

**Trinity
Lutheran
Church**

**April 27th
2025**

Confirmation

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

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**"Peace
be with you.
As the
Father
has sent me,
so I send you."**

John 20:21

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER CONFIRMATION – ELW SETTING 8

9:00 A.M. ~ Sunday, April 27th

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. 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... *In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.*



Bell Choir

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!**

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain


our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

GREETING

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

KYRIE

Refrain



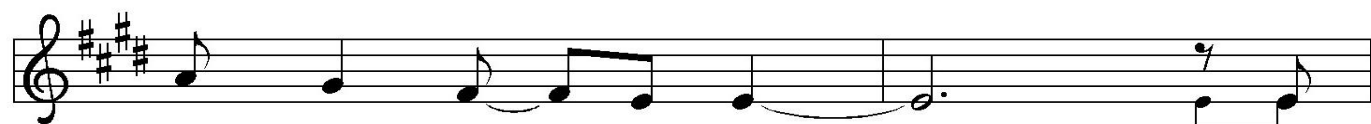
Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for
hun-gry and the poor; that
friends and fam-i-ly; for
wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray ... O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 5:27-32

The first reading is in Acts chapter 5, verses 27 - 32. Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.

When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4-8

The second reading is in Revelation chapter 1, verses 4 - 8. The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ, experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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



GOSPEL VERSE



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, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

John 20:19 - 31

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

SERMON

Pastor Dave Nissen

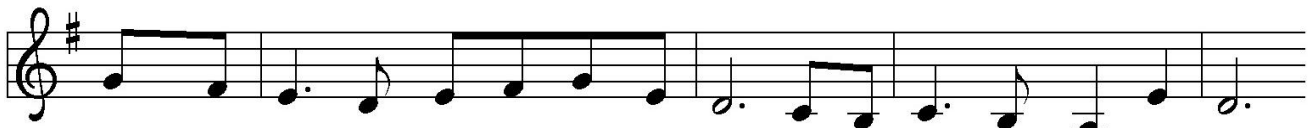




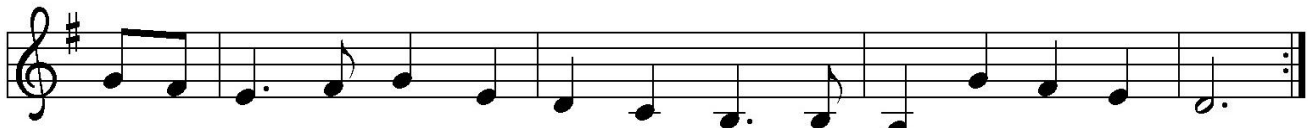
- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



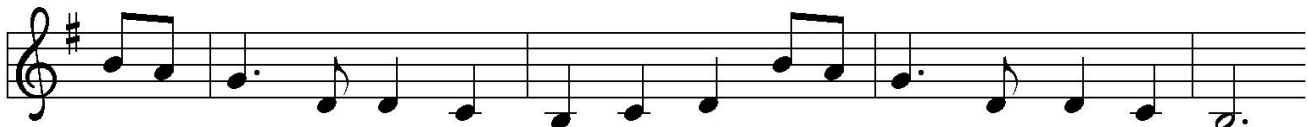
I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
 If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
 I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

(Confirmands come forward as names are called.)

P: These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism: **Hayden Domeier, Callie Evers, Karter Haala, Kenley Jensen, Riley Voigt, Kelsey Ladd, Braylon Nelson, Caleb Oscarson, Michael Pool, and Davin Suess.**

P: Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for *Hayden, Callie, Karter, Kenley, Riley, Kelsey, Brayon, Caleb, Michael, and Davin* whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in this community of faith. Uphold them in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C: **Amen.**

P: Dear friends, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world. In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. Therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

(Congregation stands to affirm our faith with the Confirmands)

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

THE PRAYERS

Let us pray for those who are affirming their Baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere:

That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death:
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth: Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love: Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

(other petitions are offered)

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

(C: Sit as the minister addresses the Confirmands.)

