

**Trinity  
Lutheran  
Church**

**April 21<sup>st</sup>  
2024**

**Fourth Sunday  
of Easter  
9:00 AM**

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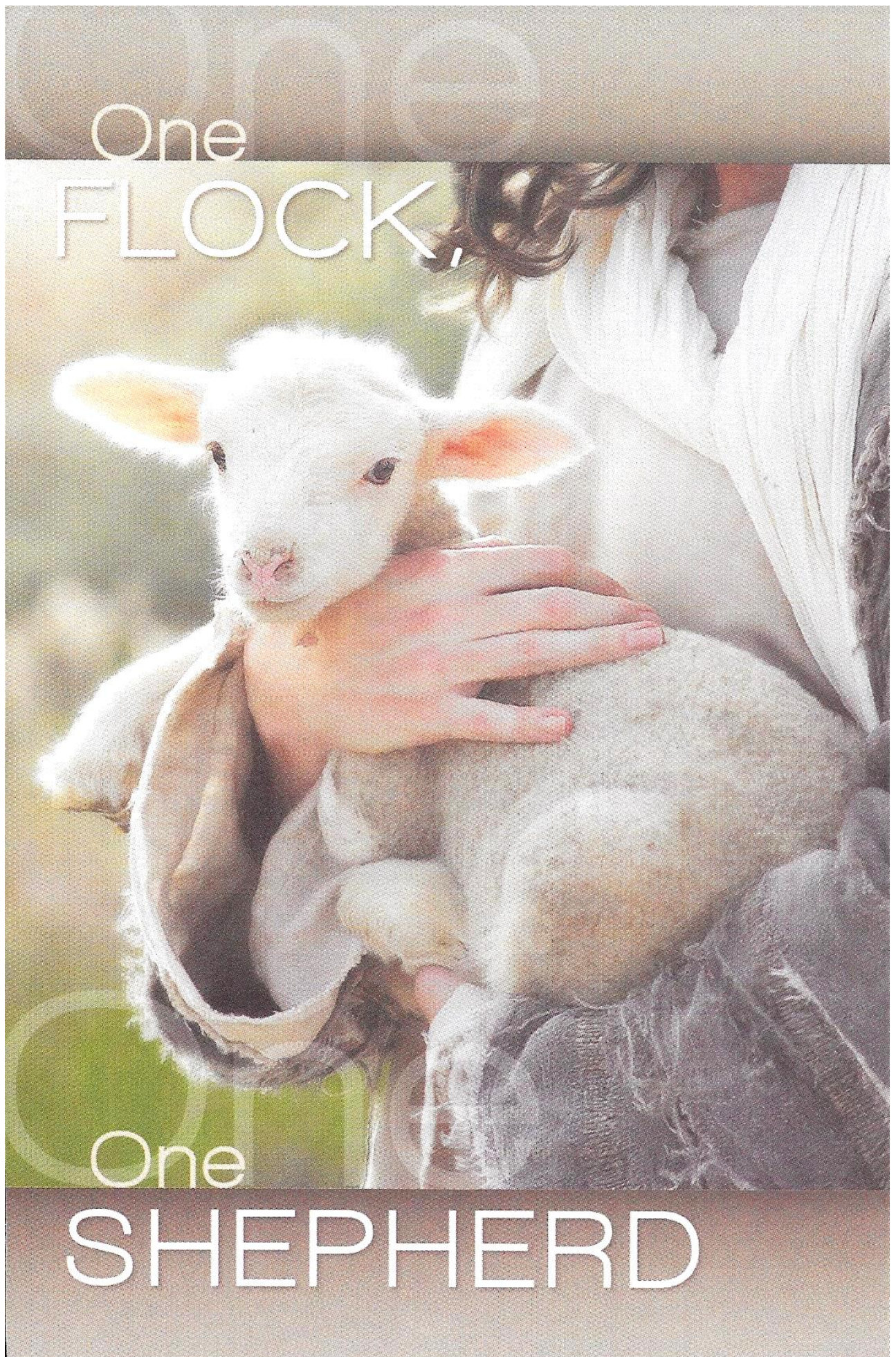
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## HOLY COMMUNION – ELW SETTING 3

