

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Mission Statement

*Trinity is a caring family where people gather to know, worship,
serve, and share Jesus.*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Welcome

Jesus the Good Shepherd is the familiar theme of the Fourth Sunday of Easter. He is our Good Shepherd because He lays down His life for us. We are His sheep because we hear His voice, and by the power of the Spirit, we recognize His voice and rejoice in Him. He knows us, and we know Him. That is our comfort and our hope. As we find peace in the words of Psalm 23, so do we find hope in its fulfillment in Christ. He shows us the Father, He gives us eternal life, and He keeps us safe in the face of all our enemies.

Holy Communion

We believe that Christ's body and blood are truly present in Holy Communion, and that we receive the forgiveness of sins along with the bread and wine in this Holy Meal. As a "Family Church," we invite those who share this understanding, and who desire God's forgiveness and strength, to join with us in receiving Holy Communion. (Gluten free wafers are available.) If you have any questions, please speak to our pastor at any time. All worshippers are asked to fill out the "Fellowship Pad" in the pew and pass it down. After all have signed, please leave the pad at the end of the pew to be picked up after worship. Please stand where indicated with a ❖. Thank you!

PRELUDE

'A Meditation on "Brother James's Air"

- Darke

The words of Psalm 23 are often sung to the tune "Brother James's Air". English composer Harold Darke composed this Psalm prelude to give a musical picture of that Psalm. You may reflect on the words of it on page 5 of this bulletin

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ **SHARING OF THE PEACE** *We encourage you to leave your pew and greet new people!*

+ *Please stand and face the cross during the procession to the altar* +

❖ HYMN

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia"

LSB 463

❖ INVOCATION

P *In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

C **Amen.**

P *Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

❖ CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

P *If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** [1 John 1:8-9]

+ *Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination* +

P *Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P *Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the* ✠ *Son, and of the Holy Spirit.* [John 20:19-23]

C **Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM (9:00) *Jack Willem Weinman* LSB 268

❖ HYMN OF PRAISE *This is the Feast*

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

1 — Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

❖ SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

P *The Lord be with you.*

C And al - so with you.

P *Let us pray.*

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 20:17-35

Now from Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears. And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

R *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

KJV

+ We read Responsively: *Lectern Side* - LS **Pulpit Side – PS** +

LS: *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.*

PS: **He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,**

LS: *he leadeth me beside the still waters.*

PS: **He restoreth my soul;**

LS: *he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*
 PS: **Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;**
 LS: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
 PS: **Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.**
 LS: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
 PS: **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

SECOND READING

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "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, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"Therefore they are before the throne of God,
 and serve him day and night in his temple;
 and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
 the sun shall not strike them,
 nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
 and he will guide them to springs of living water,
 and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

R *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

❖ **ALLELUIA** (*Sing twice before the Gospel and once after*)

LSB 952

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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❖ GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:22-30

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.*



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.”

P *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*



C Praise to You, O Christ.

❖ HYMN OF THE DAY

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

LSB 709

SERMON

Pastor John Hopkins

+ *Please turn and face your fellow members across the center aisle* +

❖ NICENE CREED (5:00)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was

crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

❖ PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- A** Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.

OFFERING VOLUNTARY (5:00)

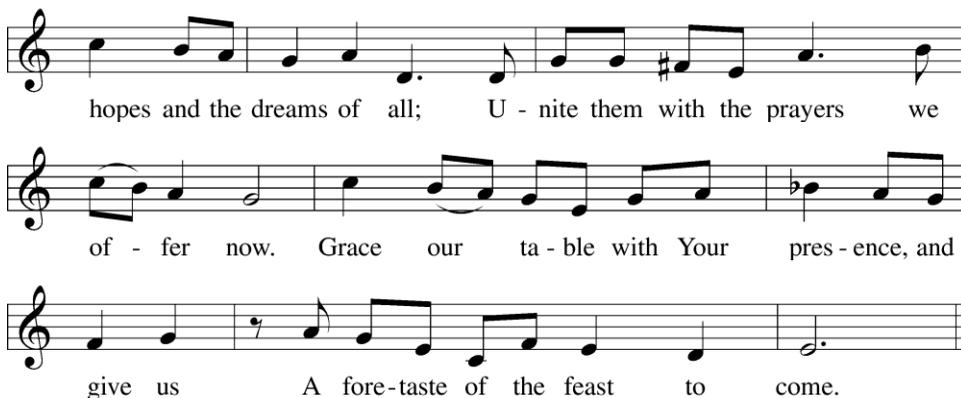
OFFERING + Please pass the Fellowship Pad at this time +

TRINITY CHOIR (9:00) “The Lord Is My Shepherd” – Matthews

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth 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.

❖ OFFERTORY *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the



hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore-taste of the feast to come.

❖ PREFACE

P *The Lord be with you.*



C And al - so with you.

P *Lift up your hearts.*



C We lift them to the Lord.

P *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P *It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:*

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en 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 who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

❖ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

❖ PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

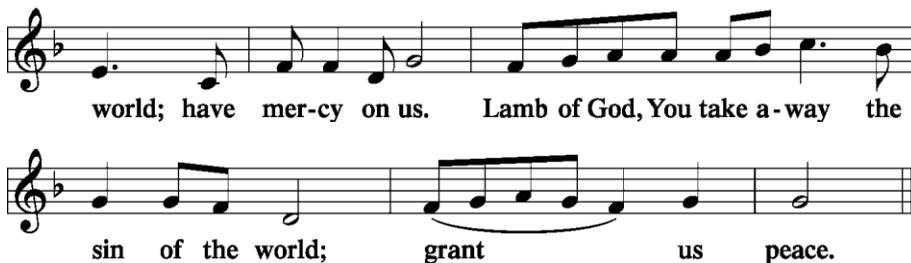
- P** *As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*
- C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

❖ 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.

❖ AGNUS DEI *Lamb of God*

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“I Am Jesus Little Lamb”

LSB 740

❖ POST COMMUNION CANTICLE Thank the Lord



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

❖ CLOSING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

Father, we thank You for having fed us on the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation, and we pray You to open our hearts to the work of Your Spirit, that we trust in Christ, our Good Shepherd, hear and follow the voice of His Word, serve You in willing obedience, and dwell in Your house forevermore; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

❖ **BENEDICTION**

P *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.*

C **Amen.**

P *Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

❖ **HYMN** “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing” LSB 475

❖ **DISMISSAL**

A *Go in peace. Serve the Lord.*

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE "A Trumpet Minuet" - Hollins

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday/Sunday May 18/19

5:00 PM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:45 AM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion

Saturday/Sunday May 25/26

5:00 PM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
9:00 AM Traditional Worship Service with Holy Communion
10:45 AM Contemporary Worship Service with Holy Communion