Trinity Lutheran Church

A Congregation of The North American Lutheran Church "Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ!"

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+ Fourth Sunday of Easter +
Sunday, April 21, 2024
Eucharists: 8:30 & 11:00 am
Sunday School & Adult Forum: 9:45 am

Today's Congregational Hymns

Gathering: #778 – The Lord's My Shepherd Communion Hymns: #780 – Shepherd Me, O God #822 – Oh, Sing to the Lord Sending: #502 – The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Today's Readings & Prayers

Collect/Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

C: Amen.

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

L: A reading from Acts:

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."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalmody: Psalm 23 Congregation's Refrain:



Cantor: Lord, you are my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where you give me repose. Near restful waters you lead me, to revive my drooping spirit.

Refrain.

Cantor: You guide me along the right path; you are true to your name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you

give me comfort. Refrain

Cantor: You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Refrain.

Cantor: Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of

my life. In the Lord's house shall I dwell forever and ever.

Refrain.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

L: A reading from 1 John:

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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation

Please rise and join in singing the Gospel Acclamation's Refrain:



Cantor: I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. *Refrain*.

Holy Gospel: John 10:11-18

- P: The Holy Gospel according to St John the 10th chapter.
- C: Glory to you, O Lord.
- P: "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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Prayers of the Church

We pray for Christ's Holy Church, for the nations of the world, and for the needs of our brothers and sisters throughout creation.

- + For Christ's Holy Church: that we might faithfully proclaim the Gospel and joy of the Sacraments that all might hear of and encounter the risen Lord in this world. Lord in your mercy...
- + For all bishops, pastors, deacons, seminarians, teachers, and parents: that they might joyfully and faithfully follow Christ in service to others and that they might convey the grace and wisdom of God to those in their care.
- + For those who serve as leaders of others: that they might emulate the Good Shepherd in their effort to guide and protect those who depend on them for the well-being of all.
- + For the grace to know Christ as he reveals himself: that the Scriptures might teach us and the Holy Spirit might open our hearts to who Jesus is and what he has done for us.
- +. For the assurance of resurrection hope: that we may earnestly confess our faults and rest securely in the knowledge that while we were still sinners Christ died for us, and God raised him from the dead so that we might have life and have it in abundance.
- + For those in poverty, those who are homeless, and those who live each day with uncertainty and fear: that the peace of God might rest upon

them and that the Holy Spirit might inspire us to works of love, not only of words or speech, but with actions and truth.

- + For those suffering quietly with illnesses of mind and body: that they may experience healing in their spirits and hope in their hearts, and that people of care and encouragement might come to their side.
- + For all who have died: that they may rest secure in the care of our Lord and that we who grieve might find hope and consolation in the promised resurrection to come.
- For thankful and joyful hearts as we celebrate with gladness the gift of new life, especially for the safe arrival of Layla Lane, that she be blessed with good health, and that her family members and those charged with her physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being would remember that God blesses and cares for them as well.
- + For the saints of the Church, especially, we remember, St. Mark the Evangelist: May his faithful witness of our Lord and commitment to sharing the Gospel inspire us as we endeavor to be co-workers for the kingdom of God.
- + Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Musical Offerings:

8:30 am \sim "A Communion Meditation" \sim by Don Besig \sim Anthem Choir, Kevin Rizzo

11:00 am ~ "He Shall Feed His Flock/Come Unto Him" from the *Messiah* ~ Vicar Quinn & Liz Miller

To The Glory of God...

- + The Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Joseph & Martha Dishong by their daughters.
- + The Bulletins are sponsored in honor of Jeff Kidd's birthday. Love, Mom
- + The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week:
 - ...in memory of Joe & Barb Arnold by Beth & Wayne Hullihen
 - ...in honor of Jim & Sandy Zembower's 64th anniversary by the Hagenbuch's
 - ...in celebration of their Uncle Bill Bayer's life by Joe & Nanette Schnably

~ Sponsor Opportunities ~ Altar Flowers ~ Sanctuary Lamp Sunday Bulletins

Sponsoring our Sunday Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Lamp, Sunday Bulletins and NALC Missionaries is a generous way to mark special occasions and remember and celebrate our friends and loved ones.



Please see the Sign Up Sheets in the rear of Trinity Hall for available dates.

Please call the Church Office, at 623-8813, and talk to Stacy with any questions.

