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**Because He Lives  
We Know Jesus is Trustworthy and True**

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025



Trinity Lutheran Church is a family because God welcomed us into his family. Our mission is to grow closer to God, to our brothers and sisters in Christ, and to share this sense of belonging with the surrounding community, welcoming more souls into the family of God.

## **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

The world is full of talkers. There are plenty of people who say they care about you. But we are aware of what many of those people will do when it comes time to put those words into action. Jesus tells you in his Word that he cares for you dearly. . . that he would do anything for you. . . that he's leading you into the green pastures of paradise. How do you know you can trust him? Simple. Jesus followed up his words with action. Jesus promised he would die to save you from your sin. He did. Scripture promised the Savior would rise from the dead, proving that payment for sins was complete. It happened.

Jesus always does what he says. His every promise is fulfilled. Jesus once illustrated that point in a striking metaphor, that of the Good Shepherd. All shepherds use words, calling to the sheep hoping they will follow. What sets the Good Shepherd apart is the fact that his words are followed by action, including his willingness to lay down his life for his sheep. Because he lives, we know Jesus is trustworthy and true.

May God bless your worship.

**Serving in Worship**

**Preacher**

**Organist**

**Pastor Matthew Langebartels**

**Hannah Langebartels**

## Hymn

554, *The Lord's My Shepherd*  
*Choir sings v.1*

1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
he makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
his goodness restores my soul. (Refrain)

**Ref: And I will trust in you alone,  
and I will trust in you alone,  
for your endless mercy follows me,  
your goodness will lead me home.**

2 He guides my ways in righteousness,  
and he anoints my head with oil,  
and my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on his pure delights. (Refrain)

3 And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
for you are with me, and your rod and staff  
are the comfort I need to know. (Refrain)

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*Please stand*

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

## Confession

CW 188

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,  
I am sinful by nature  
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and  
actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;  
I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins  
with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **Lord, Have Mercy**

*CW 190*

In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**



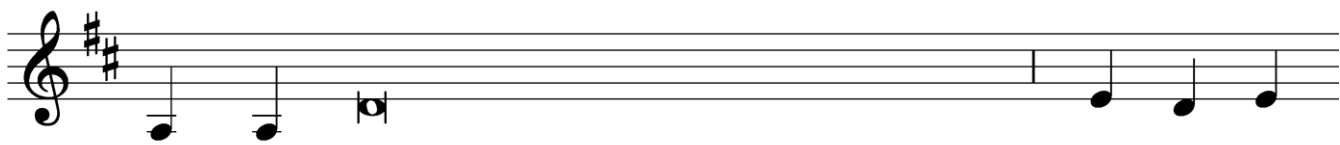
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the un - it - y of all, let us pray to the Lord.



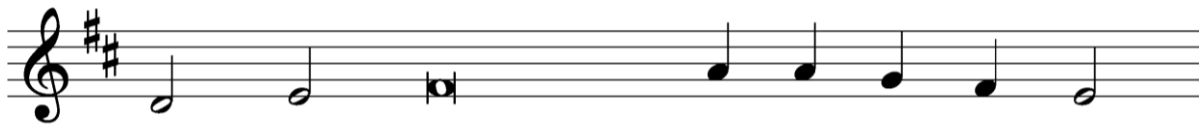
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**A - men. A - men.**

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## Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to

God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,

and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on

us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus

Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to

God, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,

and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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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 Reading

Acts 13:15-16a,26-39

*St. Paul points out that Jesus' death and resurrection both fulfilled the Scripture. They prove not only that we are forgiven, but that God's promises are trustworthy and true.*

<sup>15</sup>After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the leaders of the synagogue sent word to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have a word of exhortation for the people, please speak."

<sup>16</sup>Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said:

<sup>26</sup>"Fellow children of Abraham and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent. <sup>27</sup>The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus, yet in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath. <sup>28</sup>Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. <sup>29</sup>When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the cross and laid him in a tomb. <sup>30</sup>But God raised him from the dead, <sup>31</sup>and for many days he was seen by those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to our people.

<sup>32</sup>"We tell you the good news: What God promised our ancestors <sup>33</sup>he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm:

"'You are my son; today I have become your father.'

<sup>34</sup>God raised him from the dead so that he will never be subject to decay. As God has said,

" 'I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David.'

<sup>35</sup>So it is also stated elsewhere:

" 'You will not let your holy one see decay.'

<sup>36</sup>"Now when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed. <sup>37</sup>But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay.

<sup>38</sup>"Therefore, my friends, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. <sup>39</sup>Through him everyone who



believes is set free from every sin, a justification you were not able to obtain under the law of Moses.

