

# WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**SUNDAY, April 30, 2023**

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE SERVICE SETTING TWO

✠ INDICATES TO STAND

OPENING HYMN ..... PAGE 692

“PRAISE TO YOU AND ADORATION”

✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ..... PAGE 167

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ..... PAGE 168

### ✠ PSALM 23

Pastor: <sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;

People: **I shall not want.**

Pastor: <sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures,

People: **He leads me beside still waters.**

Pastor: <sup>3</sup>He restores my soul.

People: **He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.**

Pastor: <sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me;

People: **Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**

Pastor: <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

People: **You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**

Pastor: <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

People: **and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

✠ KYRIE ..... PAGE 168

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE: GLORIA IN EXCELSIS ..... PAGE 170

### ✠ SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **♪ And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

ALL: **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.**

## FIRST READING -- ACTS 2: 42-47

Reader: The first reading for the fourth Sunday of Easter is from the second chapter of Acts.

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

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## TRINITY RINGERS

LORD JESUS, THINK ON ME

## THE GRADUAL *(adapted from Matthew:28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6)*

Pastor: Christ has risen from the dead.

**People: [God the Father] had crowned Him with glory and honor.**

Pastor: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

**People: He has put all things under His feet.**

## THE EPISTLE -- 1 PETER 2: 19-25

Reader: The Epistle reading is from the second chapter of First Peter.

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

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

✠ ALLELUIA ..... PAGE 173


## ✠THE HOLY GOSPEL -- JOHN 10:1-10

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

**People: ♪ Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[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. <sup>2</sup>But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out


all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what He was saying to them. <sup>7</sup>So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord  
People:  Praise to You, O Christ.

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**


**HYMN OF THE DAY** ..... *PAGE 709*  
“THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS”

**THE SERMON “ABUNDANT LIFE”**


 **THE APOSTLES’ CREED** ..... *PAGE 175*

 **THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**OFFERING**

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“SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US”

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**NEXT WEEK’S TEXTS:** Psalm 146; Acts 6: 1-9; 7:2A; 51-60; 1 Peter 2: 2-10; John 14:1-14

**NEXT WEEK:** When looking at your GPS, what are you wanting to know:

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**TODAY’S LIGHT READERS**

**TODAY’S LIGHT:** Obadiah; Jonah 1-4; Micah 1-2

1. How do the seven closing words of Obadiah in verse 21 describe a believer’s outlook on life?
2. As a result of the Spirit of God at work in the preaching of Jonah, the Ninevites repented of their sins (Jonah 3:7-10). Describe the change in people that occurs as the result of true repentance.

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**LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY**

**April 30 – 4th Sunday of Easter - 1 Peter 2:21 – “For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.”** Our heavenly Father wants us to grow into the image of His Son and to follow in His steps. Jesus suffered for us not only to redeem us, but also to show us what love looks like and to leave us an example of self-giving, sacrificial generosity. “Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure.”

### **LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE**

**April 30 -** “God’s Word is full of stories of people who gave up, got discouraged, and quit. His response to them was words of encouragement and support, a call to courage and perseverance, a call to strengthen trembling knees and put on the armor of God.” *Barbara Lane Geistfeld, D.V.M., Lutherans For Life*

**-A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life — [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)**

### **LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR**

**April 30 – Easter IV –** The earliest Church found great delight in not giving themselves over to radical autonomy. Instead they invested in fellowship and community that accompany each other rather than abandoning in time of need (Acts 2:44). May we likewise proclaim and put into practice our Lord’s promise that the abundant life is the one that is shared especially in adversity (John 10:10).