9:00 A.M. ~ Sunday, April 21<sup>th</sup>



Fourth  
Sunday of  
Easter

**WELCOME ALL!** *On this is Sunday after Easter, the joy remains and the celebration continues. Alleluia! The Lord is risen! **HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!** All guests and visitors are warmly welcomed to join in this celebration of God's gifts of Word and Sacraments. Today, eight young children are having First Communion. Your presence is a blessing to this worship experience. May God's rich blessing be upon us all! Remind us again, O Lord, of your promise to be present wherever and whenever people are gathered in your name.*

**WE ALSO PROCLAIM** "a person who has faith in these words, 'given for you' and 'shed for you for the forgiveness of sin,' is really worthy and well prepared" to receive the Sacrament of the Table. Children not instructed in Holy Communion are invited to come forward and receive a blessing.

### WORSHIP AIDS

**PREFERENCE** to receiving grape juice instead of wine is indicated by raising your index finger to the server.

**ACTIVITY BAGS** for young children are on a stand at the rear of church; please return after services. Thanks.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETIN AVAILABLE.** Please ask the usher for a copy.

## GATHERING

**WE PREPARE** *The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.*

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**Amen.** Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

*Refrain*

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And also with you.**

**PSALM 23**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
 for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
 you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
 and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

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## WORD

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### FIRST READING

Acts 4:5-12

The first reading is in Acts chapter 4, verses 5 - 12. Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he is able to proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

*The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'*

*There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."*

The Word of the Lord      **Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING

1 John 3:16-24

The second reading is in 1 John chapter 3, verses 16 - 24. Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

*We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us — and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?*

*Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.*

*And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.*

The Word of the Lord      **Thanks be to God.**



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
*Refrain*  
I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry  
to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

## GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away — and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."*



The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

Pastor Grant Fischer

1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
 2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
 3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.  
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.  
 when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

*Refrain*

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,

yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

**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 OF INTERCESSION** God of grace, hear our prayer.

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,  
 3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,  
 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
 to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.  
 what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

(THE USHERS BRING UP THE OFFERING)

## MEAL

### COMMUNION WELCOME

All are welcome to the Lord's Table at Trinity. You are well prepared and worthy if by faith you believe these words, "given for you" and "shed for you...for the forgiveness of sin". Welcome to the Lord's Table. Come taste and see that the Lord is good.

### THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave Himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with the earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



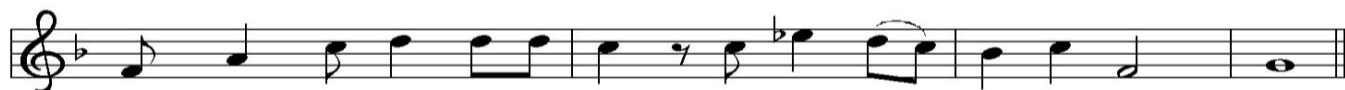
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



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 JESUS

## LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## DISTRIBUTION

*(Please sign the Welcome Pads and pass to your neighbor.)*



## PRAYER

Let us pray. Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life. **Amen.**

# SENDING

## BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope  
✠ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

**ELW #547**

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,  
the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.  
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—  
The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,  
the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.  
The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now  
reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.  
Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing  
to give work for your to king - dom and his an - swer your call.  
hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.



## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### Our thanks to all who serve the Body of Christ

SUNDAY		9:00 Worship	
Accompanist	Cindy Anderson		
Acolytes	Michal Pool		
Readers	Diane Evers		
Communion Assistants	Neil Neidt & Mark Miller		
Sound Tech	Russ Sorensen		
Greeters	Larry & Diane Evers		
Ushers	Larry Baumgardt, Dave Vosbeck		
Altar Guild	Nicole Stevermer, Beth Klein		

### WE WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE:



When these children were baptized, God made them part of God's household, the family we call the Church. Growing in their faith, they have learned about their heavenly Father and what it means to be a member of God's family. They have learned from Jesus to love others, who loves everyone so much that he gave his life for everyone on the cross. They have also learned how, in sharing the bread and sharing the cup of Holy Communion, we remember Jesus' death and his rising to life again. They have learned how eating the bread and drinking the cup makes us one with Jesus, bringing us closer to one another. And now these little ones,

*Trygve Coulson, Harley Deree, Hadlee Hansen, Brandon Hardin, Isaac Havemeier, Amelia Konkol, Brinley Peterson, and Evaine Pool* have expressed their desire to receive Jesus' presence at the Lord's Table. Therefore, we invite them to participate for the first time this morning. We welcome each one in our prayers to the Lord's Table. We thank God for them and rejoice in their being among us. We pray each one to remain faithful in Christ and to his body and blood, the precious signs of Christ's love for the world.

