

WELCOME TO TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SUNDAY, April 28, 2024

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Divine Service 10:15 AM

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THE
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE**

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“LOVE IN CHRIST IS STRONG AND LIVING”

✚ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION PAGE 184

✚ SERVICE OF THE WORD PAGE 186

✚ PSALM 150

Pastor: ¹Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary;

People: praise Him in His mighty heavens!

Pastor: ²Praise Him for His mighty deeds;

People: praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

Pastor: ³Praise Him with trumpet sound;

People: praise Him with lute and harp!

Pastor: ⁴Praise Him with tambourine and dance;

People: praise Him with strings and pipe!

Pastor: ⁵Praise Him with sounding cymbals;

People: praise Him with loud clashing cymbals!

Pastor: ⁶Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

People: Praise the LORD!

✚ KYRIE PAGE 186

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✚ SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY PAGE 189

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: ♪ And with thy spirit.

Pastor: Let us pray.

ALL: O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through 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 8:26-40

Reader: The first reading for the fifth Sunday of Easter is from the eighth chapter of Acts.

²⁶Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep He was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so He opens not His mouth. ³³In His humiliation justice was denied Him. Who can describe His generation? For His life is taken away from the earth." ³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

Pastor: Christ has risen from the dead.

People: [God the Father] has 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 JOHN 4:1-21

Reader: The Epistle reading is from the fourth chapter of First John.

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for He Who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. ⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God

abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as He is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because He first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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✠ THE HOLY GOSPEL -- JOHN 15:1-8

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

People: **♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of Mine that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in Me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord

People: **♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY PAGE 544

"O LOVE, HOW DEEP" VERSES 1, 2, 4, 6

THE SERMON "LOVE ONE ANOTHER"

OFFERING

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CHILDREN ARE DISMISSED FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

CLOSING HYMN PAGE 542

“WHEN I BEHOLD JESUS CHRIST”

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NEXT WEEK'S TEXTS: Psalm 98; Acts 10:34-48; 1 John 5:1-8; John 15:9-17

NEXT WEEK: How are we to go about life when the world around us seems to be falling apart?

THIS WEEK'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 33—Joshua 7

1. Why wasn't Moses allowed to enter the promise land?
2. What unlikely person does God use as the Israelites were seen to enter the promised land?

LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

April 28 – Easter 5 - John 15:2 – “Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.” God is interested in the fruit that we bear in good works, and He even prunes us so that we may bring forth more fruit. Trusting in our Lord’s work for us, being grafted by grace into His vine, we desire to be more like Him, to grow into His image. That’s growth in fruit bearing — and it always comes with some pruning.

LIFE QUOTES FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

April 28 - “It is He who sustains us each and every day. It is He who brings us into the world, and He who draws our earthly lives to a close at the proper time. It is He who was born for us, He who died for us, He who rose for us, and He who reigns on high for us. His is the pattern of our lives.” *Deaconess Bethany Stoeber, Director-at-Large, LFL of Kansas – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR

April 28 – Easter V – It is anxiety and fright that drive folks to pursue abortion, physician-assisted suicide, and other measures that view death as a solution. Fear likewise bullies the sanctity of life into silence. But the Lord’s perfect love puts all fear to flight (1 John 4:18). In surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis, we and our neighbors need not independence and empowerment but the presence, promises, and compassion of the Father Almighty.

T H I S W E E K

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, THROUGH SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship
TUESDAY	9:30 A.M.	Ruth Bible Study
WEDNESDAY	9:00 A.M.	Men's Bible Study
	10:30 A.M.	TOPS
THURSDAY	9:00 A.M.	Quilters
	5:30 P.M.	Bell Choir Practice
SUNDAY	9:00 A.M.	Christian Education Hour
	10:15 A.M.	Divine Worship/Communion
	After worship service	"The Chosen" in the Fellowship Hall

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers adorning the chancel area this morning have been placed to the glory of God by Robert & Susan Rentschler in celebration of their daughter April's 31st birthday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MISSION FOR MARCH AND APRIL is the **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.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON LADIES BIBLE CLASS: The Thursday Afternoon Ladies Home Bible Study will start a new study May 2. The Study is *God's Relentless Love, A Study of Hosea* by Sharla Fritz. We meet on Thursday afternoons at 2:00 at Nora Sotak's home. Call Nora if you would like to join this class. 575-434-5247 home, 575-439-7524 cell

EGGS: The Dommers' are going to be bringing eggs on Sunday for anyone to take. The only thing is that they ask that the cartons be returned to them when empty. The eggs are on the table in the narthex.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: The sign-up sheet for volunteers for Vacation Bible School is posted on the Sunday School bulletin board. VBS is the week of June 10 through the 14th. Please sign-up to help even if it is not for the full week. Questions, please contact Jill Clark or Sue Kelly.

