

**Trinity  
Lutheran  
Church**

**May 11<sup>th</sup>,  
2025**

**Seventh  
Sunday  
of Easter**

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**"I give them eternal  
life, and ... no one  
will snatch them  
out of my hand."**

**JOHN 10:28**

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## BACCALAUREATE



### Fourth Sunday of Easter

9:00 A.M. ~ Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

*Greetings and Welcome to All! Today we honor our graduating High School Seniors. We pray and ask for God's blessing and guidance upon each graduate as they anticipate the next step in their lives. Following our service everyone is invited to partake in the fellowship and a reception to honor the 2025 graduating Seniors, where you can share your personal blessing.*

#### WORSHIP AIDS

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available from an usher ask the usher.

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

## GATHERING

**WE PREPARE:** *The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those "who have come out of the great ordeal" in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

PRELUDE / RINGING OF THE BELL / ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of ✝ the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

ELW #502

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

GREETING

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

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.**

## 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 God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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# WORD

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## FIRST READING

Acts 9:36-43

The first reading is in Acts chapter 9, verses 36 - 43. Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing was well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

*Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.*

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

## SECOND READING

1 John 5:9-13

The second reading is in Revelation chapter 7, verses 9 - 17. Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering, in whose blood the saints have washed their robes and made them white.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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 10:22-30

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

*At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."*

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

1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

## 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;**

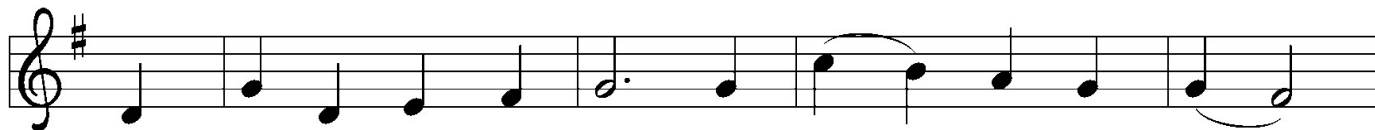
**he descended to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again;**

**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.**

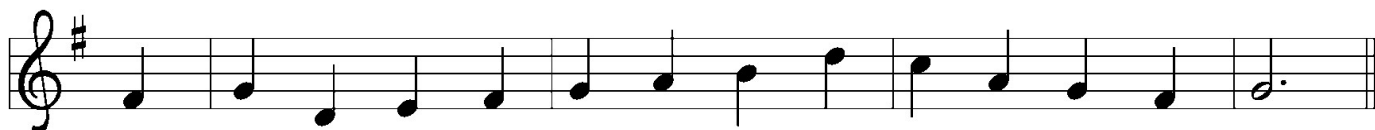
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**



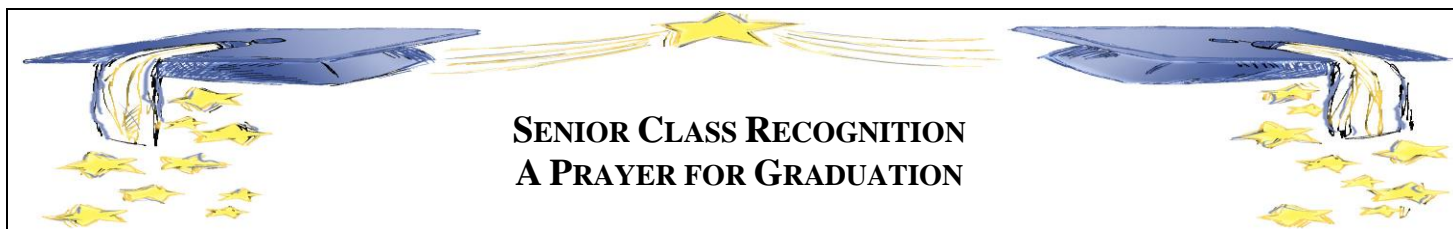


1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,  
 3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,  
 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



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)



### SENIOR CLASS RECOGNITION A PRAYER FOR GRADUATION

O God of life, in their baptism you blessed our sons and daughters with your Spirit, promised your aid, and called them into discipleship. For this everlasting blessing,

**We give you thanks, O God.**

For those who are entering new lives after graduation, help them use the gifts you have given that their lives would glorify what you have given and what you have yet to give.

