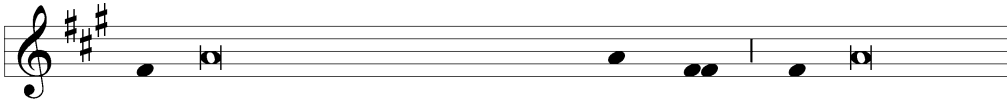


A Bless we the Lord.

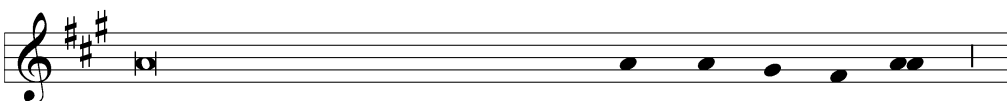


C Thanks be to God.

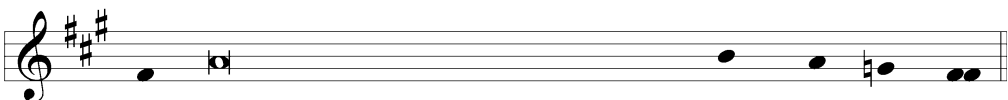
Benediction



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



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn to Depart: The Day of Resurrection

LSB 478

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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Announcements

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Carl & Jane Schaumburg on the occasions of their 24th anniversary and Chase Meredith's 9th birthday.

Offerings may be placed in the plate on the stand at the back of the sanctuary. *Please contact Diane in the church office if you need to pick up your 2026 envelopes, have offering envelopes issued or wish to be removed from the offering envelope list.*

The Board of Education will meet this Sunday, April 26th at 10:30am.

A Worship Service will be held Monday, April 27th at 3:00pm at the Villas at Herscher.

Herscher Council of Churches will meet Tuesday, April 28th at 6:00pm at Trinity.

Confirmation Dinner/Questioning will be held Wednesday, April 29th at 6:00pm.

No Choir Rehearsals Wednesday, April 29th.

Martha Circle will meet Friday, May 1st at 8:30am at the Herscher Restaurant.

Spaghetti Spectacular Diner: Friday night, April 17th was the Trini-Teens' "Spaghetti Spectacular"... and what a "spectacle" it was! Huge thanks to everyone who came out and supported our new youth group, especially those who made all the delicious desserts. Also a big "thank you" for everyone for their extremely generous donations. We were not intending for this to be an official fundraiser for our group, but we are very grateful for the donations. Those funds will be put towards our Higher Things and National Youth Gathering trip funds, which we will be planning for next summer!

Trinity’s Online Photo Directory: Preparations are being completed to launch the online photo directory app soon. **If you do not want your portrait and/or your contact information published in the online format, please contact the church office by May 1st.** Also, please notify the office of any changes/corrections to the printed 2025 directory so updates to our records will be as accurate as possible. Thank you.



VBS 2026 will be held June 8-12th. Register students and volunteers online at: vbsmate.com/trinitylutheranherscheril

Questions??? Text Heather Meredith at 815-573-1056 or Lynne Noffke at 815-263-0411, Co-Directors of VBS 2026.

In Response to our Savior’s Love

| Date/Weekend: | Sat. | Sun. | Total | Offerings: | Operating | Missions | All Other Funds |
|-------------------------|------|------|-------|------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------|
| April 12 th | 44 | 72 | 116 | | \$ 4,531.00 | \$ 235.00 | \$ 140.00 |
| April 19 th | 51 | 91 | 142 | | \$ 5,999.00 | \$ 380.00 | \$ 740.00 |
| Sunday School | | | 23 | | \$ 57.50 | | |
| High School Bible Study | | | 0 | | | | |
| Bible Study | 7 | 25 | 27 | | | | |

Average amount needed weekly to meet current Operating expenses \$ 6,030.00
 Average amount needed weekly to meet current Mission commitments \$ 692.00

Complete financial reports are given at Quarterly Voters’ Meetings usually held on the third Sundays of January, April, July, and October.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry Stewardship Thoughts - April 26 – Fourth Sunday of Easter (Jubilate) 1 Peter 2:11 – “Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.” Surely one of the “passions of the flesh” we all struggle with is greed. We constantly desire to have more things to bring us comfort and peace of mind. But that shows us the real problem with greed: it wages war against our soul. It urges us to place our trust in the things of this world and not in God. But St. Peter reminds us that in this world, we are sojourners and exiles — we really belong to the kingdom of God. We have been purchased by the blood of Christ and belong to Him.

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

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| Sunday 04/26 | 8:30am | <i>Worship with Holy Communion</i> |
| | 9:30am | Sunday School & High School Bible Study |
| | 9:45am | Adult Bible Study |
| | 10:30am | Confirmation |
| | 10:30am | Board of Education |
| | 6:00pm | Herscher Hustlers 4-H |
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| Monday | 8:00am | Devotion on Facebook Live |
| | 3:00pm | <i>Worship Service at Villas at Herscher</i> |
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| Tuesday | 8:00am | Devotion on Facebook Live |
| | 6:00pm | Herscher Council of Churches at Trinity |
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| Wednesday | 8:00am | Devotion on Facebook Live |
| | 6:00pm | Confirmation Dinner/Questioning |
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| Thursday | 8:00am | Devotion on Facebook Live |
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| Friday | 8:30am | Martha Circle @ Herscher Restaurant |
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| Saturday | 11:00am | Hoffman Baptism |
| | 11:00am-2pm | Hoffman Parish Hall Rental |
| | 4:00pm | Adult Bible Study |
| | 5:00pm | <i>Worship with Holy Communion</i> |
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| Sunday 05/03 | 8:30am | <i>Worship with Holy Communion & Confirmation</i> |
| | 9:30am | Sunday School & High School Bible Study |
| | 9:45am | Adult Bible Study |

Serving the Lord Today

Pastor: Rev. Eric J. Brown

Kantor: Caleb Dehning

Elder/Communion:

Jerry Brutlag (Sat.)

Mike Bruner (Sun.)

Usher Captain:

Jerry Brutlag (Sat.)

Brian Noffke (Sun.)

Altar Guild:

Bonnie Matherly,

Heather Meredith

& Jane Schaumburg

Next Week:

Jerry Brutlag (Sat.)

Jeremy Thurston (Sun.)

Karl Kruse (Sat.)

Mike Thomas (Sun.)

Sharon Dummer

& Barb Kruse