

**WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING**

✠ INDICATES TO STAND

**OPENING HYMN**..... PAGE 711

**“SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US”**

**OPENING VERSICLES**..... PAGE 260

- L This is the day which the Lord has made;  
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
L From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**  
L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;  
C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**  
L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.  
C **Teach me Your paths.**  
L Sanctify us in Your truth.  
C **Your Word is truth.**  
L From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**  
C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE**..... PAGE 261

*Refrain*



✠ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.  
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the  
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that  
day: “Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,

make known His deeds a-mong the peo-ples, pro -

claim that His name is ex - alt - ed.”

*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done

glo - rious-ly; let this be made known in all the

earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -

hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the

Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will



## FIRST READING -- ACTS 20:17--35

L The first reading for the Fourth Sunday of Easter is from the twentieth chapter of Acts.

<sup>17</sup>Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. <sup>18</sup>And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, <sup>19</sup>serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; <sup>20</sup>how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, <sup>21</sup>testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup>And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, <sup>23</sup>except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. <sup>24</sup>But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. <sup>25</sup>And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. <sup>26</sup>Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, <sup>27</sup>for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. <sup>28</sup>Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood. <sup>29</sup>I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; <sup>30</sup>and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. <sup>31</sup>Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. <sup>32</sup>And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. <sup>33</sup>I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. <sup>34</sup>You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. <sup>35</sup>In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## THE EPISTLE -- REVELATION 7: 9-17

Reader: The Epistle reading is from the seventh chapter of Revelation.

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." <sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple; and He Who sits on the throne will shelter them with His presence. <sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the

sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their Shepherd, and He will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### THE HOLY GOSPEL – JOHN 10:22-30

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the tenth chapter.

<sup>22</sup>At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around Him and said to Him, “How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father’s name bear witness about Me, <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe because you are not part of My flock. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, Who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORY ..... PAGE 263

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

### ✠THE TEN COMMANDMENTS ..... PAGE 264

C **You shall have no other gods.**

**You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**

**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**

**Honor your father and your mother.**

**You shall not murder.**

**You shall not commit adultery.**

**You shall not steal.**

**You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

### ✠THE APOSTLE’S CREED ..... PAGE 264

### ✠THE LORD’S PRAYER ..... PAGE 264

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### THE SERMON

### HYMN ..... PAGE 709

**“THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS” VERSES 1-4**

## OFFERING

### ✠PRAYER.....PAGE 265

- L In peace let us pray to the Lord:  
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:  
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:  
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:  
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:  
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:  
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:  
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:  
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:  
C **Lord, have mercy.**
- L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:  
C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

### ✠COLLECT OF THE DAY .....PAGE 265

- L 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.  
C **Amen.**

### ✠COLLECT FOR THE WORD.....PAGE 265

- L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C **Amen.**

### ✠MORNING PRAYER .....PAGE 266

- C **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

*Refrain*

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.

Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.

Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

*Refrain*

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He

lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

*Refrain*

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

- L Let us bless the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**
- L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- C **Amen.**

**"CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER"****Acknowledgments**

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**LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY**

**May 11 – Fourth Sunday of Easter - John 10:27** – “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.” On their own sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. The sheep know the Shepherd’s voice, and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But following the Shepherd means life. So, no matter how difficult the path is, let us follow the Shepherd!

**LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE**

**May 11** - “As Christians, we know that God’s commitment to upholding life started long ago—before photos—before the beginning of time even. From His ordered creation of the world to His ordered creation of you in your mother’s womb, God’s work has always been life-affirming. Grafted into His family through Baptism, we have become children of God and inheritors of eternal life.” *Michelle Bauman, Y4Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR**

**May 11 – Easter IV/Mother’s Day** – With motherly tenacity and tenderness, Jesus insists none of His little ones perish (John 10:28). Each one comes from the Heavenly Father’s own almighty hand (John 10:29), no matter size or skills or circumstances (Revelation 7:9). He desires the whole human community to share His delight in caring for them all (Acts 10:28), even in surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis.

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***T H I S   W E E K***

**SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025 THROUGH SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	<i>Mother’s Day</i> <b>10:15 A.M.</b>	<b><i>Divine Worship</i></b>
TUESDAY	9:30 A.M.	<i>Ruth Bible Study</i>
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M.	<i>Men’s Bible Study</i>
	10:30 A.M.	<i>TOPS</i>
	11:30 A.M.	<i>PEO Meeting</i>
THURSDAY	9:30 A.M.	<i>Quilters</i>
	7:00 P.M.	<i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>
SUNDAY	<b>10:15 A.M.</b>	<b><i>Divine Worship/Communion</i></b>

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

*The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by  
Lola Abledinger in honor of all Christian parents and grandparents  
and by  
Goldie Gressman in memory of her four brothers.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**VBS:** Trinity will host a one-day VBS on Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 2:30 pm. It will be for children Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The theme will be “Dive Into God’s Word.” If you are interested in helping and are available on the scheduled date, please let Sue Kelly know (575-430-2100.)

**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on AM 850 & KFUO.org:** Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT) continues its study through 1 Kings, picking up with chapter 7. On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), we are continuing our journey through the book of Genesis. Join us as we study together, covering chapters 19-23. Don’t forget to tune in to Concord Matters this Saturday (4/28 at 10:00 a.m. CT) for a discussion of confession and excommunication in the church. Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or in the KFUO Radio app!

**MISSION FOR MAY AND JUNE:** During May and June, our congregation is blessed with the opportunity to uplift Luther Classical College as our chosen Mission. Luther Classical College is committed to providing faithful Lutheran education, shaping young minds in wisdom, truth, and a deep understanding of God’s Word. By directing our gifts to this mission, we are investing in the next generation of church leaders, educators, and faithful Christians who will serve and strengthen our communities. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to Luther Classical College and joining in this important work of faith and education. Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference!