"THE CHOSEN": Since Mother's Day is the second Sunday in May, our next showing of "*The Chosen*" will be on May 5th. Please plan to join us after the church service, in the Bible Study room.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: This year's National Day of Prayer will be Thursday May 2nd. 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. You can do your hour of prayer at either the church or in your home.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Begin studying Daniel on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), continue studying Proverbs on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and study what we believe about The Church on Concord Matters (5/4 at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUE Radio app!

THE TRACT OF THE MONTH FOR APRIL: “The Christian life is a wonderful journey but one that can come with many questions. There are numerous parts to the faith that can be difficult to understand. What is the Bible? What other religions are there and how is Christianity different? What is the history of the church? How are Christmas and Easter celebrated?” As of March, we have finished the “A Biblical Response” series. Beginning in April we will start the “**A Simple Explanation Series**”. Topics in this series include: “Heaven & Hell, Church Year, Church & State, Lutheranism, Christian Denominations, Angels, Christian Symbols, Gender & Sexual Identity, Prayer, World Religions” and more. Since Easter is fresh in our minds, our first booklet will be “A Simple Explanation of Easter.” This book is easy to read and understand. If you or your children or any of your friends have questions or need a refresher course about Easter, this is the book to read.

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.

Back Pack Food Suggestions

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| 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!

LUTHER CLASSICAL COLLEGE PRESENTATION

On Sunday May 19, we will have a special presentation here at Trinity. Rev. Dr. Timothy Rossow will be here for Bible Class to show us how a Missouri Synod congregation in Wyoming has started a college and has students applying from all over the country and even internationally. This college is founded on the new/old practice of classical education and is at the forefront of this growing movement in the country and in the LCMS. This is the same philosophy used by Luther during the Reformation and by C.F.W. Walther at the founding of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. There will be a slide presentation during the Bible Class hour and Rev. Rossow will also be preaching for our morning service. Come and join us for this fascinating presentation.

POTLUCK!! There will be a potluck after the worship service on Sunday, May 19th to welcome Pastor Timothy Rossou., a representative of the Lutheran Classical College will tell us about the College during Bible Study, preach the sermon that day, and give us a short synopsis of what is going on and where the College is at these days. Be sure to sign up for the potluck!

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024: WORSHIPPED: 75 COMMUNED: 70 ONLINE: 5

FINANCIAL INFORMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE FROM LAST SUNDAY DUE TO A NETWORK ERROR. THAT INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN.

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

MUSIC: Garrett Anderson

HOSTS:	Goldie Gressman Robin Haymes	ELDER:	Jim Wilkes
ALTAR GUILD:	Sandra Krueger Stacy Johnson	TELLERS:	Joyce Macon Bob Klose
ATTENDANCE:	Diane Kline	SOUND TECH:	Jim Kline
USHERS:	Gerald Moore, Irvin Torres Bob & Sandy Klose		
1ST LESSON:	Cheryl Sandenaw	2ND LESSON:	Ruth Wilkes
SUNDAY SCHOOL:	Nora Sotak		

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 5TH

MUSIC:

HOSTS:	Cyndi Heithold Wilma Jaecks	ELDER:	Jim Wilkes
ALTAR GUILD:	Robin Haymes Vicki Leonard	TELLERS:	Yvonne Steeby Becky Worley
ATTENDANCE:	Merry Zumwalt	SOUND TECH:	Vicki Leonard
USHERS:	Tom Blackmon, Jim Fladhammer Larry & Beverly Van Duyn		
1ST LESSON:	Larry Van Duyn	2ND LESSON:	Beverly Van Duyn
SUNDAY SCHOOL:	Linde Van Cleave		

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE COME TO YOU IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

Darrell & Sheila Anderson, Darren Belcher, **Marvin Bunker**, Jerimiah Carr, Ellen Clark, Leroy Copeland, **Pastor Kevin Cramm**, Toni Cullen, **Laurie Di Paolo**, **Valerie & Bill English**, Frank & **Shirley Enyeart**, Donna Holiday, Scout Hughes, **Kristi Humphrey**, A. J. Johnson, Jim Johnson, Laura Klose, Renee' Lambert, Janet Marsh, Dale Murphy, **Evelyn Omey**, Damian Orchard, Chad Parks, Logan Radford, Connie Rogers, Carl Rooker, Jon Scarbough, Jessica Schroeder, Sarah Van Dorn, Eric & Joel Van Duyn, Christine Vertein, Ann Waghorn, Betty Wilkes, **Lee Wood**, Margaret Worley, Karen Zinn, Trinity's Sunday School, 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**, Caleb Jaecks, Aaron Nickell, Kyle Steeby, **Natasha Thomas**, Anthony Uttke, Tanner Wedd, and all troops serving in harms way

LEST WE FORGET

PRAISES AND THANKSGIVING

FOR OUR HOMEBOUND

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

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.