



Trinity Lutheran Church  
Sunday, April 26, 2026  
4rd Week of Easter  
Paul and Silas

\*Indicates please stand as you are able

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*“The Strife is Over”*

Janet Linker

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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.*

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

L: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

**C: Amen.**

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

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.*

L: 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 (*like the Poudre River and Horsetooth Reservoir*). Blessed are you.

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

L: 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.**

L: 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.**

L: 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.

**C: Amen.**

**\*GATHERING HYMN\***

*"When the Storms of Life are Raging"*  
vs. 1, 3 & 4

**TFF #198**

Charles A. Tindley

arr. J. Jefferson Cleveland & Verolga Nix

Arr. ©1981 Abingdon Press OL#232384



1 When the storms of life are rag - ing, stand by me;

3 In the midst of faults and fail - ures, stand by me;

4 In the midst of per - se - cu - tion, stand by me;



when the storms of life are rag - ing, stand by me;

in the midst of faults and fail - ures, stand by me;

in the midst of per - se - cu - tion, stand by me;



when the world is toss - ing me like a ship up - on the sea;

when I do the best I can, and my friends mis - un - der - stand,

when my foes in battle ar - ray un - der - take to stop my way,



thou who rul - est wind and wa - ter, stand by me.

thou who know - est all a - bout me, stand by me.

thou who saved . . . Paul and Si - las, stand by me.

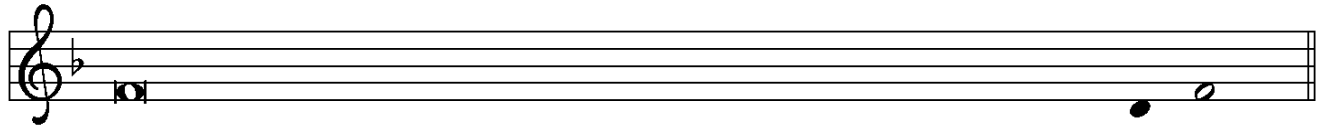
**\*INVOCATION\***

**P:** May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love, mercy, and justice of God, and wisdom of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

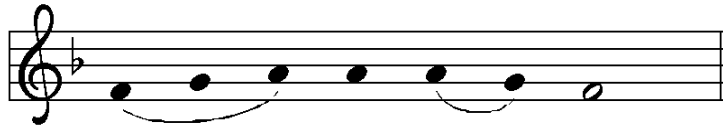
**C:** **And also with you.**



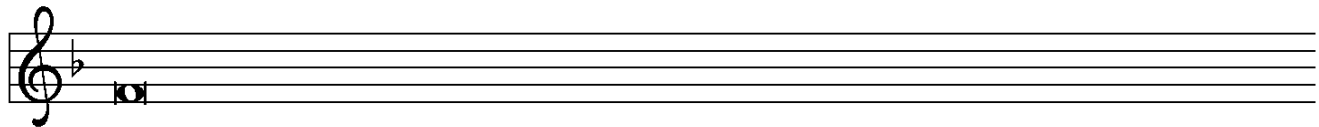
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



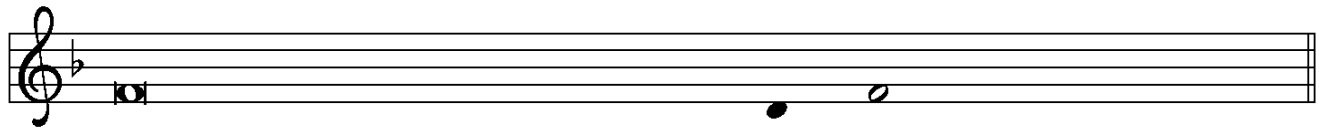
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



