



WELCOME TO
TRINITY

FAITH. LIFE. COMMUNITY.

8:45am

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We are glad you are here at one of our THREE WORSHIP SERVICES this weekend, each centered around the same scriptures but with three different musical styles. THIS BULLETIN contains information for the 8:45 a.m. Sunday service

A SEPARATE BULLETIN lists the 5:30 p.m. Saturday service here in the sanctuary. The other service we offer is Praise worship in Jack's Place.

We invite you to turn to **pages 15 and following in this bulletin** for HELPFUL INFORMATION for visitors and members alike, such as service participants.

For directions or help with special needs, just ask an usher.

- DIAPER CHANGING AREA - in Gathering Space restroom
- LARGE PRINT BULLETINS for the Sanctuary services
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SUNDAY MORNING 8:45 WORSHIP

April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS of this service are available from the ushers.

✝ ✝ ✝ GATHERING ✝ ✝ ✝

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

THEME FOR THE DAY

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC

Children of the Heavenly Father – Swedish, arr. Douglas Wagner

A setting of ELW 781

Trinity Bells

Ron Marenchin, director

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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**Please stand, as able.*

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

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

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins,
God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

Silence for reflection

Most merciful God,
**we confess that 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.
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.

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 minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

*ENTRANCE HYMN *I Know That My Redeemer Lives!*
(Verses 1,2,3, and 8)

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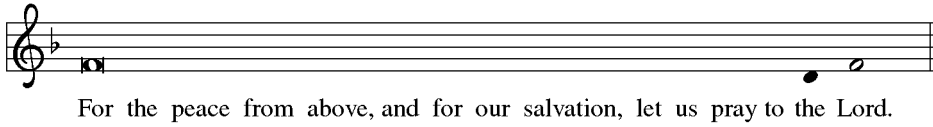
*GREETING

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

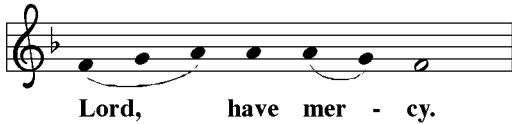
We sing a prayer for God's mercy to fill the church and the world.



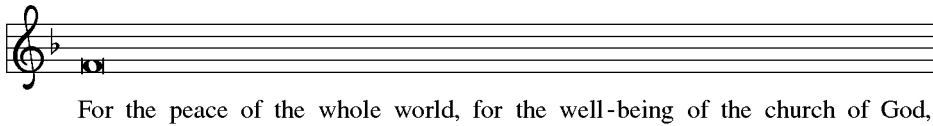
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



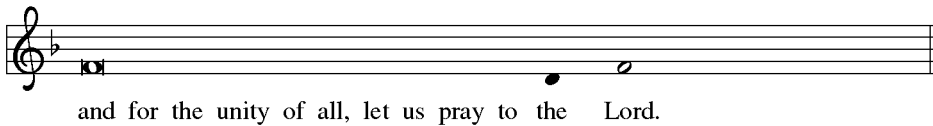
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



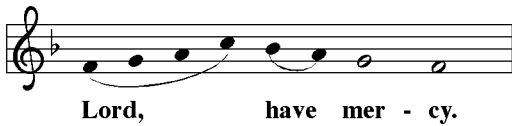
Lord, have mer - cy.



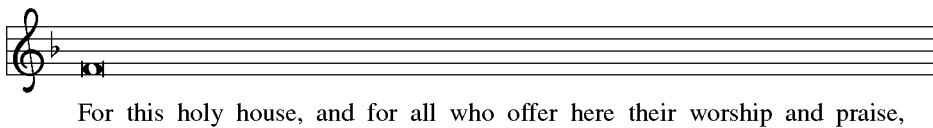
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



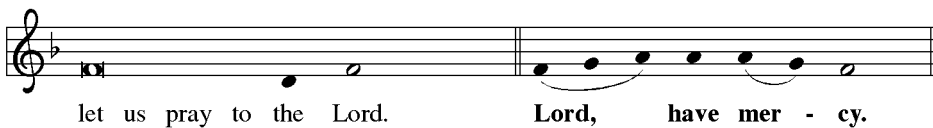
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



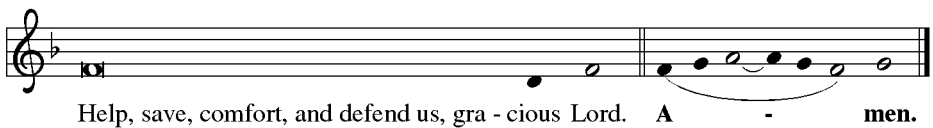
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

During the Easter Season we use "Worthy Is Christ," from the book of Revelation, as our Canticle of Praise. The hymn looks to the day when we shall gather at the throne of the Lamb to praise Christ's holy name.

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Refrain

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 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

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.

***SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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. **Amen.**

Please be seated

ANTHEM

Adonai, My Shepherd - Meredith Tompkins

How Can I Keep From Singing? - Rev. Robert Lowry, Arr. Adam and Matt Podd

Mary Kettering, violin; Kloey Kaesar, cello; Perry Kral, bass; Dave Wolbert, percussion

Women's Chorus

Kim Wolbert, director

✠ ✠ ✠ **WORD** ✠ ✠ ✠

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

FIRST READING Acts 2:42-47

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

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:19-25

¹⁹This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For 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. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When 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. ²⁴He 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. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, Alleluia

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL** *John 10:1-10*

The holy gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹[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. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Ben Mollohan

HYMN OF THE DAY

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ELW 502

COMISSIONING OF HOME COMMUNION SERVERS

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**


After each portion of the prayers:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

Just As I Am - arr. Gordon Young
Mark Koehler, organ



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

✝ ✝ ✝ **SENDING** ✝ ✝ ✝

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***BLESSING**

***SENDING HYMN**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

ELW 373

***DISMISSAL AND PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Please share God's peace with one another.

***POSTLUDE**

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need - arr. Roger Summers
Mark Koehler, piano

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We invite you to the Olive Tree Café after the service for goodies and coffee.

The Café is located in the north office hallway on the Walnut Street side of the building.

PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICES: 8:45

PRESIDING MINISTER - Pastor Kevin McClain

ASSISTING MINISTERS - Pastor Ben Mollohan, Vicar Gage Garlinghouse, Stan Kopp

ORGANIST - Mark Koehler

CRUCIFER - Brayden Pence

LECTOR - Jane Burns

GREETERS - Kenny & Nancy Oberholtzer

USHERS - Usher Team #1, Gary Goon, Captain, John McNutt, Co-Captain

SOUND - Chris Vanderzyden

PRO PRESENTER - Rob Evans

CAMERA OPERATOR - Sam Wolfe

RADIO - Adam Kime

NURSERY - Kellie Keating and Kassie Keating

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOST - Ted Ebert

*If you would be interested in learning more about these or other volunteer opportunities,
please contact Wendy Shreffler at the Church Office.*

SANTUARY ALTAR FLOWERS this weekend are given by:

- > Ann McGraw in memory of Joe McGraw and Bill and Grace Kemery,
- > Ron and Becky Dickerhoof in memory of Joel G. Dickerhoof,
- > In memory of Kenneth Roger's birthday with love from his children,
- > Jason and Nicole and Elleni Miller in honor of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller and Mr. and Mrs. George Giannouris.

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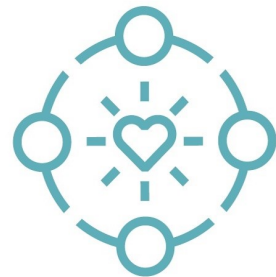
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Looking to get involved in the life of our church? Fill out this form to let us know what you're interested in, and we'll follow up soon!



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A variety of events and community-oriented gatherings take place each week at Trinity. See what's coming up, and join us!



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