



Trinity Lutheran Church
Saturday, April 26, 2025
Second Week of Easter

*Indicates please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"There is a Fountain with I Know a Fount"

arr. Cindy Berry

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THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P: In the name of † the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

P: Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"
(Sing Twice)

Rick Founds
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Verse

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

Chorus

You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

KID'S SERMON

Pastor Rich Fennig

READING

Acts 5:27-32

L: A reading from Acts 5

²⁷When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL READING**JOHN 20:19-31**

L: The Gospel according to John chapter 20

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." ²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON**Pastor Rich Fennig*****SONG OF THE DAY****"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"*

John Newton,
Chris Tomlin & Louie Giglio
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1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

3. The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

MAASAI CREED

We believe in the one High God, who out of love created the beautiful world and everything good in it. God created humans and wanted humans to be happy in the world. God loves the world and every nation and tribe on the earth. We have known this High God in the darkness, and now we know God in the light. God promised in the Bible, that God would save the world and all nations and tribes.

We believe that God made good this promise by sending the son, Jesus Christ, a human in the flesh, a Jew by tribe, born poor in a little village, who left his home and was always on safari doing good, curing people by the power of God, teaching about God and humanity, showing that the meaning of religion is love. He was rejected by his people, tortured and nailed hands and feet to a cross, and died. He was buried in the grave, but the hyenas did not touch him, and on the third day, he rose from that grave. He ascended to the skies.

We believe that all our sins are forgiven through him. All who have faith in Jesus confess their sins, be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God, live the rules of love, and share the bread together in love, to announce the good news to others until Jesus comes again. We are waiting for him. He is alive. He lives. This we believe. Amen.

The Maasai Creed composed in 1960 by the Maasai people—an indigenous African tribe of semi-nomads located primarily in Kenya and northern Tanzania of East Africa — in collaboration with Roman Catholic missionaries from the Congregation of the Holy Ghost. The creed seeks to confess the promise at the core of the Christian faith within the daily life of Maasai culture.

[Edited with inclusive language for Trinity Lutheran Church, 2025.]

PRAYERS

HOLDEN LITANY & PRAYERS

Congregation will hum while the prayer petitions are sung [A], and sing the response [B].
The final petition will be sung together [C].

A *Repeat continuously*

B *All:*

(Hmmm)

God — of mer - cy, hold us in love.

L: Help us, comfort us, all of our days.

[C]

All:

rit.

Keep — us, hold — us, gra - cious God.

rit.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

MISSION MOMENT

Thank you for your generosity helping to send clergy and Trinity reps to Synod Assembly.
This year it is in New Mexico.

*If you have a monetary offering, please place in the plate as you leave worship today,
or use this code to give electronically.*



OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may
live as your risen body in the world.

C: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night...

...gave it to the disciples, saying:

C: **Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**

P: ...gave it for all to drink, saying:

C: **This cup is the new promise in my blood, shed for you and for all people, for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.**

LORD'S PRAYER

ELW pg. 112

Our Father in heaven, holy 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May this communion meal move us towards: a regenerative way of living with the planet; seeking peace with each other through welcome, mutual respect, and seeking common good; distributing power to support the poor, oppressed, and young; and seeking purpose and meaning through diverse spiritual communities. Amen.

BLESSING

P: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

"Go Now"

Hans Peterson & Larry Olson

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1. Filled with the Holy Spirit
go now with God, go now with God.
Into the world as a servant
go now with God, go now with God.
Go now, go now, go now with God.
Go now, go now, go now with God.

2. Offering a hand to a stranger
go now with God, go now with God.
Trusting in the risen savior
go now with God, go now with God.
Go now, go now, go now with God.
Go now, go now, go now with God.

SENDING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

"Go Now"
(reprised)

Hans Peterson & Larry Olson

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arr. Clinton Ellerbe

Prayer List

Members

Steve Cobb
Patty Telleen
LouAnn DeLozier
Carol Arnold
Polly Sersen
Kent Garvin
Shirley Garvin
Howard Smith
Cooper Hopkins
Mary Ann Armstrong
Madyson Hopkins

Friends & Family

Jennifer & Dale Barnett, friends of Marily Morrissey
Reverend Felicia Smith Graybeal, sabbatical leave
Mourning for Pope Francis and the Church Universal
Jan Johannes, sister of Jo Anne Gearhart
Valerie Dorr, mother of Deana Andrist
John Roland, father of Rebecca Roland
Susie Kragmeier, daughter of Kate Stieben
Carlos Alers, friend of Sara & Peter Mullarkey
Amy Goodhart, owner of Magpies Boutique & friend of
Ronda Simmons
Greta, sister of Ronda Simmons
Mort Larsen, uncle of Cheryl Dolan
Beth Barnett, daughter of Carolyn & Eric Biedermann
Erin Slocum, daughter of Patty & Don Heyse

To all who gather: We are Reconciling in Christ, which means we strive to ensure the welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; and to work for racial equity and to commit to anti-racist work.

We welcome believers, seekers, and the curious, regardless of religious background. God makes no distinction based on race; ethnicity; immigration status; economic status; physical, mental, or developmental circumstances; or other life circumstances. God loves and welcomes all people. Therefore, we welcome all people to the life of Christ at Trinity.

From Pastor Rick: This community affirms its welcome by accepting me in this place. Diagnosed with Huntington's (HD), my progressing symptoms and neurodiversity are displayed publicly. The uncontrolled movements (chorea) may limit my functionality, or appear in other ways; yet, it is an opportunity to learn and love alongside one another. HD is part of me, but I am not defined by the diagnosis. As for all of us, I am defined as child of God.

Guests and Visitors: All are invited to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion (gluten free wafers and juice are available). Your offering is your presence in worship. Please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate as you leave. Don't forget your 'Sweet Treat' plate from the welcome desk!

Worship Note: The red hymnal *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) page numbers are found in the front while song numbers are in the back. If you have any questions about worship or Trinity, our clergy or welcome table hosts are happy to help.

Parents and Caregivers: God's children of all ages are welcome in worship. If helpful, please use the Family Break Room outside the worship space or a "Worship Activity Bag" - available near the welcome table. On Sunday, if needed, we offer a fully trained Nursery; staffed by Tiffany K. and Zoe K.

Special needs: Hearing-assistance devices are available during our services. Holy Communion can also be brought to the seats of those who are unable to come forward. Our Welcome Table Hosts can help with any of these special needs.

In Ministry Today

Worship Assistant: Vicki Volbrecht
Communion Prep:
Welcome Table Host:
Fellowship Host:
Bread Baker: Dan Merz
Flower Arrangement: Volunteers from
St Paul's Episcopal

Trinity's Clergy Leaders:

Deacon Katie Kline & Pastor Rick Reiten

Trinity's Staff:

Carrie Hansen	Music Coord. & Organist
Tessa Espinosa	Chancel Choir Director
Clinton Ellerbe	Saturday Worship Leader
Jill Hunt	Bells of Trinity Director
Brenda Harju	TLC Preschool Director
Brenda Moore	Financial Manager
Deana Andrist	Office Administrator
Amanda Backsen	Director of Communications & Volunteer Coord.
Claire Pickerel	AV Technician
Jennifer Reeve	Shared Children's Minister
Tiffany Klijewski	Nursery Coord.
Zoe Klamann	Shared Nursery Attendant

Staff Emails are available on our website

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR:

Monday (April 28)

10:30 am 301FP Prayer Group-Fireside
12 pm Sermon Discussion-Fireside

Tuesday (April 29)

5:30 pm JET Eco Justice

Wednesday (April 30)

Volunteer @ Irish Elementary
6:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday (May 1)

9:30 am Bible Study-Room 2
11 am 301 Clergy Mtg-Fireside
5:30 pm Council Retreat-Room 2

Friday (May 2)

10 am Quilting Group-Room 2

Saturday (May 3)

5 pm Saturday Worship

Sunday (May 4)

9 am Adult Forum-Room 2
9 am Confirmation-Room 8
9 am Sunday School-Room 3
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Fellowship

Coming Up:

May 17 & 18

Celebrating Graduates!

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Therefore, we welcome all people to the life of Christ at Trinity.

So, how can you learn more about Trinity?

Visit our website at www.trinitylutheranfc.org

Consider joining us for worship or one of our ministry events.

Contact one of our clergy for a chat.

We believe we are not a complete community, and that God is calling new people to join us and to find their place at Trinity.

We invite you join us on the journey of faith!

Saturdays at 5p.m. (Livestreamed & Recorded for Viewing)

Sundays 10:30 a.m. (Livestreamed & Recorded for Viewing)

Trinity is a welcoming faith community living together in God's love to share the joy of Jesus Christ.

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