**We give you thanks, O God.**

For those graduating into lives of full employment, lead them to work which honors you, benefits the needs of others, and inspires their spirit. God of daily labor, **Hear our prayer.**

For those continuing their studies, increase their knowledge with the gifts of wisdom and love that they, too, may serve you through their learning. God of truth and understanding,

**Hear our prayer.**

For those who have yet to perceive where life is leading them, grant them patience in the struggle, hope for the future, and the confidence that you will guide them righteously.

God of Hope, **Hear our prayer.**

Protect our graduates who are younger from any enticement that may tempt and lead to harm. Keep those who are older from the cynicism and despair that so often follows disappointment and failure. Help all to embrace their mistakes with repentance and misfortunes with restoration, so that your word of constant and abundant love would lead them ever closer to your kingdom. God of faithfulness, **Hear our prayer.**

Help parents and others who share concern for the dangers and decisions that will be faced beyond their caring eyes. Grant them reassurance and heal any regrets as they entrust their daughters and sons to your watchful care. God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

Holy God, send your witnesses to care for the sick and stricken. Stir up within us your compassion for all who are in need as we pray on behalf of your servants among us, including: **Mary, Jane, Krista, Trisha, Mark, Sherry, Kali, Isak, Vivian, Kim, Chris, Kathy, Emmett, Joan, Pat, Pam, Lois, Joyce, Emma, Darrell, Milo, Ed, Lynette, Tammy, John, Tony, Ted, Conor, Kimora, and Mary Jo...** and all people according to their needs...Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

And now, O Gracious Lord, we commend this year's graduating class: **Nora, Paige, Anna, Kade, Cody, and Caleb** to your care and guidance. By your unceasing Spirit help each of them make their light so shine before others that they may see their good works and give glory to you, the Lord of heaven and earth. **Amen.**

#### RECOGNITION AND BLESSING *(at the Altar railing)*



We invite the parents of the graduates to come forward and lay your hands upon the head of your daughter or son in blessing, just as Isaac blessed his son, Jacob.

*(Students kneel at the altar railing with their parents standing behind them with hands upon the heads of their child for this blessing)*

Holy Father, we thank you for these young women and men kneeling here before you. We know it's a mixed up world into which we send them. It is a world filled with conflicts, threats, and even the turmoil of terrorism. Yet, just as Jesus prayed that night in the Garden for his disciples that you not take them out of the world, but protect them and keep them from the evil one—so we pray for these young people.

As the Lord of hopefulness, be a mighty fortress to protect us from the enemy, the rock of ages upon which we can always stand, the Good Shepherd who guides us, the light that directs us, and who is with us to the end of the age. Continue to reveal yourself to these young people as you have done for your children throughout the ages.

Bless them, O Lord, and use the hands of their fathers and mothers to bestow upon them the rich blessings of the faith into which they have been baptized and nurtured. Bless them with the strength to keep their faith in you and in your holy church as they celebrate the joys of their salvation given them through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

*(Parents are seated)*

#### PRESENTATION OF BIBLES AND QUILTS

And now, we present to each of you symbols of God's love.

First, the members of Trinity Lutheran Church, represented by Eric Wahlborg, Executive Director, present you with the Bible. It's time for you to apply God's Word to your lives as adult believers. It is our hope that just as you were given previous Bibles, that this too, will be a "*lamp to your feet and a light unto your path*" to guide you in faith according to Psalm 119:105.

And further, receive your quilt made by the Trinity Church Women and presented by your church mentor or significant member. I want you to be aware that each stitch and tie in your quilt represents the love God has given us to share with each other. May this be a symbolic act of this congregation's continuing commitment to support you in living-out your baptismal promises that were begun the day your parents, out of obedience to Christ, brought you to the waters of Holy Baptism. May your quilt be a reminder not only of your parents' love, but also of God's love and the care you have received through the body of Christ that we know as Trinity Lutheran Church.

And now, as we have thanked and asked for God's Divine blessing, we also thank God for each of you. Wherever you go, you will be part of us. Wherever you go, our love goes with you. Whatever you do, you will be in our hearts. For nothing can separate you from the love of God in Christ. And therefore, we bless you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

*(Mentors and Graduates are seated)*

The peace of the risen Christ be with you all.

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## SENDING

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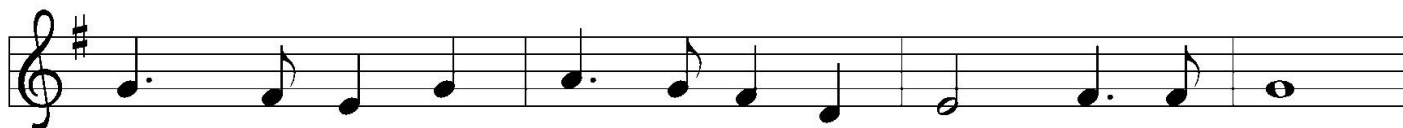
### DEPARTING BLESSING

The blessing of the living God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage. **Amen.**

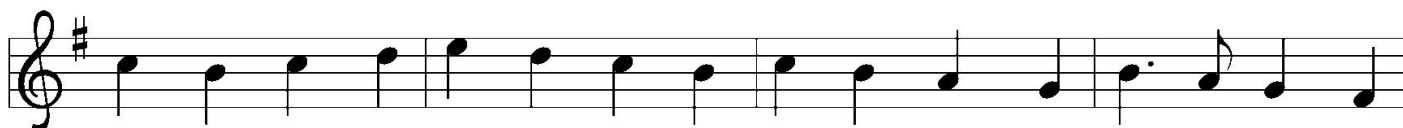




1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



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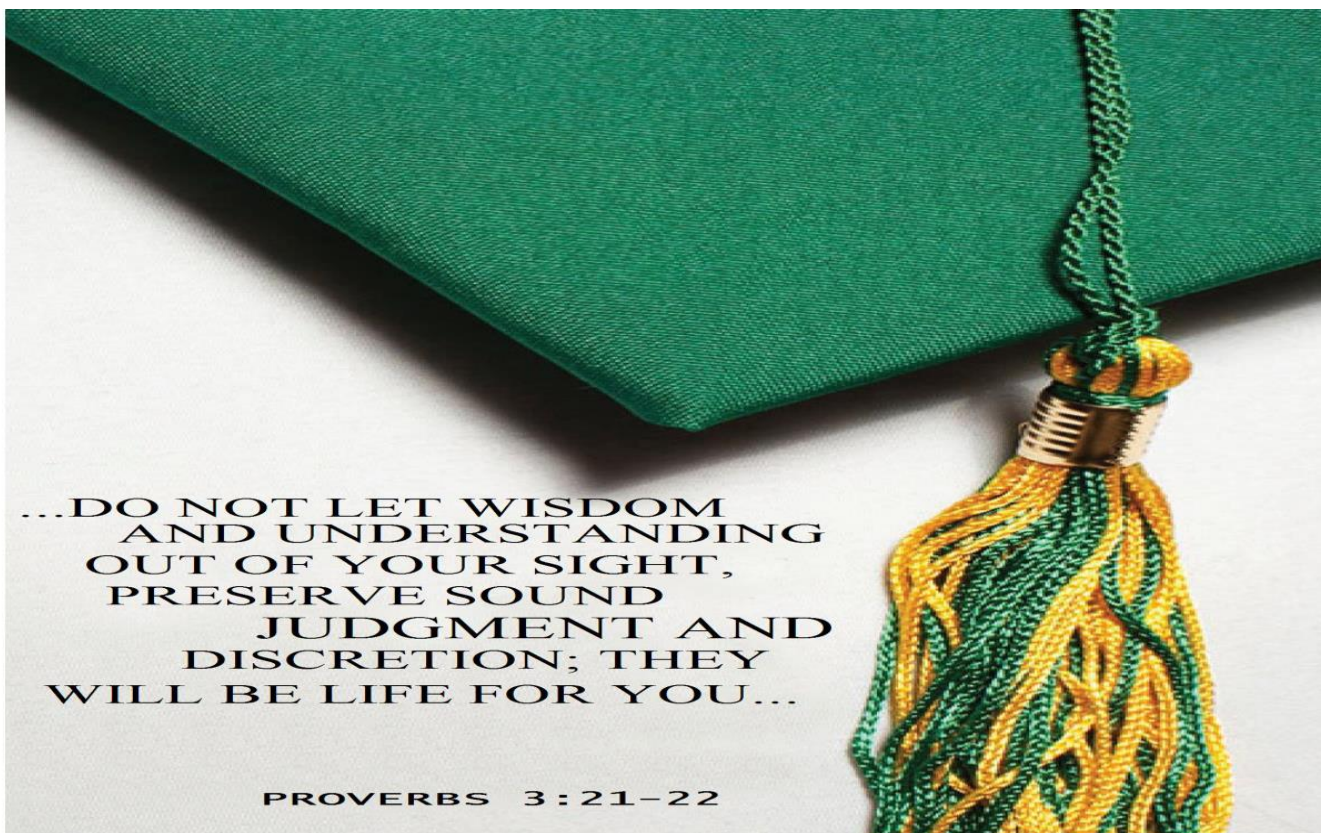
DISMISSAL You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace.

