

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026
8:00 & 10:15 AM
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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sharing God's love with all through worship, education, and service.

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Welcome

Welcome to our worship today: If you are visiting with us, or if you are seeking a faith community and desire to be a part of our ministries, we encourage you to follow the contact information at the bottom of this page and give us your address, telephone number and/or e-mail address so that we may contact you.

Offering:

Offering may be placed in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary or in the basket near the elevator. The offering will be carried to the front at 10:15 worship and presented during the offertory.

Online Giving:



https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=WCLH7KBXYDALL

Prayer List:

The clipboard to add people to the prayer list is on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please be sure to include your name, their name, your relationship, and the prayer request.

INTRODUCTION

Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

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+GATHERING+

WELCOME & PRELUDE (10:15 only)

The church bell is rung three times to proclaim that we gather to worship in the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Please remain seated.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen! **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.**

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water is poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

P: Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please stand

GATHERING HYMN *(10:15 only)*

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”

ELW 385

The resurrection is proclaimed three times:

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!


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C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo - ry to God! Glo - ry to God! Glo - ry in the high - est!
(repeat)



To God be glor - ry for - ev - er. To God be glo - ry for - ev - er.



Al - le - lu - ia, A - men. Al - le - lu - ia, A - men.



Al - le - lu - ia, A - men. Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. 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.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

+WORD+

FIRST READING: ACTS 2:42-47

⁴² [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

² **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³ You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your
staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 2:19-25

¹⁹It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²²“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.” ²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains four measures of music, each with the lyrics 'Al-le-lu - ia,'. The second staff contains four measures of music, with the lyrics 'Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu-ia.' The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some rests.

GOSPEL: JOHN 10:1-10

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹ “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

P: The gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Shepherd Me, O God”

ELW 780

APOSTLES' CREED

A: With the whole church let us confess our faith:

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

A: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

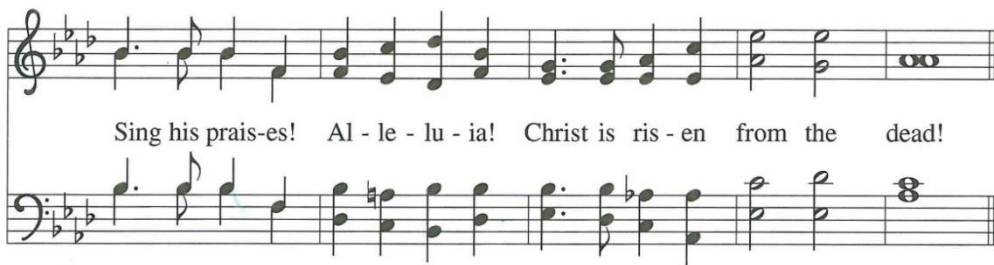
A: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

THE PEACE

A: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

8:00 Please remain standing. 10:15 Please be seated.

+MEAL+

MUSICAL OFFERING (10:15 only)

OFFERTORY

Please stand and sing as offering is brought to the front.



Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!



Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

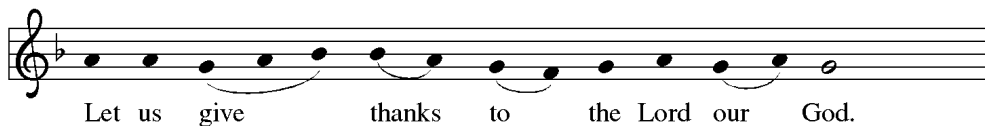
THE OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

C: **Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

BLESSING OF THE SHELTER BLANKETS

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, we praise you, O God.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the table of new life.

C: **Receive the risen Lord.**

COMMUNION

All baptized believers are welcome at the Lord's table. We trust in faith that the real presence of Christ is present in the bread and the wine. You will be invited to come to the front to receive the bread from the pastor, and then move to the side to receive an individual cup of white grape juice or red wine. Gluten free wafers are available. Please ask at the time of communion. Those who are not communing today, may come forward and request a blessing.

The image shows a musical score for the Communion Hymn 'Agnus Dei'. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace.'

Remain standing (8:00 am) Please be seated (10:15 am)

COMMUNION HYMN

"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

ELW 484

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

A: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

C: **Amen.**

+SENDING+

BLESSING

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

"Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!"

ELW 377

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

NOTE: This past January, the Stitch'n Servants, part of the Women at the Well, sewed 50 blankets for the animals at Speranza Rescue Shelter in Mechanicsburg. This past month we sewed an additional 30 blankets for them. (We needed a short break.) If you like to sew, and would like to participate in our desire to share this gift with others, please let Ja'net or Patsy know. Currently, our projects are at our own leisure.

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Prayers:

For all of our homebound.

For the work of the Call Committee.

Members: Cathy Lamason; Phil Warner; Denise Burkhard; Alan and Bonnie Williamson; John Wallace; Carol Pensyl; Linda Humes; Miriam Wise

Friends: Joey W.; Jeff Hess; Vickey Wood; Bob Brandis; April Zink; Tracy Goshorn; Vickie Widmann; Eliette Costella; Olan Turner; Cally Cole; Gunnar Etchison; Robin Gladen; Stephen; Charles Crum; Jean Kuhn

Family & Friends of: Sam Palumbo

Names will remain on the prayer list for three weeks; if they should remain on the prayer list for longer, please contact the office via phone or email.

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY CHURCH: APRIL 26, 2026

Sun, 4/26 8 & 10:15 am, Worship with Holy Communion
 8:45 am, Snax 'n Study
 9 am, Confirmation Class

Tues, 4/28 6:30 pm, Women at the Well showing of The Shack

Wed, 4/29 6:15 pm, Bells; 6:50 pm, Choir Rehearsal

7:30 pm, Bible Study

Thurs, 4/30 1 pm, Staff meeting

Women at the Well Movie Night

Tuesday, April 28,
6:30pm

Men & Women –
All are invited!

Join us in the fellowship
hall for this deeply
moving, thought-provoking
film!

THE SHACK



Trinity Church

CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, May 16
8 am - ?

Come for a couple hours
or all day.
Let Mike Hartman know if you
can come, or just show up!