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## ***T H I S   W E E K***

**SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023 THROUGH SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023**

| <u><b>DATE</b></u> | <u><b>TIME</b></u> | <u><b>EVENT</b></u>             |
|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>SUNDAY</b>      | <b>9:00 A.M.</b>   | <b>Christian Education Hour</b> |
|                    | <b>10:15 A.M.</b>  | <b>Divine Worship</b>           |
| <b>MONDAY</b>      | <b>6:30 P.M.</b>   | <b>Gideons Meeting</b>          |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>     | <b>9:30 A.M.</b>   | <b>Ruth Bible Study</b>         |
|                    | <b>5:30 P.M.</b>   | <b>Bell Choir Practice</b>      |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>   | <b>9:00 A.M.</b>   | <b>Men’s Bible Study</b>        |
|                    | <b>10:30 A.M.</b>  | <b>TOPS</b>                     |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>    | <b>All Day</b>     | <b>National Day of Prayer</b>   |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>      | <b>5:00 P.M.</b>   | <b>Gibbs Wedding Rehearsal</b>  |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>    | <b>5:00 P.M.</b>   | <b>Gibbs Wedding</b>            |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>      | <b>9:00 A.M.</b>   | <b>Christian Education Hour</b> |
|                    | <b>10:15 A.M.</b>  | <b>Divine Worship/Communion</b> |

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

*The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by Gerald & Gayan Moore in honor of their granddaughter Katherine’s high school graduation, for Gerald getting to go on the Honor Flight, and in thanks for their many blessings..*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**50 YEARS!** Please join Rick and Nora Sotak in celebrating 50 years of marriage. Cake and punch after church May 7, 2023. Cards appreciated, gifts not necessary.

**THE MISSION FOR MARCH AND APRIL** is Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute. The mission of the LHMI is preparing workers to multiply healthy Hispanic Ministries. The Institute trains men and women as missionaries, lay leaders, and leaders who will go on to serve as called church workers to sow the seed of the Gospel among Hispanics.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER:** This year's National Day of Prayer will be Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup>. Trinity will again this year commemorate the day with 24 hours of prayer. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the board in the narthex. Please pick the hour you would like to pray and sign up. If you don't think you can do an hour, pray with a friend (each would take half of the same hour.) We will have prayer suggestions available prior to that day to help you with your prayers.

**FLOWER CHART:** There is one open date (October 29) on the Flower Chart for 2023. If you have a special occasion that you would like to donate flowers for the altar in October please sign your name on the flowers chart.

**A FEW GOOD MEN...** We are not the Marine Corps, but we are looking for a few good youthful men who are willing to work approximately one Saturday every quarter on the list of projects that the Trustee has lined up. Our current volunteers are in many cases octogenarians (or older) and some of the tasks are physically difficult or dangerous for those folks to tackle (climbing ladders for example). Anyone interested in volunteering for this effort should contact our Trustee, Allen Burmeister, to permit him to plan ahead in scheduling the necessary work.

**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFuo.org:** Study the end of 1 John through 3 John on Sharper Iron's "The Love of God" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study 1 Samuel 3-7 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and study the Preface to the Book of Concord on Concord Matters (5/6 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand on kfu.org or the KFuo Radio app!

**TRACT OF THE MONTH:** "The Biblical Response series offers easy-to-read summaries of important cultural topics for people who want to know what God's Holy Word says about cultural issues that touch our lives." The booklet for April is "A Biblical Response to Homosexuality". "When it comes to homosexuality, many sincere Christians believe that Jesus was silent on the topic. Or that times change, and Scripture doesn't apply. Or even that the Bible has been misinterpreted. Has it?" Several people have asked if we have a book on this topic. Here it is. Find out the answers to your questions, and by all means feel free to send or give one to someone you may know. If we run out, I can get more. Next month we will have a response to transgenderism.

**WORSHIP ANEW** is a National Lutheran TV program sponsored by Terry Marquardt and Trinity Lutheran Church of Alamo. It's on KVBA Vision Broadcasting, on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. or Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m. It's streaming on KVBATV.org or 14.1 Digital, 19 Analog, 22 Cable. (times listed below).

