

# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Hayfield, Minnesota

Rev. Kristen Anderson, Pastor

Denise Phillippe, Director of Christian Education

Second Sunday of Easter

9:00 am

April 7, 2024

## Welcome to Worship at Trinity!

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.

Today, we welcome Rev. Matt Larson, Assistant to the Bishop, SE Minnesota Synod.



Deepest sympathy to Pastor Kristen and her family as they grieve the unexpected death of her father, David Anderson. Visitation and a private family service were held yesterday. Our prayers are with her and her family.

**Musician:** Nancy Matti

**Lector:** Verna Holtan

**Ushers:** Judy Follmuth  
Harry Follmuth  
Chris Thoe  
John Thoe

**Acolytes:** Madyson Reniker  
Haden Simonson

## Recent Attendance

March 10	131
March 17	90
March 24	120
March 31	308

## Trinity Mission Statement

*To proclaim God's grace in Christ through Word and Sacrament; To nurture faith through Christian education and fellowship; and To bring the Gospel to the world community through Christian witness, sacrifice, and love.*

## GATHERING

\*Stand if able

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **\* CONFESSION**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.

**Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free.  
We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.  
We speak in ways that silence others. We are silent when we should speak up.  
We keep score in our hearts. We let hurts grow into hatred.  
For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord.**

**Amen.**

#### **\* FORGIVENESS**

Here is a flood of grace:  
Out of love for the whole world,  
God draws near to us,  
breaks every snare of sin,  
washes away our wrongs,  
and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**\*APOSTOLIC 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**

**Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord’s resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**WORD**

**FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35**

<sup>32</sup>Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

PSALM` Psalm 133 (read responsively)

L: <sup>1</sup>How good and how pleasant it is,  
when kindred live together in unity!

C: <sup>2</sup>**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

L: <sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.  
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore

SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1—2:2

<sup>1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—<sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—<sup>3</sup>we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>2:1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup>and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L: The Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**\*GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

**P:** The Gospel according to St. John

**C:** **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord

**C:** **Praise to you, O Christ**

**SERMON**

Rev. Matt Larson

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

#379

**\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

## MEAL

### OFFERING/CHILDREN'S NOISY OFFERING

**\*Offertory:** *“Let The Vineyards be Fruitful, Lord”*

LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL, LORD,  
AND FILL TO THE BRIM OUR CUP OF BLESSING.  
GATHER A HARVEST FROM THE SEEDS THAT WERE SOWN,  
THAT WE MAY BE FED WITH THE BREAD OF LIFE.  
GATHER THE HOPES AND DREAMS OF ALL;  
UNITE THEM WITH THE PRAYERS WE OFFER.  
GRACE OUR TABLE WITH YOUR PRESENCE,  
AND GIVE US A FORETASTE OF THE FEAST TO COME.

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

*(All are invited to receive the Sacrament today...the Bread of Life from heaven! If you prefer juice (instead of wine) or a gluten-free wafer (instead of bread), please let the server know. Let the usher know if you'd like Communion brought to your pew.)*

**HYMN DURING DISTRIBUTION**

*“I Know That My Redeemer Lives!”*

#619

**\*COMMUNION BLESSING**

**\*THE BENEDICTION**

## SENDING

**\*SENDING HYMN**

*“Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!”*

#380

**\*OUR MISSION:**

**P: GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD!**

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**POSTLUDE**

# ***ANNOUNCEMENTS***

## **Upcoming High School Youth Activities**

- **April 13-14**--lock-in at Trinity (sign up using QR code on the youth bulletin board)
- **April 21**--rescheduled escape room in Rochester, 3-6 p.m., about \$30, sign up using QR code on youth bulletin board
- **Last Month of Youth Group!** Wednesday nights through April 24, youth group, 6:30 (grades 10-12), grade 9 welcome to join at 7:30 after confirmation
- **April 28** at 5 p.m.--deadline for Trinity senior scholarship application
- **May 5**--high school senior recognition
- **July 16-20, 2024**--ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans

## **Mark Your Calendars, Parents of 5th-8th Graders**

These are our upcoming Middle School Youth Group events:

- **April 21**, 4:30-6, church games & Bible-themed pizza making
- **May 18**, 11-3, Taste of Austin
- **Summer**, overnight (one night) camping

## **Spring Cleaning? Youth Would Like Your Donations!**

If you are tackling spring cleaning, Trinity youth would like your good stuff! Small furnishings, Hayfield school clothing, games, books, kids' stuff, kitchen and dining items, puzzles, pet stuff, purses, etc. Please, no clothing except Hayfield schools spirit-wear. Please consider donating items to Trinity youth for a **garage sale May 31**, during the Hayfield city-wide sales. For more information, connect with Denise or Elizabeth.

## THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

- Sun 7**      **9:00am** Worship/Communion  
              **10:00am** Sunday School
- Mon 8**      **7:00pm** AA meeting  
              **7:00pm** Christian Ed. Board
- Tues 9**      **8:30am** SAIL Exercise Class  
              **10:00am** **NO** Bible Study
- Wed 10**     **3:00pm** WASS  
              **5:00pm** Wednesday Supper  
              **6:30pm** Youth Group  
              **6:30pm** Confirmation
- Thurs 11**   **8:00am** SAIL Exercise Class  
              **9:00am** Quilting
- Sun 14**      **9:00am** Worship  
              **10:00am** Sunday School  
              **11:00am** Youth Board



**CHOIR PRACTICE  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10  
6 pm, Resource Room**

**It may be the last one of the  
year . . . So COME!**



## Prayer Concerns

### For strength and healing:

Harold Buck, Russell Boullion, Wayne Johnson, Pastor Bagne, Skeeter and Shirley Miner, Joan Christians, and Cody Hegna.

**PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE  
CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU OR A  
MEMBER IS HOSPITALIZED.**

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### **Church Office Hours**

**Monday thru Thursday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm**