Sunday, April 21st, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome & Announcements

*Confession & Forgiveness

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*Opening Hymn

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!"

- 1. Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our king! To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia!
- 2. The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's mighty stone is rolled away; let all the earth rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3. Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die, and sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4. Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord, the life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Greeting

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

*Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray together,

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

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

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."

Psalm 23 (read by half verse. Psalms can be found after pg. 338 and before the hymns.)

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

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.

*Holy Gospel: John 10:11-18

"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."

Children's Sermon

Pastor Brad Pastor Brad

*Hymn of the Day:

Sermon

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

- 1. Children of the heaven'ly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2. God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish. From all evil things he spares them, his mighty arms he bears them.
- 3. Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever; unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.
- 4. Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh; his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

Sacrament of Baptism (see insert)

<u>*The Prayers:</u> Each petition ends with: P: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.

*<u>The Peace:</u>

- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.
 - We invite you to share the peace in the manner you are most comfortable with. Please respect others during this time, knowing that someone may not be comfortable sharing the peace with your in the same manner.

Offering

*Offertory Hymn:

"Lord, Be Glorified"

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- 1. In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in my life, Lord, be glorified today.
- 2. In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in our song, Lord, be glorified today.
- 3. In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in your church, Lord, be glorified today.
- 4. In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified; in your world, Lord, be glorified today.

*Offertory Prayer:

P: Let us pray, Merciful Father, C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Words of Institution

*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.

Distribution of Communion

Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer

*Benediction and Sending

P: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon your with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen. P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

*Closing Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

- Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unf old like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
- 2. All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.
- 3. Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well sping of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

<u>Postlude</u>

Trinity Lutheran Church exists to support its members in proclaiming the Word of God so that all may know the peace, joy, and fulfillment that comes through Jesus Christ

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Sacrament of Holy Baptism

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world. Who presents this child for Holy Baptism? *Sponsors: We present Cruze Samuel Hoff for baptism.*

P: In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should faithfully bring him to the services of God's house and teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As he grows in years, you should place in his hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for instruction in the Christian faith, that living in the covenant of his baptism and in communion with the Church, he may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ. Do you promise to fulfill these obligations? *Sponsors & Parents: I do.*

P: Let us pray: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things. By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah & his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your Son has set us free from sin and death and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. By his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Pour out your Spirit so that he who is here baptized may be given new life. Wash away his sin by this water and bring him forth as an inheritor of your glorious kingdom. To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

I ask you to profess you faith in Jesus Christ, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the forces of evil, the devil and all his empty promises? *Sponsors and family: I do.*

P: Would the congregation please rise and confess the faith. Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? C: 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.

P: I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: Let us pray, Gracious God, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and raising them up to new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon them; 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. Amen.

Child of God, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

A candle is lit and received.

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to God in heaven.

P: Let us pray, O God, the giver of all life, look upon the parents of this child. Make them teachers and examples of faith for their child. Strengthen them in their faith so that they may share eternally with their child the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us welcome this new brother in Christ: C: We welcome you into the Lord's family and into the mission we share giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

Baptized: Cruze Samuel Hoff Sponsors: Jeremy & Dana Hoff & Tana Rundle Blanket made by the Women of Trinity

Parents: Brent & Tara Hoff

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bring your household items and clothes to Trinity in April Every Saturday in April, from 9 am till Noon, we are collecting items as a fundraiser for the Women of Trinity. All items should be clean and in good condition. Place clothes and shoes in a trash bag and all other items in boxes. Thank you for supporting the Women of Trinity!

<u>Sunday, May 5th – Men's Band Worship at 9 am and Smelt Feed following at 10 am to 11:30 am.</u> Served by the Men of Trinity, there will be smelt, meatballs, chips, beans, salad, dessert and beverage. Offering taken to benefit Trinity Youth. Please see sign up sheet to help in the Narthex.

Graduate Recognition Service is Sunday, May 19th, at 9am.

<u>Final Push to New Orleans!</u> Help the Youth Gathering Youth in their final push to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans! Use the sheet in your bulletin to donate and help feed and house our youth and put gas in the vans. Thank you for your support! See the thermometer in the Narthex for our progress towards our goal.

Lagers with the Lord May 20th, 6 pm at Buckshots.

<u>Pastor Brad is going on sabbatical June 8th-July 9th.</u> Please note that during this time he will be completely absent from the congregation and its ministry. He will not be returning calls, texts, or emails. If you need to have a baptism or wedding performed prior to his sabbatical or during the summer, please contact him ASAP to get it scheduled. You can find more information on his sabbatical in the *Good News*.

Serving Our Lord and Church				
Pastor: Bradley K. Peterson	Ministers: All Baptized Believers			
Parish Manager: Andrea McVeigh	Ushers: Rick Stalker, Kevin Bird, Joe Larson, Troy Kostman			
Organists: Ginny Waller, Lee Peshaw	Altar Guild: Amy Hellmann & Katie Moll			
Reader: John Larson	Fellowship: Lilly Leach & Gavin Gross			

		Schedule For The Week of April 21-28
Sunday	9:00am	Worship
	9:45am	Sunday School
Monday	10:00am	Bible Study
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilting
Wednesday	5:30pm	7th & 8th Grade Confirmation
	6:30pm	Worship Service
Thursday	10:00am	Card Club
Sunday	9:00am	Worship
	9:45am	Sunday School (Last Day)

Our Prayer Concerns

Carol Erickson	Saul Hedlund	Gary Gilbertson	Dick Clack
Leona Steies	Kayden Ebensperger	Shannon Bauer	Amy Frieburg
Jennifer Marlett	Brad Stevens	Ben Schlosser	Shirley Mittlestadt
Randee Mayer	Lynda Swenson	Kasen Iverson	Tim Bird
Willard Tronrud	Tom Lohfink	Lynda Bird	Jessica Larson
Jeanna Hollister	Ashley Behling	Brian Moll	

Weekly Devotions

Sunday: Luke 18:18-30	Monday: Luke 18:31-34	Tuesday: Luke 18:35-43
Wednesday: Luke 19:1-10	Thursday: Luke 19:11-27	Friday: Luke 19:28-40
Saturday: Luke 19:41-44	Sunday: Luke 19:45-48	