**Worship Anew** can also be viewed at any time over the internet. Simply to go <https://worshipanew.org/>

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| Sunday | 5:30 AM  | Sunday 12:30 PM |
| Wed.   | 11:30 AM | Friday 8:00 AM  |
| Friday | 2:00 PM  | Friday 6:30 PM  |

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## **LWML**

### **Hygiene Kits for Runners Refuge, Homeless Shelter**

The LWML is gathering Hygiene products to make into kits to donate to the Runners Refuge Homeless Shelter. We will be assembling the kits during the Retreat on May 13, 2023. Each kit will contain the products listed below. A bin is in the Narthex for your donation. The kit items will be wrapped in a bath towel. The towels were purchased with funds from a Thrivent Financial grant.

Bar Soap (full sized in wrapper); Comb, Shampoo, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Deodorant

#### **SAVE THE DATES:**

- **MAY 13th – SPRING RETREAT – will be** held here at Trinity from 9:30a.m to 1:00p.m. Christian Growth in Journaling will be presented by Nora Sotak & Yvonne Steeby. Bring your Bible or Bible App and one ingredient of your choice to add to the Stone Soup. We hope each & everyone of you will join us for a fun day with lots of fellowship and food planned. We will put the ingathering items together in the afternoon. If you are unable to attend any of the weekly Bible studies offered, we are hoping this retreat will help give you a way to be in God's Word daily.
- **SEPTEMBER 8-10 – ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT LWML -** Will be hosting a weekend Retreat for all Ladies at Glorietta, NM. This is always a wonderful Spirit lifting experience and fellowship with ladies from CO & NM. Please plan to attend. We will be carpooling. Registration forms are on the LWML Bulletin Board. Questions??? See Belinda Burmeister.

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

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023: WORSHIPPED: 76    ONLINE: 5**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023, GENERAL FUND: \$2722.00**

**DOLLAR PROJECT: \$12.00**

**LUTHERAN HISPANIC MISSIONARY INSTITUTE: \$20.00**

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

**ORGANIST:** Garrett Anderson (via recording)

**HOSTS:** Tom & Darlene Gilmore

**ELDER:** Jim Wilkes

**ALTAR GUILD:** Sandra Krueger

**TELLERS:** Dick Dommers

Stacy Johnson

Megan Bowman

**ATTENDANCE:** Mary Leslie Schmitt

**SOUND TECH:** Bob Klose

**USHERS:** Volunteers

**1ST LESSON:** Cheryl Sandenaw

**2ND LESSON:** Ruth Wilkes

### **ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 7<sup>TH</sup>**

**ORGANIST:** Lisa Cramm

**HOSTS:** Goldie Gressman

**ELDER:** Robert Rentschler

Robin Haymes

**ALTAR GUILD:** Robin Haymes

**TELLERS:** Linde Van Cleave

Vicki Leonard

Cheryl Sandenaw

**ATTENDANCE:** Shirley Enyeart

**SOUND TECH:** Ben Clark

**USHERS:** Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer

Larry & Beverly Van Duyn

**1ST LESSON:** Larry Van Duyn

**2ND LESSON:** Beverly Van Duyn

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

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

**Darrell Anderson**, Sofia Banks, Joshua Bentley, Tina Bowman, Ellen Clark, Harriet Douglas, Owen Frantz,  
Darwin Haslid, Denise Hill, Don Hoffman, Donna Holiday, Scout Hughes, Ronda Jones,  
Janet Marsh, Maria Martin, Lyle Nachand, Damian Orchard, Chad Parks, Logan Radford, Connie Rogers,  
Jessica Schroeder, Christine Verstein, Ann Waghorn, Guy Wardin, Rosanne Wehmeyer, **Lee Wood**,  
Martyrs for the faith, Our Nation's Leaders,

*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, Warren Black, Shannon Bowman, **Zac Collins**, Caleb Jaecks, **Natasha Thomas**,  
Anthony Uttke, Tanner Wedd, and all troops serving in harms way

**LEST WE FORGET**

**PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING**

Bob Klose, good report after final treatment  
Nora Sotak, successful surgery

**FOR OUR HOMEBOUND**

**Kay Burger, Lothar Butzkies**, Rodney Greer, **Denise Griffiths, Shirley Hill**

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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.