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear his Word and share in his supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

(Confirmands kneel)

Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these young men and women your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen**

(Parents, Baptismal Sponsors and/or Mentors come forward, joining the pastor in the laying on of hands.)

Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in (name) the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm (his/her) faith, guide (his/her) life, empower (him/her) in (his/her) serving, give (him/her) patience in suffering, and bring (him/her) to everlasting life. Amen.

PRESENTATION

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of our baptism in Christ. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

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)

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

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.

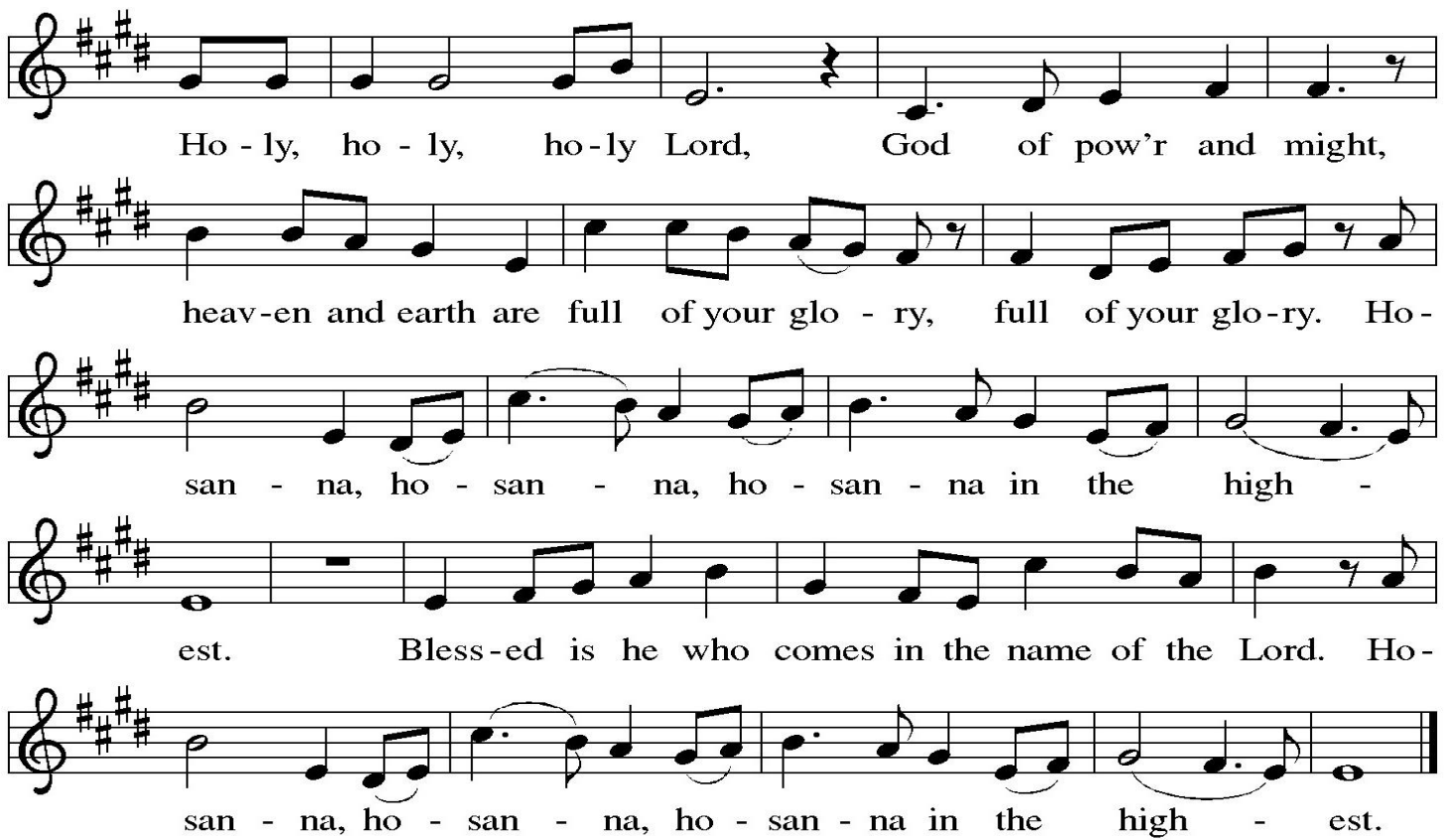
Lift up your hearts.