Sunday Morning Fellowship

Every Sunday at 9:45 am
Please Join Us in Trinity Hall!
Today's Refreshments Host: Lois Boyer
Next Week's Hosts: Still Available
Please Sign Up in Trinity Hall to serve as a Refreshment
Host for an upcoming Sunday!



Parish Announcements April 21, 2024

New Round of Committee Meetings Begin Tomorrow, April 22 Finance Committee at 6:00 pm Property Committee at 7:00 pm

The life and ministries of Trinity simply would not be possible without the dozens of volunteers who regularly

give up their time to keep things running in smooth and faithful ways. Thank you to all the committee members who will be giving their time to plan and prepare for the next month's meetings. If you have interest in lending your energy to the efforts of these groups, please contact the committee chairperson or Pastor David for more information

Meeting Reminder

Trinity Dancers

Upcoming Practices: April 21, & May 5

12:30 pm Sunday Mornings

Our crew of dancers is back together again this Spring as they practice for a performance in May. They will be dancing to a version of "Meant to Live" originally written by Switchfoot and enjoying the fun and formative practices after church on Sunday mornings. If this might interest your child or youth please have them come out and give it a try.

Anthem and Bell Choirs Practice Wednesday Evenings Bells at 6:00 pm; Anthem at 7:30 pm

Consider adding your gifts to one of our choirs this year at Trinity. Our anthem and bell choirs add beauty and leadership to our times of worship on Sunday mornings and we can always make room for another singer or ringer. Please see Kevin Rizzo with any questions.

VBS One-Day Craft Helpers Needed

This Thursday, April 25th, at 10 am, Darcy Windows will be leading a group of people in cutting, gluing, crafting, etc. in preparation for our VBS. Please come to the Presbyterian church office if you are able, and she will put you to work! If you cannot help this time but



are interested in helping in this capacity in the future, please call our church office or contact Liz Miller.

Adult Forum – Saint John's Gospel 9:45 am in Trinity Hall

Join us for four weeks this Spring as we dive into the Gospel that is a bit different from all the others. Sometimes called the "maverick" Gospel, the Gospel of John enjoys some unique texts that are not found in the other Gospels and paints a powerful image of the divinity of Christ which has taught and inspired Christians for ages. We will explore some historic details of the Gospel and discuss some of the main themes that the Gospel author is trying to impress upon us. Join us!

Wednesday Evening Vespers Wednesdays at 7:00 pm

Join us each Wednesday at Trinity as we gather to pray Vespers together. We use Holden Evening Prayer as our guide to sing, pray, hear from the Scriptures and lean into the works and promises of God. This is a wonderful, brief and contemplative time which revives the soul for the second half of the week. Join us!

Spring Bible Study at Trinity Abraham, Isaac and Jacob Upcoming Scripture Reading: Genesis 28

Join us as we continue our journey through the book of Genesis this Spring. We cover about a chapter a week and will be exploring Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as we gather together on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm this Spring. We meet in Trinity Hall but there is also a zoom link available for those who would like to join online.

Trinity Deacons Meeting This Tuesday, April 23rd at 5:30 pm In The Nave

Trinity continues to be blessed by a faithful group of Liturgical Deacons who give life and leadership to our times of worship together. On Tuesday, April 23rd we will be gathering in the Nave for a time of reflection and encouragement together. A big thank you to all of our Liturgical Deacons who help keep our worship faithful and beautiful.

VBS Leaders and Volunteers Meeting Tuesday, April 23 at 6:30 pm; In Trinity Hall

We are excited for another lively VBS this year from June 9-12 where we will "Dive into Friendship with Jesus." That's right – this year our kids will be immersed in an underwater



world of faith and fun together. All who would have interest in volunteering are asked to be with us on Tuesday, April 23 at 6:30 pm in Trinity Hall for an information meeting together. We will look at the theme for the year, celebrate the partnerships we enjoy with other churches, discuss needs for the program, and begin getting everyone excited and into places where their gifts can help make this another great VBS for all involved. Please sign up in Trinity Hall and plan to be with us for this energy filled meeting together.

Free Community Dinner April Special Appeal

Each Tuesday evening at 5:00 pm an average of 80 hot meals are served to members of the local community right out of Trinity's Kitchen. Our team is led by Betsy Littlefield and provides the meal every 6 weeks or so. We are also blessed by a number of other churches and community organizations who pitch in and help keep this ministry going strong. Right now, we are averaging about 400 hot meals served each year with members of the community through this ministry. If you would like to make a special offering this April to support the Free Community Dinners provided by our congregation, please use one of the special envelopes from the rear of the Nave or mark "FCD" in the memo line of a check made out to Trinity. Thank you!