The 2024 St John's Lutheran Home Auxiliary membership drive is underway! A box with our envelopes is in the Narthex. Please consider a \$5 donation to the Auxiliary. Place envelope in the offering plate. We help with bingo, birthday parties and fund raisers which support the residents and staff. We are proud of the facility and Trinity is church member of St John's Home. Thank you for caring and for your support!



The Lay Ministry Board has decided to continue with 9:00 AM services through the summer months. Beginning in the Fall, Worship will change to 10:00 AM. This change is to help our young families, members from other towns with weather concerns, and those taking medications to have more time in the morning to join in worship. Please call the members of Lay Ministry with any questions or concerns regarding this change.

Lee Johnson at 507 276-3515, Jon Hansen at 507 640-1825, Mary Mulry at 507 227-9880, Juliann Wahlborg at 507 227-4777, or Rose Wall at 507 276-0013. Thank You.

**Everyone can help fund our WELCA women by buying your flowers through us! They will be delivered in time of Mother's Day! This will help fund all the projects our quilters accomplish during the year. Thank you for your support!**

**Darlene Brummund, WELCA President**



The WELCA Daughters of the Church Get-together

## *"Tending God's Garden"*

Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am – 12:30 pm

*Come spend the morning  
celebrating  
the joys of spring!*

**\*Learn about gardening with Master Gardener**

**Lynn Hacker**

**\*Plant a lovely container garden**

**\* Enjoy a special luncheon**

**Adults - \$15.00    Children 10 and under - \$8.00**



### **Hanging Baskets ~ 10 inch**

Mixed Petunia Basket	\$30.00
Trailing Wave Petunia	\$30.00
Impatiens Basket	\$30.00
Ivy Geranium Basket	\$30.00
Zonal Geranium Basket	\$30.00
Mixed Basket of Annuals	\$30.00
12 inch Mixed Basket of Annuals	\$35.00

### **Colorful Containers**

Combo Patio Planter 10"	\$30.00
Combo Patio Planter 12"	\$35.00
Geranium Tub 12"	\$35.00
Sun coleus Planter 12"	\$35.00
Succulent Planter 12"	\$35.00
Color Bowl of Mixed Annuals 12"	\$35.00
Color Bowl of Mixed Annuals 14"	\$35.00

April 21, 2024

## Jesus is our Good Shepherd.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are related to the Lectionary readings for this Sunday.

We invite you to take time each day to read the assigned Bible passages.

Sunday	John 10:11-18	The Good Shepherd
Monday	Genesis 48:8-19	God has been my shepherd
Tuesday	Isaiah 40:9-11, 28-31	God tends his flock
Wednesday	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23-24	God will look after his sheep
Thursday	Mark 6:30-34	Jesus, the compassionate shepherd
Friday	Revelation 7:9-17	The Lamb will be their shepherd
Saturday	Psalms 95	We are the sheep of God's hand
Sunday	John 15:1-8	Christ, the vine



## Fourth Sunday of Easter

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

***I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.***

John 10:14-15

### **SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:**

A Prayer for the Week:

Jesus our Good Shepherd, please forgive us for straying from you. Lead us back onto the path of true life. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer:

Jesus, our Good Shepherd, thank you for feeding us, protecting us and loving us. May we always listen to you and follow you. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God's kindness and love be with you each day of your life, and may you live forever with the Lord. Amen. (Psalm 23:6)

### CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your household or small group:

- In your life, who do you trust? Who do you listen to? Why?
- Jesus calls himself our "good shepherd." What does a shepherd do? How can we know that Jesus is a *good* shepherd?
- How do we listen to Jesus' voice? How can we grow to know him better?

