

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 21, 2024**



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**Resurrection Reality**  
**The Risen Savior Provides Good Shepherding**

The Bible frequently pictures spiritual care in terms of a shepherd watching over sheep. Even folks unfamiliar with shepherding are able to grasp the meaning. Sheep are helpless animals—an easy meal for predators. For sheep to survive they needed a shepherd who not only leads them to sources of food, but who also is willing to tangle with a pack of wolves. Jesus is such a shepherd. He proved he is willing to lay down his life for his sheep.

As our Good Shepherd, Jesus feeds us in the rich green pastures of Word and Sacrament. We are blessed to enjoy such a feast today as we also observe Christian Education Sunday. We thank God for every avenue of Christian education he provides: Trinity Lutheran School, Lutheran high schools and colleges, Sunday School, Bible classes, devotional materials. May we continue to listen to his Word and grow in faith!

Jesus lives!

Pastor Stephen Luchterhand

Welcome to all—both guest and member alike! May our gracious God fill your heart with joy, peace, and hope through the message of forgiveness in our living Savior, Jesus Christ!

- If you are in need of restrooms, they are located on the left as you leave church.
- Parents please use the welcome center or church fellowship hall to quiet an upset child.
- Please silence all cell phones and devices before worship.
- Please limit your conversations in the sanctuary and narthex.
- Please do use the welcome center to greet one another.

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## THE ORDER OF WORSHIP: SETTING ONE

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### OPENING HYMN: 551 “Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep”



1 Je - sus, shep - herd of the sheep, who your  
2 In your prom - ise firm we stand, none can  
3 By your blood our souls were bought, by your  
4 Fa - ther, draw us to your Son; we with  
5 We, in robes of glo - ry dressed, join th'\_as -



Fa - ther's flock does keep, safe we wake and  
take us from your hand; speak— we hear— at  
life sal - va - tion wrought; by your light our  
joy will fol - low on till the work of  
sem - bly of the blest, gath - ered to e -



safe we sleep, guard - ed still by you.  
your com - mand, we will fol - low you.  
feet are taught, Lord, to fol - low you.  
grace is done, there to live with you.  
ter - nal rest in the fold with you.

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*Please stand*

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## CONFESSION

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.  
**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father,**

**we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.**

**We have done those things that we should not have done,  
and we have not done those things that we should have done.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord!**

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,  
according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**

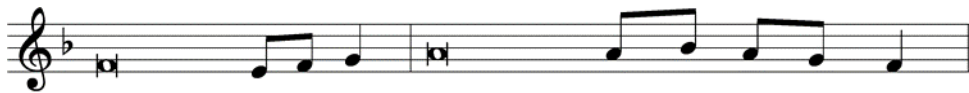
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**A - men.**

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## GLORY BE TO GOD



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,



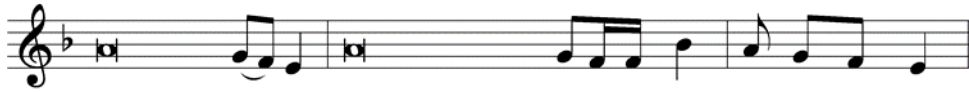
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



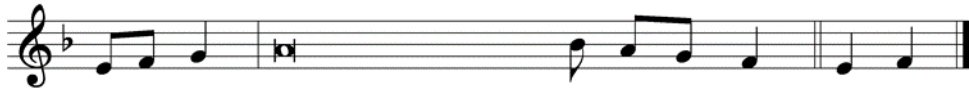
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## THE WORD

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### FIRST LESSON

### Psalm 23 (EHV)

*King David paints this beloved picture of our Good Shepherd at work.*

The LORD is my shepherd.

I lack nothing.

<sup>2</sup> He causes me to lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside quiet waters.

<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul.

He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are with me.

Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You set a table for me in the presence of my foes.

You drench my head with oil.

My cup is overflowing.

<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy will pursue me all the days of my life,  
and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

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

## TRINITY CHILDREN: “Jesus, the World’s Best Friend”

Jesus, the world’s best friend, loves me; Jesus, the world’s best friend, cares;  
Jesus, the world’s best friend knows my needs and answers my prayers.

Jesus, the world’s best friend, loves me; He keeps me safe from all harm;  
He lifts me up when I’m feeling down with His loving arms.

Jesus, the world’s best friend, loves me; Loves me so much that I know  
He’ll be beside me each night and day wherever I go.

Jesus, the world’s best friend, loves me; He gave His live for me;  
He died that I might be by His side eternally.

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## SECOND LESSON

**1 John 4:1-6 (EHV)**

*St. John encourages us to test all those who claim to have a spiritual message.  
Not all such individuals have been sent by God.*

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see if they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup> This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit who confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup> and every spirit who does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard is coming and is already in the world. <sup>4</sup> You are from God, dear children, and you have overcome the false prophets, because the one in you is greater than the one in the world. <sup>5</sup> They are from the world. That is why they speak from a worldly perspective and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup> We are from God. The one who knows God listens to us, but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. That is how we can distinguish between the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

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

*Please stand*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**     *John 10:14*

**Alleluia. I am the good shepherd;  
I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia.**



## GOSPEL

John 10:11-18 (EHV)

*Jesus explains why he is the good shepherd.*

<sup>11</sup> “I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired man, who is not a shepherd, does not own the sheep. He sees the wolf coming, leaves the sheep, and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> Because he works for money, he does not care about the sheep.

<sup>14</sup> “I am the Good Shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me <sup>15</sup> (just as the Father knows me and I know the Father). And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I also have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. Then there will be one flock and one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life so that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have the authority to lay it down, and I have the authority to take it up again. This is the commission I received from my Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



## HYMN OF THE DAY: 522 “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”



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



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
Sav - ior gent - ly leads me, and where the ver - dant  
yet in love he sought me and on his shoul - der  
you, dear Lord, be - side me, your rod and staff my



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

- 5 You spread a table in my sight, a banquet here bestowing;  
your oil of welcome, my delight; my cup is overflowing!
- 6 And so through all the length of days your goodness fails me never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise within your house forever!

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## SERMON

John 10:11-18

### Counting Sheep: The Good Shepherd at Work

*Please stand.*

## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

**Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

**Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

**Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

**Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

**Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

**Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

**Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

**Amen.**

## FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS

*Please sign the friendship registers at the ends of the pews during the musical selection.*

## THE SACRAMENT

*We believe that God comes to us with forgiveness in very tangible means as we participate in Holy Communion. Because the Bible has convinced us that Jesus' body and blood are present in the Lord's Supper, and that receiving this sacrament together is a public statement of complete oneness in our beliefs and commitment, we invite to the Lord's Supper members of Trinity and guests from sister congregations of the WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) and the ELS (Evangelical Lutheran Synod). If you are a member of another Lutheran denomination or another Christian church and would like to commune with us in the future, please speak with our pastor after the service and he would be delighted to explain what that entails. We don't want to be presumptuous and put you in the position of stating your agreement with our convictions before we have had an opportunity to explain them. We do look forward to any opportunity to discuss the Christian faith with you.*

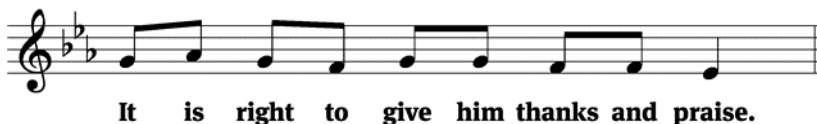
The Lord be with you.



Lift up your hearts.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n 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,  
bless - ed is he, 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.

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## THE 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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - men.

*Please be seated*

## DISTRIBUTION

### HYMN: 657 "Baptismal Waters Cover Me"



1 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me as I ap -  
2 I look to Christ up - on the tree, his bod - y  
3 Lord, may your wound - ed hand im - part your heal - ing  
4 From your own mouth comes forth a word; your shep - herd  
5 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me; Christ's wound - ed



proach on bend - ed knee; my Fa - ther's mer - cy  
bro - ken there for me; I lay be - fore him  
to my bro - ken heart; your love a - lone can  
speaks, but you are heard; through him your hand now  
hand has set me free. Held in my Fa - ther's



here I plead, for griev - ous sins of thought and deed.  
all my sin, my dark - est se - crets from with - in.  
form in me a heart that serves you joy - ful - ly.  
stretch - es out, for - giv - ing sin, de - stroy - ing doubt.  
strong em - brace, with joy I praise him for his grace.

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HYMN: 676 "Take and Eat"

*Refrain*



Take and eat, take and eat, this is my bod - y



giv - en up for you. Take and drink, take and drink,



this is my blood giv - en up for you.



- 1 I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
- 2 I am the way that leads the ex - ile home;
- 3 I am the Lamb that takes a - way your sin;
- 4 I am the cor - ner - stone that God has laid;



I am the seed that died to be re - born;  
 I am the truth that sets the cap - tive free;  
 I am the gate that guards you night and day;  
 a cho - sen stone and pre - cious in his eyes;



I am the bread that comes from heav'n a - bove;  
 I am the life that rais - es up the dead;  
 you are my flock: you know the shep - herd's voice;  
 You are God's dwell - ing - place, on me you rest;



I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.  
 I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.  
 you are my own: your ran - som is my blood.  
 like liv - ing stones, a tem - ple for God's praise.

*Refrain*



- 5 I am the light that came into the world;  
I am the light that darkness cannot hide;  
I am the Morning Star that never sets;  
lift up your face, in you my light will shine. *(Refrain)*
- 6 I am the first and last, the Living One;  
I am the Lord who died that you might live;  
I am the bridegroom, this my wedding song;  
you are my bride, come to the marriage feast. *(Refrain)*

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*Please stand*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## Serving God and Us Today

**Presiding Minister:** Pastor Stephen Luchterhand  
**Organist:** Hymnsoft  
**Choir:** Trinity School Children

## Last Weekend's Worship Attendance

- 155 (Sunday—125; Monday—30)

## Stewardship Encouragement from Scripture

"Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine" (Proverbs 3:9,10).

## Lessons for Next Sunday (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

*"Resurrection Reality: The Living Lord Produces Active Faith"*

- Acts 4:32-37
- Psalm 63C
- 1 John 3:18-24
- John 15:1-8

**Prayers:** If you would like your name on the prayer list, or you have a friend you would like to add, please call or e-mail the church office.

**Offerings:** You may leave your offering in the offering plate as you walk out today. You may continue to mail in your offering, give online at [www.trinityminocqua.org](http://www.trinityminocqua.org), or on the Vanco Mobile app. On the app, search for Trinity Evangelical Lutheran or search for Minocqua.

**Today is Christian Education Sunday.** We'll be gathering a free-will offering for our congregation's Student Tuition Fund this weekend. Under the direction of our Endowment Committee, this fund offers tuition assistance to Trinity students attending our WELS high schools and worker training college (e.g., Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, WI; Northland Lutheran High School in Kronenwetter; Martin Luther College in New Ulm, MN).

**Fellowship Friends:** Are you ready for spring? On Tuesday, April 23 from 1:00-3:00 pm, following a devotion, we will have JJ's Acres here to present tips on "Gardening in the Northwoods". Plenty of time will be devoted to answering questions from beginning a garden, container gardening, maintaining healthy soil to improve harvest, seed and plant selection, landscaping and much more. Bring a list of gardening questions, a snack to share and an empty cardboard egg carton if you are interested in joining the school children in a seed starting project. Everyone is welcome!

**Calendar Date Change:** Please note that Trinity School's Entertainment Evening has been rescheduled. The date of April 26, which was on the calendar included with the church newsletter, has now been changed to Friday, May 10. The time is still the same at 6:00 pm. We hope that you mark your calendar for this special event and come to support the students of Trinity Lutheran School.

**Highway Cleanup:** We will conduct our annual highway clean-up along Hwy 47 on Wednesday, May 1 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Come early (5:30 p.m.) for a pizza supper! We're inviting our High School Youth Group and 8th graders (incoming high schoolers) to help complete this cleanup. However, we need several adults to help with transportation and cleanup as well. Please contact Pastor Luchterhand if you are willing and able to join us.

**Trinity Fish Fry Social:** Trinity Lutheran Church & School adults are invited to attend a fish fry at the Norwood Pines in Minocqua on Friday May 3rd. Seatings will be offered at 5:30 pm and another round at approximately 7:00 pm. You will be able to order what you wish and pay via separate checks. Please RSVP to Matt Kock via phone or text at 715-892-3712 by May 2nd. Hoping that many of you will be able to attend – great opportunity to interact with others from the church and school family in a social setting!

**Worship Online:** Sunday worship is recorded and posted online at our church website. You can also find the worship folder and a printed copy of the sermon there. Printed copies of each week's sermon can also be found in the Fellowship Hall. Find us on *YouTube*© by searching the handle @trinityminocqua. Please subscribe and share! **We're streaming our Sunday services live!**

**Property Maintenance Updates and Funding:** The shingled roofs on the church and school gym were recently replaced due to insurance reasons. Also, the parsonage needs some significant repairs for which we are awaiting quotes. These expenses were unplanned and we do not have room in our operating budget to include them. We ask that you prayerfully consider supporting these projects beyond your normal offering. Donations can be made to the Building By God's Grace Fund, which is dedicated to additional property management needs such as these.

Opportunities to Grow & Serve at Trinity This Week		
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	<b>Worship w/Holy Communion</b>
	10:30 am	<b>Bible Class &amp; Sunday School</b>
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 pm	<b>Worship w/Holy Communion</b>
<b>Tuesday—Wednesday</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:00-3:00 pm	<b>Fellowship Friends</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:15 am	<b>Midweek Chapel</b>
	9:30 am	<b>Quilters</b>
	12:15 pm	<b>Lunch Break Bible Class</b>
	4:00 pm	<b>Public School Confirmation &amp; Bible Class</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	8:30 am-1:00 pm	<b>LWMS Spring Rally at Zion, Mercer</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	<b>Worship</b>
	10:30 am	<b>Bible Class &amp; Sunday School</b>
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 pm	<b>Worship</b>

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

**Parents, can you identify with this modified version of a bedtime prayer?**

*Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray my sanity to keep.  
For if some peace I do not find, I'm pretty sure I'll lose my mind.  
I pray I find a little quiet, far from the daily family riot.  
May I lie back, not have to think, about what they're stuffing down the sink.  
Or who they're with, or where they're at, and what they're doing to the cat.  
I pray for time all to myself, (did something just fall off a shelf?)  
To cuddle in my nice soft bed, (Oh, No! Another goldfish dead!)  
Some silent moments for goodness sake, (did I just hear a window break?)  
And that I need not cook or clean, (Oh, Well! I've got the right to dream.)  
Yes, now I lay me down to sleep, I pray my wits about me keep.  
But as I look around I know, I must have lost them long ago.*

**God bless you, Moms and Dads,** as you continue to raise the precious lambs entrusted to your care!

**The Easter season** finds us working through the theme: “*Resurrection Reality*”

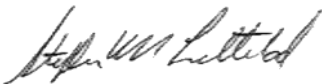
- April 28/29 = **Resurrection Reality: The Living Lord Produces Active Faith**  
Sermon Text: 1 John 3:18-24 Sermon Theme: “Love Without Limits”
- May 5/6 = **Resurrection Reality: Jesus’ Business is Love; Therefore, So Is Ours**  
Sermon Text: 1 John 4:7-14 Sermon Theme: “The Cross Proves God’s Love”
- May 12/13 = **Resurrection Reality: Christ’s Ascension Means He Is Closer Than Ever**  
Sermon Text: Luke 24:44-53 Sermon Theme: “Ascension Matters”

**Bible study opportunities:**

- **Wednesday “Lunch Break” Bible study** (Wednesday, 12-15 – 1:15 p.m.) “The Book of Judges: God’s Grace in the Midst of Disorder”
- **Pastor’s “Wednesday Encouragement” blog**, continues to be found on Trinity’s Facebook page and on our church website. You can also have this devotion sent to your email each Wednesday.
- **Sunday Bible Study (and Sunday School)** – Sunday School is for children PreK3 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Adult Bible Study continues with “Christ: He Is My Lord.” Today, we’ll continue in the truth that Christ is both God and Man, and spend time on the miracle of the virgin birth. Come, join us for study and discussion and application.

**Be sure to follow Trinity on Facebook.** We’re sharing content several days each week. The Wednesday blog post can be accessed in three ways (church website, Facebook, email from church office). You can follow our “Where’s Marty?” campaign on Facebook and on Instagram at... [trinitylutheranminocqua](https://www.facebook.com/trinitylutheranminocqua).

God keep you and yours in his gracious care,



Pastor Stephen Luchterhand

**Counting Sheep: The Good Shepherd at Work**  
**Sermon Notes on John 10:11-18**  
*Series – Resurrection Reality*

*Good Shepherd “math”*

**1. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ his sheep**

- a. Sheep are prone to \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Sheep are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Sheep don't \_\_\_\_\_, they \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Without \_\_\_\_\_, what can we do about this? \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ down his \_\_\_\_\_ for the sheep**

- a. Our Good Shepherd didn't \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_, he \_\_\_\_\_ to us
- b. He \_\_\_\_\_ for us; he \_\_\_\_\_ again for us
- c. By \_\_\_\_\_, you and I are \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Maintaining the relationship...**

- a. We do what sheep do: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. The importance of \_\_\_\_\_: it \_\_\_\_\_ us to Jesus
- c. God's top priority for \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_? Give our kids  
\_\_\_\_\_
- d. No one \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ more than \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Count on this: 1) Jesus will \_\_\_\_\_ you  
2) You will \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord \_\_\_\_\_

*For meditation and action this week: How will you keep the children in your life close to Jesus?*

## Upcoming LWMS Events



The Northwoods Chapter of LWMS will hold their **Spring Rally on Saturday, April 27**. The meeting will take place at Zion Lutheran Church in Mercer. The event will begin around 8:30 am and conclude with lunch. If you would like to attend and carpool, look for the sign up sheet to do so.

We encourage you to check out the table in the fellowship hall that has information on the upcoming **LWMS National Convention** being held in Sioux Falls, SD on June 27-30. You can enjoy listening to Missionary and speaker talk, visit displays from WELS Missions and organizations, and find ways to get involved in Home and World Missions.

Registration information is available as well as a lot of other information pertaining to LWMS.

*Join us for the*



Registration is now open for the 2024 **WELS Women's Ministry Conference** on July 28-30, at the Ingleside Hotel in Pewaukee, WI. This conference is for any woman who is passionate about the spread of the Good News of Jesus in our world today, no matter her age and background. The key notes and wide variety of breakout sessions will encourage, equip, and empower you in your walk of faith. The foundation of the conference is

Luke's account of the spread of the kingdom of God through God's chosen apostles and everyday believers. Registration runs through May 31. Learn more at [welswmconference.net](http://welswmconference.net).

***We, at Trinity, believe, teach, and confess that:***

1. The Bible is the inspired, inerrant Word of God – His unchanging message to people of all times.
2. There is only one God; He is revealed to us as three persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. God created man holy and without sin. But man, of his own will, fell into sin and thus brought sin upon the whole human race.
4. Sin is in all men by nature, and shows itself in every transgression of God’s holy will by thought, word, or deed.
5. The wages of sin is death and damnation in hell, an eternal agonizing separation from God.
6. But God so loved the world that He sent His only Son, Jesus, to redeem the world.
7. Jesus redeemed, justified the whole human race with His holy precious blood and with His innocent sufferings and death.
8. This glorious fact is accepted by faith, which is worked in the heart by God through the Word, Baptism, and the Lord’s Supper. Or, “By grace you have been saved, through faith.” (Ephesians 2:8)
9. By faith alone in Christ we are heirs of heaven, while yet on earth, we want to show our love for Him who first loved us.
10. At our death we shall inherit the full glories of everlasting life with Christ in heaven.

***“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.”*** (Acts 16:31)





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### ***Worship Schedule***

**Sundays at 9:00 am**  
**Mondays at 6:30 pm**



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## Welcome to Trinity

*In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church. We especially welcome our guests who have joined us today. If you have any questions during your time with us today, please ask an usher for assistance. If you would like to know more about our church, our teachings, our Christian school (grades K-8), our preschool (3-4 year old) or the studies and programs offered at Trinity, please introduce yourself to our pastor. He would be delighted to speak with you and serve you in whatever way he can.*

*“Our mission at Trinity Lutheran Church is to teach the Word of God, to train believers for lives of Christian service, and to tell the good news of Jesus Christ to the Northwoods community and to the world.”*

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