Women of Trinity Dinner and a Movie Night Thursday, May 2 at 5:30 pm; In Trinity Hall

For our final event of the year, you are invited to share in a potluck dinner with chicken and beverages being provided. Once we eat, we will be filling NALC disaster bags and watching the movie Sister Act, so be prepared to laugh and sing along! There is a sign up sheet in Trinity Hall where you can indicate your attendance and what food you will bring to share. We had



so much fun last year that we decided to do it again, hope to see you there!

Youth Pizza, Games and a Movie At the Weinholds Sunday, May 5; 2:00-5:00 pm

All youth and their friends are invited to a casual afternoon together as the year starts to wind down. Please gather at Pastor and Emily Weinhold's home (320 Upper Snake Spring Dr. Everett) We will enjoy some light hearted games together, eat some pizza, and settle in for a classic movie together. Please sign up in Trinity Hall.

Trinity Book Club Tuesday, May 7 ~ 6:00 pm in Parish House Bowl With the Gold Seams by Ellen Prentiss Campbell

This May, Trinity's Book Club will be gathering to discuss a book about a topic that is very close to home. We will be reading about the history of the Bedford Springs and how it was used to house the Japanese Ambassador during WWII. In this book the author will reflect on her own experiences of these events and the ways they formed and shaped her for the rest of her life. Please sign up in Trinity Hall and plan to be with us on Tuesday, May 7 to discuss this book.

Church Bags for Kids - Available Under Narthex Stairs

We delight in the number of young families worshipping together with their children at Trinity. Simply bringing our kids to church is one of the ways we fulfil the baptismal promises that we make to them. Trinity is also happy to provide an assortment of "church bags" available underneath the stairs in the Narthex. In them young kids can find some fun books and engaging activities. Feel free to grab one on the way in and return it as you leave.

Trinity's Organ Turning 100 Special Celebration Sunday May 12 at 9:45 am

This Summer, Trinity's Organ will turn 100 years old. Our organ was installed by the Moller company out of Hagerstown in 1924 and has guided and inspired our worship ever since. To commemorate this special milestone in the life of our instrument we will be



showcasing some special organ music on Sunday May 12 at 9:45am. Join us, sing along with some of the music, and rejoice in the gift that continues to enliven our gatherings of worship in this place. Some refreshments and fellowship will follow.

Confirmation Sunday Sunday, May 12

Confirmation Rite at 11:00 am Liturgy

This May we are delighted to celebrate the rite of confirmation with two of our youth – Parker Klavuhn and Ethan Witt. Ethan and Parker have been in the confirmation process for two years and have completed various educational classes, built regular habits of worship and learning in Sunday School, they have helped to serve as regular acolytes on Sunday mornings and they have given of themselves through the completion of various service projects at the church and in the broader community. Join us as we recognize the wonderful persons of faith that God has grown them into and pray the blessing of the Holy Spirit upon them during the Rite of Confirmation.

Trinity Hosting Bedford Baccalaureate Sunday, May 19, 2024; 2:00 pm Cookie Donations Requested (Sign Up in Trinity Hall)

Trinity is again honored to work with the Bedford Ministerium as we host the 2024 Bedford Baccalaureate Liturgy. This is a wonderful opportunity to give thanks for the gifts of wisdom and knowledge that God has raised up in the graduating class and to pray



for His blessing for them in all that is to come. If you would be willing to donate a few dozen cookies that will be shared throughout the day, please sign up in Trinity Hall.

Graduates - Please Share Your News!

If you or a family member are celebrating graduation this Spring, please let us know via the sign up in Trinity Hall. Later this Spring all graduates will be celebrated in the prayers of the Church together!

Free Community Dinners – Serving as Carry-outs... Trinity's Next Week to Serve: May 28

- ✓ Trinity continues to host and coordinate our local "Free Community Dinners". Along with our ecumenical partners, we prepare and serve carry-out meals, every Tuesday evening, to all who come.
- ✓ Meals may be picked up in Trinity's Social Room at 5:00 pm each week.
- ✓ This year our numbers have grown to an average of more than 80 meals served per week.

Please see Betsy Littlefield with any questions.