### DEVOTIONS

In your home devotion time this week, play a game of "Follow the Leader." Blindfold all the followers, and have the leader guide them using only his or her voice. Read John 10:11-18 and talk about what it means to listen to Jesus' voice and to follow him as sheep of the Good Shepherd.

### SERVICE

1 John 3:17 says: "If we have all we need and see one of our own people in need, we must have pity on that person, or else we cannot say we love God." Is there someone in your church family who is in particular need at this time? Offer your help and support to them and pray for them.

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Read Psalm 23 as part of your household bedtime rituals this week. Parents, read it to and with your children as you settle them to bed. Make it your goal to memorize the Psalm with them.

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In addition to *Taking Faith Home*, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: [www.milestonesministry.org](http://www.milestonesministry.org)

***Please take your bulletin home for weekly family devotional time***



## Trinity's Mission Statement

*We are a community where Jesus is Lord: our mission is to invite, welcome, nurture, and equip all people to be disciples in His name.*

**TRINITY'S PRAYER CHAIN** Send an email to [secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org](mailto:secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org) or call the office at 507 794-5051. Leave a message.

**TRINITY'S WEBPAGE** Send an email to the church office at [secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org](mailto:secretary@trinitysleepyeye.org) and let Darlene know you want your newsletter via email!

**TRINITY IS NOW ON FACEBOOK**  
"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"

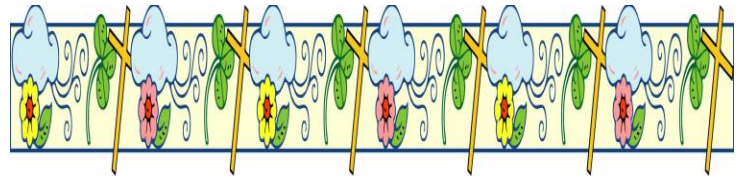
The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on [www.sleepyeyeonline.com](http://www.sleepyeyeonline.com) watch this site for community news and events.



If you haven't already, please consider *Simply Giving*, an automated giving program for your offering. You determine the frequency of your offering which is deposited into Trinity's account the same day it is withdrawn from your account. It's a "hassle-free" way to give. Talk to Pat or Darlene if you are interested. Thank You.

### Last week at Trinity

Weekly Worship Attendance:	213
Bible Studies Attendance:	8+7= 15
Weekly Giving:	\$3314.27
April Giving	\$9332.55
Amount given this year	\$74,700.26
Amount needed to meet Budget	\$85,950.00
2024 Budget	\$298,000.00



## This Week's Prayer Concerns

**Pray for Trinity**...that the Holy Spirit would keep our Trinity family united as we continue in worship and in helping others as we are able ...

**Pray for the Church**...that the Holy Spirit would empower us to live in the image of God so that we would speak and act in every way bringing glory to God before all the nations and peoples with what we have been given...

**Pray for our World**...that pain of this Covid-19 pandemic, which has penetrated so many lives that your light Lord would help us to see your presence and that the Spirit would lead us to seek the truth and practice grace for all who are hurting...

**Pray for all who are ill, afflicted, or recovering**...that the Holy Spirit would give comfort and daily strength to **Wade, Krista, Nicole, Trisha, Jan, Sherry, Kali, Jane, Ramsey, Sarah, Lennon, Chris, Julie, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Milo, Ed, Carlo, Dorothy, Story, Tina, Ethan, Robyn, Carmen, Linette, Tammy, John, Tony, Ted, Connor, Kimora, and Mary Jo.**

**Pray for the beloved**... who now rest from their labors in God's mercy and for all who mourn the personal loss of loved ones .....that God would fill each one with the hope of our Lord's promise to bring us to a new heaven and earth where suffering, crying, pain and death will be no more....

**Pray for all families**...that the Holy Spirit would bring compassion and mercy to all who are separated from one another and each would give way to mercy, love and reconciliation...

**Pray for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces and those far from home**...for **Brady Augustin** and his wife ...and for all of our military Veterans that the Holy Spirit would guard them in safety and keep their hearts stayed in Christ...

**Pray for the missionaries of our church (ELCA)**...that they proclaim their witness of the Gospel throughout the world.

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