



Trinity Lutheran Church  
Saturday, April 25, 2026  
4th Week of Easter  
Paul & Silas

\*Indicates please stand as you are able

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*“On Eagle’s Wings”*

Michael Joncas

arr. Lloyd Larson

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## GATHER

### \*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS\*

L: Loving God, we gather today to confess that we have failed to extend our kindness to the poor and to the hungry.

C: **We have accumulated enough wealth for our comfort and have been insensitive to the needs of the weak of our community. Forgive us, for we have comfortably closed our eyes to the cry of our neighbor. We have preached to the hungry your Word, without sharing our bread. We cling to our possessions, rather than to you. We keep a distance between Christian and non-Christian. We have failed to exercise the values of equality and justice.**

L: God, we seek your grace and mercy to forgive us. Unite our hearts to share our resources and stand for justice for all people. Through Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

### \*GATHERING SONG\*

*“All of Your Ways are Peace”*

Isaac Wardell, Jessica Fox,

Latifah Alattas, Liz Vice, Orlando Palmer, Paul Zach

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### Chorus

1. All of your ways are peace

All of your ways are peace

Though we are pressed on ev'ry side

We trust that you are peace

2. All of your words are true

All of your words are true

Though we have heard so many lies

We trust your words are true

3. All of your ways are just

All of your ways are just

Though we may say it through our tears

We trust that you are just

Chorus

All of your ways are peace

All of your ways are peace

All of your ways are peace

All of your ways are peace

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY\***

**God of freedom, Paul and Silas worshiped you, even when they were flogged and imprisoned. Transform our hearts so that we may also rejoice in you at all times and in all situations. Amen.**

**WORD**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & OFFERING**

**Pastor Rich Fennig**

**GOSPEL READING**

**Acts 16:16-34**

L: The Gospel according to Acts 16

<sup>16</sup> One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup> While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." <sup>18</sup> She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. <sup>19</sup> But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup> When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city <sup>21</sup> and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe." <sup>22</sup> The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup> After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely.

<sup>24</sup> Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.<sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup> When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup> The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup> They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup> They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup> At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup> He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

L: The Good News of God.

C: Praise be to God.

## SERMON

Pastor Rich

## SONG OF THE DAY

*"Stay With Us"*

WOV #743

Herbert F. Brokering & Walter L. Pelz

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1. Stay with us, till night has come:  
our praise to you this day be sung.  
Bless our bread, open our eyes:  
Jesus, be our great surprise.
2. Walk with us, our spirits sigh:  
hear when our weary spirits cry,  
feel again our loss, our pain:  
Jesus, take us to your side.
3. Walk with us, the road will bend:  
make all our weeping, wailing end.  
Wipe our tears, forgive our fears:  
Jesus, lift the heavy cross.

4. Talk with us, till we behold  
a joyful life you will unfold:  
heal our eyes to see the prize:  
Jesus, take us to the light.
5. Stay with us, till day is done:  
no tears nor dark shall dim the sun.  
Cheer the heart, your grace impart:  
Jesus, bring eternal life.

**\*CREED\***

L: We believe in God

**C: who is older than eternity  
and younger than our next breath;  
who is beyond describing  
yet knows us all by name;  
who inspires faith  
yet cannot be contained by religion.**

L: We believe in Jesus Christ,  
Flesh of our flesh, bone of our bone;

**C: He came in the body  
To give worth to every human life.  
He touched the untouchable,  
Loved the unlovable  
And endured slander, persecution and death.**

L: We believe that God's Kingdom comes on earth  
Through Christ's suffering love.

**C: He rose from the grave as living proof  
That what is laid down in faith  
Will be raised in glory.  
He ascended to heaven  
To be present at all times to all people.**

L: We believe in the Holy Spirit,

**C: Who leads us into truth and freedom,  
Who gives good gifts to all God's children,  
Who works through prayer and politics,  
Through justice, care of creation  
And the healing of all nations.**

L: We celebrate the potential God has given:

**C: The life in our bodies,  
The yearning in our souls,  
The promise of good things in store  
For those who love and serve their maker.**

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**\*PRAYERS\***

P: Merciful God.

**C: Receive our prayer.**

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE\***

L: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**\*OFFERING\***

*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\***

L: Thank you, God, for the air.  
Thank you, God, for families that we can share with in good times and bad times.  
Thank you, God, for the gifts of other families, friends, visitors, and strangers.

**C: Amen.**

**MEAL**

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING\***

L: Beloveds. Beloveds. Beloveds.

We come to this Table because we are claimed in covenant  
Because we are still learning  
what covenant and togetherness means  
how it looks and moves and feels  
Because we long for liberation  
Because we thirst for justice  
Because we know the need—fierce and urgent—  
for grace and freedom and nourishment in our flesh and our bones  
Because this is not a table of a Lutheran table.  
This is Christ's table  
and you are invited to bring your whole lives  
and all are welcome here. Period.

Because we remember:

On the night he was arrested

while the powers and principalities

of Empire, and supremacy, and dominance raged,

Jesus— a brown skinned, radical, healer, community organizer, insurrectionist—

gathered people, invited their fears and longings, invited people into radical solidarity,

justice-love-in-action, healing of and in the world to which, for which, he gave his life over

and over and over.