Adult Night Out

Friday, June 7 at 5:00 pm ~ At Dan and Karen Saltzgiver's Home

All Adults of the parish are invited to a casual and enjoyable evening together at the home of Dan and Karen Saltzgiver (138 Vinyl Drive, Bedford) on Friday, June 7 at 5:00 pm. Bring a favorite refreshment and come out for a time of food and fellowship together. Please sign up in Trinity Hall.

Electronic Giving

More and more parishioners and friends are sharing gifts with Trinity through electronic means. <u>PayPal</u> offers a quick and easy means of making single and recurring gifts to the church. You can make a gift as a guest via your credit or debit card or you can use your



existing account to set up automatic giving options. PayPal can be a great way to create consistent and regular giving patterns amidst the busyness of life. Use the QR code at the side of this announcement to connect to Trinity's PayPal page. Online banking also offers some electronic giving options which have no fees attached. Many banks allow you to use their Bill Pay features to send a check directly from the bank to Trinity. The bank pays for the check and postage and sends the gift on your behalf. We live in an ever-changing world where new options are always being created for all sorts of things — including generosity. Thank you for sharing gifts with the church and the good ministry that your gifts have helped to bring about!

Spring Window Replacement Appeal Gifts to Date: \$7,105.00 Goal of \$10,000

This Summer, Trinity will be replacing 25 windows along the Lafayette Ave side of the church at a cost of \$33020.00. The new windows will be fixed picture windows over top of horizontal sliding windows on bottom. The old windows were compromised at joints and seals, inefficient, and difficult to manage when needing to be adjusted. The new windows will



give greater efficiency, manageability, and uniformity of all the windows on that side of the church. Since this project is a bit beyond normal maintenance of the church, we are asking parishioners and friends to consider making a special gift to support the project. Our hope is to raise \$10,000 in special gifts to help offset the cost of the window replacement. If you would be willing to make a special gift towards this project, please use a special envelope from the rear of the Nave or mark "Window project" in the memo line of a check made payable to Trinity. Thank you to everyone who has shared a gift with this appeal helping to offset the cost of this important project.

Ben & Jessica Altman Joe & Mary Jo Casalena Wayne & Beth Hullihen Wynn & Rosie Leppert Ronnie & Shilla Michael Joe & Patty Price Royce & Janet Raines Peggy Turner Bill & Denise Waltman Ginger & Charlie Welsh Bill & Lorraine Blackburn
Dailey & Katie Chandler
Toni Jackson
Juda Markle
Jerry & Miriam Peck
Wayne & Sue Prescott
Dave & Debbie Stellfox
Smoke & Dorothy Vensel
Pr & Emily Weinhold
Dave & Kathy Williams

Trinity's 2024 Church Council Officers & Ministry Team Leaders

President: Chris Witt Vice-President: Bill Blackburn Secretary: Katie Chandler Treasurer: Jennifer Bailey

Worship & Music Ministries: Bill Blackburn & Lori Dunkle Children & Youth Ministries: Katie Chandler & Denise Steele Adult & All-Parish Ministries: Lois Boyer & Donna Zubak Outreach Ministries: Tina Henderson & Sara Snyder Property Ministries: Bill Waltman & Brad Oaks Finance Ministries: Jennifer Bailey & Chris Witt

Upcoming Meetings:

Monday, April 22, 2024

6:00 pm ~ Financial Team Meeting

7:00 pm ~ Property Team Meeting

Monday, April 29, 2024

6:00 pm ~ Worship & Music Team Meeting

7:00 pm ~ Outreach Team Meeting

Monday, May 6, 2024

6:00 pm ~ Children & Youth Team Meeting

7:00 pm ~ Adult All Parish Team Meeting

Monday, May 13, 2024

6:00 pm ~ Council Meeting

Worship Attendance & Offerings

Our Worship and Tithes are an out-pouring of our Gratitude in response to the Lord's Gracious Gifts of Life and Salvation.

This Past Week ~ through April 19
"At Church" Attendance: 170
Additional "On-Line" Viewing Households: 40
Tithes & Offerings: \$6,761.61
2024 Offerings Year to Date: \$121,562.77

Thank You for Supporting the Ministries of Trinity with your Time, Prayers, and Generosity!



Please Be In Prayer...

Please contact the Church Office to have family members and friends included on the Parish Prayer List and in the prayers at Sunday Liturgies. Please notify Pr Weinhold if you would appreciate visitation and prayers during hospitalizations or extended home-bound recuperations.