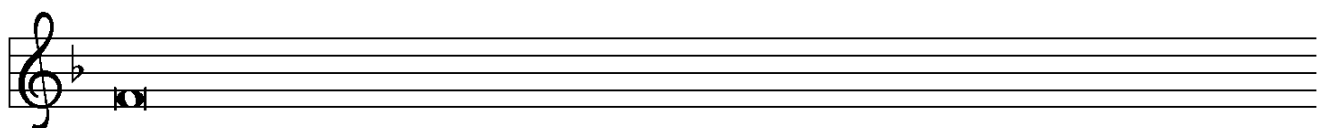
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



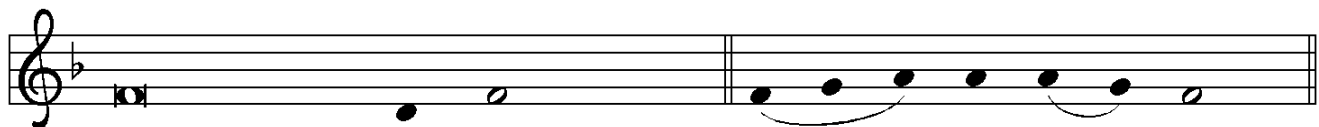
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



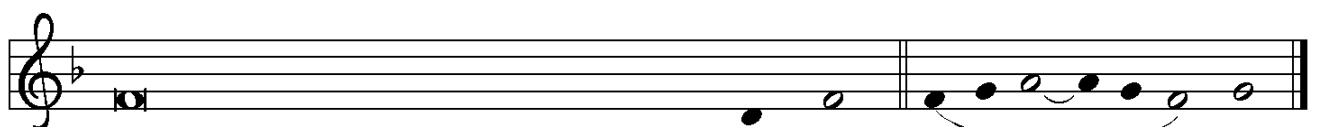
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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.**

*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. 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.

*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.

**\*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.

**CHILDREN'S SERMON & OFFERING**

**Pastor Rich Fennig**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*"He Leadeth Me"*  
Bells of Trinity

Kevin McChesney  
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**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION\***

**ELW pg. 142**

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 READING\***

**Acts 16:16-34**

L: The good news 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**

**\*HYMN OF DAY\***

*"When Our Song Says Peace"*

**ELW #709**

W: Richard Leach

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M: Thomas Pavlechko

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1 When our song says peace and the world says war, we will  
 2 When our song says free and the world says bound, we will  
 3 When our song says home and the world says lost, we will



sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,  
 sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,  
 sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,



who breaks the spear and sword and stills the storm of war.  
 who o - pens pris - on doors and sets the cap - tives free.  
 who brings us home at last, and gives a song to all.

**\*APOSTLES CREED\***

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\***

P: Merciful God.

C: **Receive our prayer.**

**\*PEACE\***

P: 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\***

P: 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,

C: **Amen.**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING\***

ELW pg. 144

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**\*PREFACE\***

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY\***

ELW pg. 144

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

**\*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.**

**\*THE 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 HYMN\***

*"Lamb of God"*

ELW pg. 146

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**COMMUNION**

*"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*  
Bells of Trinity

Sandra Eithun  
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**\*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\***

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, Amen.

**\*SENDING HYMN\***

*"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"*  
Trinity Chancel Choir

Peter Lutkin  
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**\*SENDING\***

P: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*POSTLUDE\***

*"The Joys Awaiting"*

Lyndell Leatherman  
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# Prayer List

## Members

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

Mourning for Rufina Kaltenberger

Carol Arnold

Mary Ann Miller

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.

## 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

## In Ministry Today

**Presiding & Preaching:** Pastor Rich Fennig

**Worship Assistant:** Rick Aust

**Welcome Table Host:** Cheryl & Ron Smith

**Fellowship Host:** Linda Cavazos

**Bread Baker:** Dan Merz

**Prayer Writer:** Sara Mullarkey

**Communion Team:** Rick & Shelley Aust

**Flower Arrangement:** Volunteers of 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/ 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>Nursery Attendant</b>

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

## Coming Up:

### **May 16 & 17**

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

### **May 24**

**Farewell for TLC Preschool**

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



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