

Sunday, April 28th, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome & Announcements

*Opening Hymn

“Amazing Grace”

ELW 779

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
4. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

*Dialog:

P: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through Christ

C: And we boast in our hope of sharing God's glory.

P: We know that suffering produces endurance, character, and hope.

C: And hope does not disappoint us.

P: God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

C: For we stand in the grace of God which has been given to us.

*Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray together,

C: O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Psalms 22:25-31 (read by half verse. Psalms can be found after pg. 338 and before the hymns.)

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another,

God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

*Holy Gospel: John 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Sermon

Rev. Mary Eide

*Hymn of the Day:

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

ELW 502

1. The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.
2. Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth and, where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear Lord, beside me, thy rod and staff my comfort still; thy cross before to guide me.

*The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. 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. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

*The Peace:

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 you in the same manner.

Offering

*Offertory Hymn:

"God's Word is Our Great Heritage"

ELW 509

1. God's word is our great heritage and shall be our forever; to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor. Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while time shall last your church may hold it fast through out all generations.

*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 you 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

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

ELW 504

1. A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious; he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious. The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.
2. No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected. But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected. You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He hold the field victorious.
3. Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us, we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpow'r us. Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage! His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.
4. Gods' Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it; for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit. Were they to take our house, good, honor, child or spouse, though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day. The kingdom's our forever!

Postlude

*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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome Rev. Mary Eide to the pulpit today. Pastor Brad is with the band in Bloomer today.

Bring your household items and clothes to Trinity in April Every Saturday in April **and May 4th**, 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!

Sunday, May 5th– Men's Band Worship at 9 am and Smelt Feed following at 10 am to 11:30 am. 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.

Final Push to New Orleans! 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. **Current Total raised \$2600**

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

Pastor Brad is going on sabbatical June 8th-July 9th. 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

Parish Manager: Andrea McVeigh

Organists: Ginny Waller, Lee Peshaw

Reader: Liz Lohfink

Ministers: All Baptized Believers

Ushers: Rick Stalker, Kevin Bird, Joe Larson, Troy Kostman

Altar Guild: Amy Hellmann & Katie Moll

Fellowship: Drew Gretzlock & Liliana Olivares

Schedule For The Week of April 28-May 5

Sunday	9:00am	Worship
	9:45am	Sunday School
Monday	10:00am	Bible Study
Tuesday	9:00am	Quilting
Wednesday	6:30pm	Worship Service
Thursday	10:00am	Card Club
Sunday	9:00am	Worship

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 Middlestadt
Randee Mayer	Lynda Swenson	Kasen Iverson	Tim Bird
Willard Tronrud	Tom Lohfink	Lynda Bird	Jessica Larson
Jeanna Hollister	Ashley Behling	Brian Moll	Ginny Waller

Weekly Devotions

Sunday: Luke 19:45-48	Monday: Luke 20:1-8	Tuesday: Luke 20:9-19
Wednesday: Luke 20:20-26	Thursday: Luke 20:27-40	Friday: Luke 20:41-44
Saturday: Luke 20:45-47	Sunday: Luke 21:1-6	