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, 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, ho - san - na, 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.**

PRAYER OF THANKS

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

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

Like children in the arms of Jesus, receive God's blessing: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

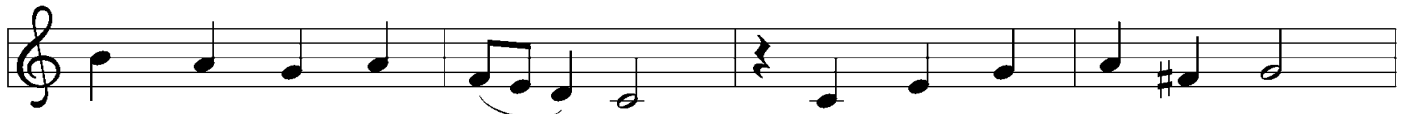
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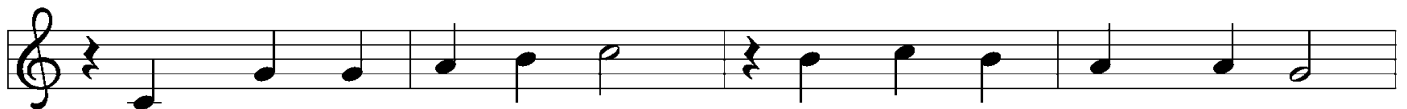
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Christ is always with you. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Our thanks to all who serve the Body of Christ

SUNDAY		9:00 Worship	
Accompanist	Mary Mulry		
Acolyte	Ryder Braun		
Readers	Our Confirmands		
Communion Assistants	Our Confirmands		
Sound Tech	Russ Sorensen		
Greeters	Harold & Bonnie Pettis, Our Confirmands		
Ushers	Eric & Juliann Wahlborg		
Altar Guild	Nicole Stevermer, Beth Klein		

THE FOLLOWING YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE AFFIRMED THEIR FAITH TODAY PLEASE JOIN THEM FOR CAKE FOLLOWING THE SERVICE



Confirmation

Hayden Thomas Domeier 11/10/2009
Parents: Jeremy & Nicole Domeier
Baptized: 03/28/2010
Sponsors: Randy & Sarah King

Mentor: Josh Domeier
Bible Verse: Luke 11:9
"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you, search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you."

Callie Evers 01/13/2010
Parents: Daniel & Nicole Evers
Baptized: 04/25/2010
Sponsors: Natalie Hertling & Dustin Schroeder

Mentor: Presley Dockter
Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13
"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Karter Haala 09/30/2009
Parents: Heather Haala
Baptized: 10/25/2009
Sponsors: Casie Braulick & Derrick Haala

Mentor: Colton Schewe
Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13
"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Kenley Elizabeth Jensen 05/06/2010
Parents: Tyler & Nicole Jensen
Baptized: 06/13/2010
Sponsors: Bethany Moen & Riley Jensen

Mentor: Chelsey Schewe
Bible Verse: 1 Peter 5:7
"Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you."

Riley Thomas Voigt 09/13/2009
Parents: Nichole Voigt
Baptized: 12/27/2009
Sponsors: Matthew Voigt & Beth Larson

Mentor: Doug Domeier
Bible Verse: Psalm 28:7
"The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts; so I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him."