For The Church...

- + The Ministries of Trinity, as we proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, share the Sacraments, and offer works of compassion in this community.
- + Bishops, Pastors, Deacons, Missionaries, Theologians, Seminarians and all who labor for the Gospel.
- + The Disaster Relief Efforts of the NALC, and all charities which serve those in need.

For Our Nation and All Peoples of Creation...

- + Our President, Members of Congress, Judges, and all National, State and Local Officials.
- + The Leaders of the Nations of the World
- + Caregivers, Nurses, Physicians, Researchers, and Public Health Workers.
- + Teachers, Administrators, and those who work in our schools.
- + Military Personnel, Police Officers, Firefighters, and First-Responders.
- + The poor, sick, forgotten, homeless and those living in regions of uncertainty and scarcity.

For Gifts of Strength, Healing and Compassion...

- + Dean Bailey, Dave Betts, Janet Crist, Linda Custer, Marie Doyle, Melinda & Mike Feaster, Ron Fitzpatrick, Brenda Foor, Norma Foor, Judy Lankey, Elden Lorah, Tom Livingston, Juda Markle, Warren May, Steve & Cathy Palmateer, Jerry Peck, Royce Raines, Dotty Rice, Karen Schmidt, Marlene Seese, Pr Short, Sandy Zembower, Don Zywiolek
- + 4/21 ~ Criss Lodge (Donna Zubak's sister), Sue Smith (Donna Zubak's sister-in-law), Quinton Morrow (friend of Jennifer Klavuhn), Laverne Casteel (Susan's mother), Ron Fitzpatrick (Karen Schmidt's father), Laura Hyde (Mark & Faith Nelson's sister-in-law)
- + 4/14 ~ Joy Frazier (Karen Schmidt's daughter), Wayne Miller (Laura Vent's father)
- + 4/7 ~ Doug McGinnes (friend of Debbie Stellfox), Bob Adams (friend of Dave & Debbie Stellfox), Patricia Steele (Denise's mother), Cheryl Walter (friend of Rick & Judy Smith), Sally Diehl (friend of Pug Rose), Mary Osman (Terry's sister-in-law), TJ Helsel (friend of Jennifer Klavuhn), Charlie Welsh

For the Blessing of New Life...

+ Layla Lane, daughter of Bradley & Emily Hartrampf, born Tuesday, April 16.

For Those Who Have Died and Those Who Mourn...

+ Mike Jackson (4/18 Toni's brother), Charles Imler (4/10 Alfred's cousin), Joyce Pepple (4/5 friend of Fred & Arlene Fluke), Shirley Sites (3/27 Freda Kagarise's cousin), Ruth Hoover (3/13 Stefanie Kensinger's grandmother), Rick Turner (3/6 friend of Janet Raines), Don Price (3/3 friend of Diane Cogan), Ruth Fry (3/1), Russell Carson (3/1 Vicki Clapper's uncle).

"Thank You!" to This Morning's Worship Leaders and Servers!		
	8:30 am	11:00 am
Altar Guild	Betsy Littlefield, Mary Lorah	Emily Weinhold
Greeters	Ted & Linda Vensel	Toni Jackson
Musician	Susan Casteel, Organist	Susan Casteel, Organist
	Anthem Choir – Kevin Rizzo	Cantor – Liz Miller
Acolytes	Elise Oaks, Kacey Martz	Ethan Witt, Evan Witt
Deacons	Freda Kagarise	Vicar Quinn
Lectors	Dean Bailey	Sue Prescott
Ushers	Denise Steele, Erick Seager	Wayne Prescott
Next Sunday's Leaders & Servers (April 28th, 2024)		
	8:30 am	11:00 am
Altar Guild	Lisa Hagenbuch, Sara Snyder	Rick & Judy Smith
Greeters	Joe & Charlene Rose	Rick & Judy Smith
Musician	Susan Casteel, Organist	Susan Casteel, Organist
	Bell Choir – Kevin Rizzo	Cantor – Jennifer Bailey
Acolytes	Coleton Clark	Ellie Chandler, Sydney Porta
Deacons	Lori Dunkle	Vicar Quinn
Lectors	Rachel Oaks	Sam Prescott
Ushers	Christy Kidd, Greg Clapper	Eric & Bethany Nelson
		Dave Wertz