**VISITOR MUGS:** The Evangelism Committee has prepared coffee mugs for our visitors, which are conveniently located inside the Guestbook podium. This is a handy spot for you to grab a mug to offer to visitors when you invite them to sign the guest book. On the Sundays you are hosting, please remember to give out ONE mug per family, visitor, or group. If it appears that multiple people in a group would benefit from having a mug, feel free to distribute more than one. Thank you for your assistance with this!

**TRACT OF THE MONTH:** “A Simple Explanation of Christian Denominations ...In today’s world, there are more than four thousand religions. And within Christianity itself, there are countless denominations. These numbers can cause many Christians to wonder what those differences are that make each denomination unique and how we, as Lutherans, can respond to those differences, especially when it comes to beliefs about salvation, the Sacraments, the role of Christ, and even sources of doctrine. This easy-to-use, compact booklet features brief summaries of seventeen Christian denominations. These summaries will help readers better understand each denomination’s differences, history, source of doctrine, and beliefs about Jesus Christ and the Sacraments.

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## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Louis Mauriot will graduate from NMSU with a Master of Civil Engineering on May 9, having initially planned to complete his studies there as well, and will move to Phoenix, Arizona following graduation. Louis also served as Pistol Pete, the Aggie Mascot for NMSU this past year. Louis is a member of Trinity and is the grandson of Dick and Jan Dommers.



### **BACKPACK MINISTRY**

We are collecting food items for the Love INC Backpack Ministry for the Tularosa schools. Please leave your donations in the tub in the south hallway. A list of items needed is posted above the tub. You may make a monetary donation if you prefer. Contact me at 575-214-9942 if you have any questions. Thank you for your support. Cheryl Richey.

### **Backpack Food Suggestions**

Small boxes of Cereal	Cereal Bars
Fruit cups	Shelf stable milk boxes
Cheese Crackers	Small bags of Chips
Soups or stews	Tuna or Chickens salads
Juice Boxes	Fresh Fruits

**Other suggestions are welcomed and appreciated!**

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### **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE**

**SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025: WORSHIPPED: 75 COMMUNED: 66 ONLINE: 4**

**SUNDAY MAY 4, 2025: GENERAL FUND: \$3,865.00**

**MONTHLY ONLINE GIVING: \$5,025.00**

**DOLLAR PROJECT: \$10.00**

**FLOWERS: \$36.00**

**LUTHERAN CLASSICAL COLLEGE: \$60.00**

### **ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**MUSIC: Garrett Anderson**

<b>HOSTS:</b>	Merry Zumwalt & Irvin Torres	<b>ELDER:</b>	Bob Klose
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>	Robin Haymes	<b>TELLERS:</b>	Merry Zumwalt
	Susan Rentschler		Vicki Leonard
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Merry Zumwalt	<b>SOUND TECH:</b>	Matt Anderson
<b>USHERS:</b>	Abby Anderson, Emily Johnson		
	Norbert Sanchez, Susan Kelly		

### **ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**MUSIC: Michael Cortez**

<b>HOSTS:</b>	Tom Blackmon & Wilma Jaecks	<b>ELDER:</b>	Robert Rentschler
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>	Robin Haymes	<b>TELLERS:</b>	Dick Dommers
	Susan Rentschler		Merry Zumwalt
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Merry Zumwalt	<b>SOUND TECH:</b>	Jim Kline
<b>USHERS:</b>	Bob Thede, Tammy Thede		
	Robert Johnson, Trey Johnson		

## **HEAVENLY FATHER, WE COME TO YOU IN PRAISE AND PRAYER**

### **FOR COURAGE, GRACE, FAITH, AND HEALING WITHIN YOUR WILL**

**Darrell & Sheila Anderson**, Angi Bates, **Ed Branch**, **Allen Burmeister**, Ellen Clark, Douglas Clark, Vicky Cosio, Mike Fladhammer, Jill Guterrez, Veronica Holman, Scout Hughes, **Kristi Humphrey**, **Wilma Jaecks**, Jim Johnson, Caroline Kelly, Jeremy Koch, Carey Mitchell, Pastor Shelby Moon, Terry Neilsen, Rachel Preus, Logan Radford, Connie Rogers, Jessica Schroeder, Judy Smith, Rick Sotak, Darin Steeby, Roger Storm, Ann Waghorn, Hannah Weathers, Betty Wilkes, Paul Woodruff, Karen Zinn, Don Zumwalt, Reverend Nicholas and Reverend Celestino from South Sudan, Martyrs for the faith, Our Nation's Leaders, Public Safety Personnel,

*We also pray for those who are on the long-term prayers in the Trinitarian.*

### **FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN THE MILITARY**

Tom Bass, Heather Beck, **Zac Collins**, Brendon Garritano, Ryan Hobson, Caleb Jaecks, Cody Phelps, Daniel Smelser, Bryant Roeske, Kyle Steeby, Arcadia Thomason, Ethan Trowbridge, Tanner Wedd, and all troops serving in harms way

### **LEST WE FORGET**

### **PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING**

#### **FOR OUR HOMEBOUND**

**Kay Burger**, **Lothar Butzkies**, Frank Enyeart, Rodney Greer, **Shirley Hill**, **Colleen Sandenaw**, **Lee Wood**,

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**AMEN**

### **PRAYER REQUEST CARDS**

If you wish to place a name on the prayer list, you must complete a **blue prayer request card**. The cards are located on the credenza to the right as you leave the sanctuary. If the individual needs to remain on the prayer list, the requester will have to update the request card every two weeks by calling the church office or completing a new card. If not updated after two weeks on the weekly prayer list, each name will be transferred to the extended prayer list which will be published in the Trinitarian.