Braylon Oneal Nelson 07/21/2008
Parents: Kate Nelson
Baptized: 06/27/2010
Sponsors: Cassie Anderson

Mentor: Sara Sellner
Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13
"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Caleb Patrick Oscarson 03/08/2010
Parents: Kelleigh & Ryan Peterson
Jake & Rachel Oscarson
Baptized: 07/11/2010

Sponsors: Kammie Trebesch, Craig Trebesch, Lance Oscarson
Mentor: Shaun Heiderscheidt
Bible Verse: Isaiah 40:31
"Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Michael Avery Pool 04/10/2010
Parents: Kyle Pool & Wanda Vela
Baptized: 09/25/2013

Sponsors: Ryan & Amber Pool
Patricia Sanchez
Mentor: Sarah Lendt
Bible Verse: Joshua 1:9
"Be strong & courageous, do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Davin Suess 12/30/2009
Parents: Craig & Melissa Suess

Baptized: 04/18/2010
Sponsors: Troy Winschitl & Deb Kruse

Mentor: Beth Schneider
Bible Verse: Timothy 4:12
"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young- but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and purity."

Kelsey Jona Ladd 06/11/2010
Parents: Bobby McDermott & The Late Leonard Busswitz
Baptized: 06/27/2010
Sponsors: Kami Johnson & The Late Johnny Ladd
Mentor: Kate Nelson

Bible Verse: Psalm 121:1-8
"I lift up my eyes to the hills — from where will my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore."

Last Day of our Sale! *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



"Living in God's Garden"

Saturday, May 10th

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 - \$10.00

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



You are invited to a Bridal Shower for Macy Schenk, bride of Colton Augustin, Saturday, May 3rd at 10 AM here at Trinity in the Library. Please bring a favorite recipe to share!

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!



APRIL 27, 2025

Now, I am sending you.

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 20:19-31	Seeing Christ's wounds
Monday	Luke 12:4-12	The courage to confess Christ
Tuesday	John 14:15-27	Jesus gives his peace
Wednesday	Judges 6:11-24, 33-40	Gideon asks for signs
Thursday	2 Kings 20:1-11	Hezekiah asks for a sign
Friday	Isaiah 53:1-5	By his wounds we are healed
Saturday	Psalms 122	Peace in Jerusalem
Sunday	John 21:1-19	Jesus appears to the disciples



Second Sunday of Easter

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Again Jesus said, "May peace be with you! The Father has sent me. So now I am sending you." John 20:21

SAY, PRAY AND BLESS:

A Prayer for the Week:

Risen Lord Jesus, please drive away our fears and doubts. Give us your peace and joy. Amen. (John 20:19-27)

Mealtime Prayer:

For this food and life renewed, we praise your name, O God. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord Jesus breathe into you the Holy Spirit. May he take away your fears and make you into a brave follower. Amen

CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your household or small group:

- Do you sometimes have doubts as a Christian? Share your experiences.
- Thomas found it hard to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead (John 20:24-25). Is there something that you struggle to believe?
- Jesus respected Thomas' doubts, and answered them in a beautiful way. What does this teach us about Jesus?

DEVOTIONS

As witnesses to Jesus' resurrection, the early Christians faced great opposition and persecution (read Acts 5:27-32). There are millions of Christians today who face different degrees of persecution, some quite severe. In your home devotional times, pray that God will give strength to Christians under persecution and deliver them. Visit the websites www.persecution.org and www.persecution.com to learn of particular people and situations that need prayer at this time.

SERVICE

Decorate some flower pots by painting them with Easter symbols, such as a cross, butterfly, lily, words like "He is risen!" or gluing on pictures. Buy some seeds to plant in the flower pots. Tend to these over the coming weeks. When flowers begin to emerge, present the pots as gifts to friends or neighbors.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In Revelation 1:8, Jesus is spoken of as the "Alpha and Omega." These are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, shorthand for the "beginning and the end." Find a way to display these symbols in your home, such as making a cloth banner displaying these symbols for your home altar, or drawing them and cutting them out of posterboard to display on a wall or window. Talk about what it means to say that Jesus is "the beginning and the end."



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 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 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 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:	324
Website	154
Bible Studies Attendance:	5+6+6=17
Church School	43
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$7387.13
April Giving: (\$23,640.00 .Needed)	\$17,626.34
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$83,826.44



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 **Jane, Krista, Trisha, Mark, Sherry, Kali, Isak, Vivian, Kim, Pam, Pat, Trish, Beth, Harold, Sarah, Chris, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Darrell, Milo, Ed, Carlo, Dorothy, 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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