Share the good news. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Bell

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

SUNDAY		9:00 Worship
Accompanist	Lorie Grunzke	
Acolyte	Kaylie Fulmer	
Reader	Paige Haala, Anna Johnson	
Sound Techs	Russ Sorensen	
Greeters	Jeff & Lynette Carlson	
Ushers	Dennis Mangen, Mike Petersen	
Altar Guild	Mary Renberg, Nicole Jensen	



...DO NOT LET WISDOM  
AND UNDERSTANDING  
OUT OF YOUR SIGHT,  
PRESERVE SOUND  
JUDGMENT AND  
DISCRETION; THEY  
WILL BE LIFE FOR YOU...

PROVERBS 3:21-22

The Class of 2024 includes...

- ✦ Nora Coulson ✦ Paige Haala ✦ Anna Johnson
- ✦ Kade Nachriener ✦ Cody Schultz ✦ Caleb Suess



*Congratulations,  
Graduates!*

We wish you all God's very best in the future. Each graduate will receive a bible and a quilt, hand made by the Women of Trinity. Refreshments and cake will be served in the library after our Worship service. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Thank you to those who purchased plants or attended our Gardening Event! We thank Lynn Hacker for again leading our group as we learned about gardening and planted our container gardens. Thanks to our board for supplying a lovely lunch as well.

Our Trinity WELCA is active with many projects in addition to our Monday Quilting Ladies here at church and in our community. If anyone has gently used or slightly stained flat sheets they would like to recycle, the quilting ladies can use them for backs or insides for their quilts. Full to King size are preferred, but twin works as well. Thank you for supporting our WELCA programs.



Darlene Brummund, President of WELCA  
(Women of the ELCA)

## MEALS THAT MATTER

With the delicious meals available in the freezer located in room 109 just off the dining room we now need your help. The meals are to be given to people who are experiencing some sort of life changing event, be it a new baby, illness, a death in the family, or anyone you think would benefit from a tasty, readymade dinner. Remember, you are the hands of Jesus in our world.

*Thank you for being the hands of Jesus!*



***Remember...Our Food Shelf Box is in the back of the Sanctuary.  
The Good Work of this Church continues!***



The 2025 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!

**TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO HAVE YOUR PICTURES TAKEN IN THE LIBRARY. The Board of Lay Ministry is putting together a new pictorial directory. We are doing the pictures ourselves. If you have a family photo you would like to use that is fine also. The deadline is May 13th. You may submit photos to [wahlborg@sleepyeyetel.net](mailto:wahlborg@sleepyeyetel.net)**





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## Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Sunday	John 10:22-30	Jesus promises life to his sheep
Monday	Psalms 23	The Lord is my shepherd
Tuesday	Ezekiel 34:1-31	The promise of a shepherd
Wednesday	Matthew 18:10-14	Parable of the lost sheep
Thursday	Jeremiah 23:1-4	God will gather his sheep
Friday	Micah 2:12-13	Deliverance promised
Saturday	Psalms 100	We are God's sheep
Sunday	John 13:31-35	Love one another



## Fourth Sunday of Easter

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

***My sheep know my voice, and I know them. They follow me, and I give them eternal life, so that they will never be lost. No one can snatch them out of my hand. John 10:27-28***

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

A Prayer for the Week: Lord, we will not be afraid, for you are close beside us. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort us. Amen.

Mealttime Prayer: Shepherd God, we have all we need—food for our mouths and rest for our souls. Thanks be to you! Amen.

A Blessing to Give: May God's goodness and love be with you each day of your life, and may you live in God's house forever. Amen.

### CARING CONVERSATION

Discuss in your home or small group:

Who do you listen to? What do you learn from them?

Where do you feel safe? Why?

Jesus calls us his sheep and says that no one can snatch us away from his hand. What do you think he means?

In what ways do you experience Jesus as your Good Shepherd?

### DEVOTIONS

Traditionally, Good Shepherd Sunday is associated with prayers for people who serve in specific ministry roles in the church. Use your home devotion times this week to pray for those God uses to shepherd the people. Here are some suggestions for each day:

Monday: Church leaders Tuesday: Pastors Wednesday: Teachers Thursday: Church musicians Friday: Missionaries and evangelists

Saturday: Chaplains

### SERVICE

In Acts 9:36-43, we read about a Christian woman named Dorcas who was "always doing good and helping the poor." Designate this week as "Dorcas Week" in your home. Donate some grocery items to a food pantry or plan a way to raise funds for a charity assisting the poor in your community.

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Scripture memorization is a good tradition to develop. When family and friends work together to memorize Bible verses, they are able to support and encourage one another, and even come to relish the challenge. This week, aim to memorize Psalm 23. Start by learning the first verse, and then add a verse each day.

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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  
CHECK IT OUT!!**

*"Trinity Lutheran (ELCA) Sleepy Eye MN"*

The Trinity Tidings newsletter is now also posted on [www.sleepyeyonline.com](http://www.sleepyeyonline.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. *Please pick up your statements and envelopes in your mailbox. Thank You!*

### Last week at Trinity

Weekly Worship Attendance:	86
Website	48
Bible Studies Attendance:	7+11+5 =16
Weekly Giving: (5730.00 Needed)	\$2837.75
May Giving: (\$23,640.00 .Needed)	\$2837.75
Yearly Contributions to Date	\$90,089.82

## 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 **Mary, Jane, Krista, Trisha, Mark, Sherry, Kali, Isak, Vivian, Kim, Pam, Pat, Trish, Beth, Harold, Rita, Nip, 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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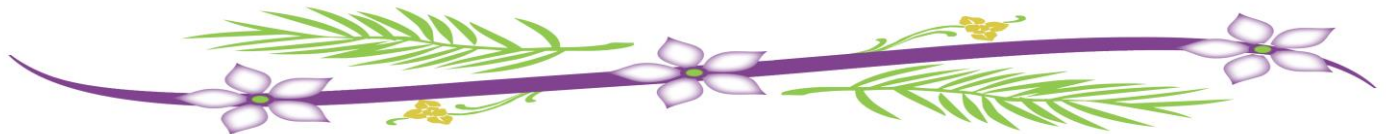
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