Jesus took bread broke it, shared it, and said:

**C: Take and eat: this is my body.**

**The bread of new life.**

**Share this, and remember.**

L: Then Jesus took the cup, blessed it, gave thanks for it, and said:

**C: Take and drink: this is the power of my life-blood.**

**The salve of salvation. The cup blessing.**

**Share this, and remember.**

L: And so, we do.

We remember. We offer. We receive.

And we share in this nourishing feast.

Because we know how to nourish each other in ordinary and extraordinary ways.

Because we need each other

and we need this sacrament, this visible sign of life-giving grace, flowing and overflowing.

So, come. Come. Come.

rev. anna bladel, *Enfleshed*

### **\*LORD'S PRAYER\***

**Creator God 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**

### **\*COMMUNION BLESSING\***

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

C: Amen.

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION\***

Holy, holy, holy, in the wine and in the bread, in every open table, in solidarity. Holy in each embrace that heals and brings peace. Amen.

**SENDING**

**\*BLESSING\***

L: May the abundant and unending grace of God, the love of God that doesn't tire, that was shown to our forebearers and the whole generation of the whole clan, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be upon you forever.

C: Amen.

**\*SENDING SONG\***

*"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*

**ELW #671**

Graham Kendrick

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1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness, shining  
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us  
Shine on me, shine on me

[Chorus]

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy  
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light

2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence  
From the shadows into Your radiance  
By the blood, I may enter Your brightness  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness  
Shine on me, shine on me

[Chorus]

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy  
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light

3. As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
So our faces display Your likeness  
Ever changing from glory to glory  
Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story  
Shine on me, shine on me

[Chorus]

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy  
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let, let there be light  
Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts, set them on fire  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy  
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light!

[Outro]

Lord, let there be light!  
Let there be light!

**\*SENDING\***

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

## Prayer List

### Members

#### **Mourning for Pastor Paul Schairer**

Mourning for Rufina Kaltenberger

Carol Arnold

Mary Ann Miller

Jack Hautaluoma

Mary Ann Armstrong

Marilyn Hartig

Polly Sersen

Tim Anderson

Eric Biedermann

Jean Purath

Shirley Garvin

Madyson Hopkins

### Friends & Family

#### **Ivy Hansen, niece of Bruce & Carrie Hansen**

Julia Watkins and family, friends of Dan Merz

Robert Musselman, father of Sarah Sanchez

Luke Crosby, relation of Katie & Tasha Barron

Wendy Thomaschow, sister of Amy Jo Martinson

Tae, family of Clinton Ellerbe

Amy Oduor, daughter of Clinton Ellerbe

Jennifer & Dale Barnett, friends of Marilyn Morrissey

Susie Kragmeier, daughter of Kate Stieben

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 gluten free bread and wine of Holy Communion (juice is also 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

**Presiding & Preaching:** Pastor Rich Fennig  
**Worship Assistant:** Vicki Volbrecht  
**Communion Prep:**  
**Welcome Table Host:**  
**Fellowship Host:**  
**Prayer Writer:** Sara Mullarkey  
**Bread Baker:** Dan Merz  
**Flower Arrangement:** Volunteers from  
St Paul's Episcopal

### Trinity's Clergy Leader:

Pastor Rick Reiten & Pastor Kaari Nieuwlandt

### Trinity's Staff:

Carrie Hansen	<b>Music Coord. &amp; Organist</b>
Tessa Espinosa	<b>Chancel Choir Director</b>
Clinton Ellerbe	<b>Saturday Worship Leader</b>
Austin Naylor	<b>Bells of Trinity Director</b>
Brenda Harju	<b>TLC Preschool Director</b>
	<b>Financial Manager</b>
Deana Andrist	<b>Office Administrator</b>
Amanda Backsen	<b>Director of Communications &amp; Volunteer Coord.</b>
Claire Pickerel & Chad Carpenter	<b>AV Technicians</b>
Jennifer Reeve	<b>Shared Children's Minister</b>
Tiffany Klijewski	<b>Nursery Coord.</b>
Zoe Klaman	<b>Shared Nursery Attendant</b>

*\*Staff Emails are available on our website\**

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR:

#### **Monday (April 27)**

12 pm Sermon Discussion-Fireside  
6:30 pm (5) NoCo Male Spirituality

#### **Tuesday (April 28)**

5:30 pm JET Eco/Justice-Room 2

#### **Wednesday (April 29)**

5:15 pm Bells of Trinity-Room1  
6:30 pm Chancel Choir-Choir Room

#### **Thursday (April 30)**

9:30 pm Bible Study-Room Room 2  
3 pm Spanish Class-Room 2  
6 pm Chapter 2 Readers-Fireside

#### **Friday (May 1)**

10 am Quilting-Room 2

#### **Saturday (May 2)**

10:30 am Pastor Paul Schairer Funeral  
2 pm Sweet Treats-Kitchen  
2 pm Prayer Cards-Room 2  
5 pm Saturday Worship

#### **Sunday (May 3)**

9 am Adult Forum-Room 2  
9 am Confirmation-Room 8  
9 am Sunday School -Room 3  
9 am Youth Group-Room 6  
10:30 am Worship  
11:30 am Fellowship

### Coming Up:

**May 16 & 17**

**Celebrating Graduates &  
Farewell/Godspeed for Claire**

**May 24**

**Farewell for TLC Preschool**

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So, how can you learn more about Trinity?

Visit our website at [www.trinitylutheranfc.org](http://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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