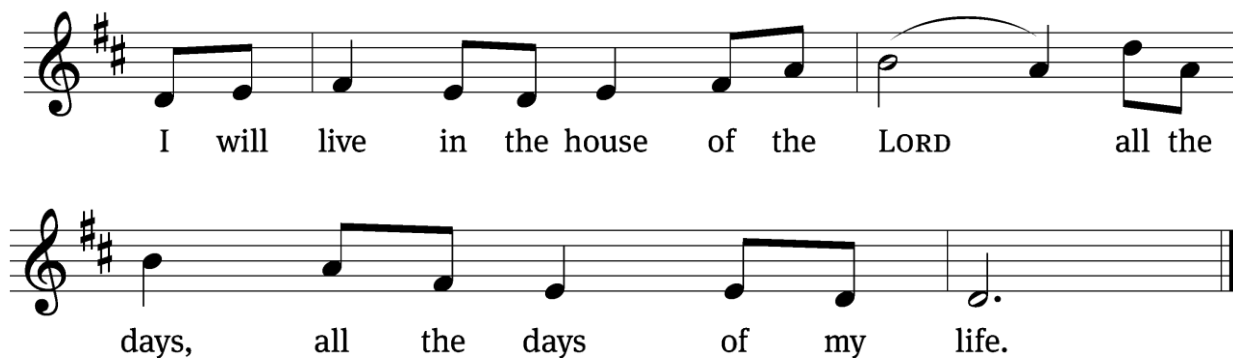
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm of the Day 23A I Will Live in the House of the LORD**

*Choir: 1<sup>st</sup> refrain and verses, Cong: all other refrains & "Glory be..."*

*Refrain*



The Lord is my / shepherd,  
I lack / nothing.

He makes me lie down in green / pastures,  
he leads me beside quiet / waters,  
he refreshes / my soul.

He guides me along the right paths for his / name's sake.  
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. **Refrain**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my / enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup / overflows.

Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days / of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for- / ever.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son**

**and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain**

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## Second Reading

*Revelation 7:9-17*

*God's promise to lead all believers from great tribulation to the green pastures of heaven is trustworthy and true. St. John sees that promise fulfilled through the work of the Lamb.*

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

<sup>11</sup>All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying:

“Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever.

Amen!”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

<sup>14</sup>I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>‘Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,’ nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup>For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; ‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’ ‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

# Gospel Acclamation

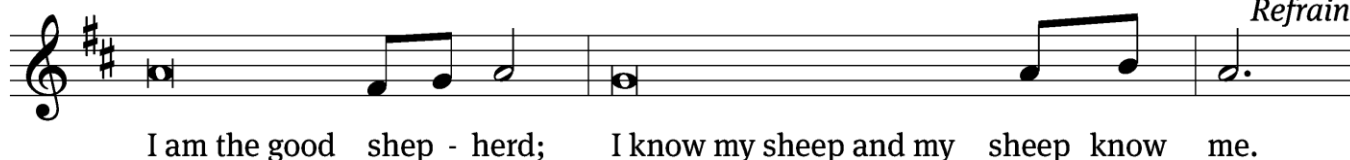
John 10:14



Refrain



Tone



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# Gospel

John 10:22-30

*Because our Good Shepherd is trustworthy and true, we eagerly listen to his voice.*

<sup>22</sup>Then came the Festival of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. <sup>24</sup>The Jews who were there gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

<sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>I and the Father are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

## **Hymn of the Day**

*552, The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness fails me never;  
I nothing lack if I am his,  
and he is mine forever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow,  
my Savior gently leads me,  
and where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feeds me.
- 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 you, dear Lord, beside me,  
your rod and staff my comfort still,  
your cross before 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**

**Acts 13:15-16, 26-39**

## **Taken for Granted**

*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.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

*Please be seated*

## Friendship Registers & Communion Announcement

When filling out the Friendship register for communion, please include those communing on one line, and those not communing on a separate line. Thank you.



**Offering** If you would like to give electronically, please visit [www.trinitycoleman.org](http://www.trinitycoleman.org) and click "Giving" or scan the QR code.

## Reception of New Members

Brenda Zeitler  
Jason, Renee & Jada Zeitler

*Friends in Christ,*

After a review and instruction in the simple teachings of the Bible and our Lutheran church, you have requested to become *members* of this congregation. You have come to worship today to confess your unity with us and to take your place as a part of this faith community. I now ask you:

Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? If so, answer: I do.  
**I do.**

Do you believe that the teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and this congregation, as you have come to know them, are faithful to the Word of God? If so, answer: I do.  
**I do.**

Do you desire to remain faithful to the teachings of Christ, be diligent in the use of God's Word and sacraments, and lead a godly life as the Lord gives you strength? If so, answer: I do, and I ask God to help me.  
**I do, and I ask God to help me.**

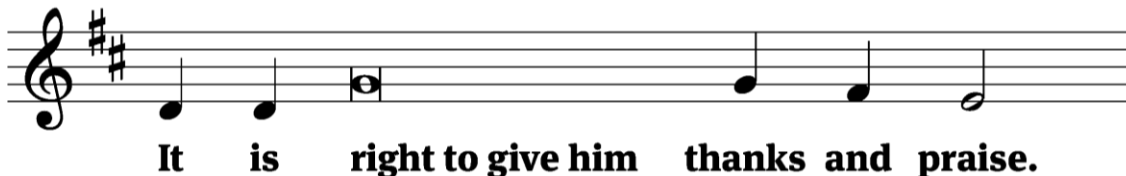
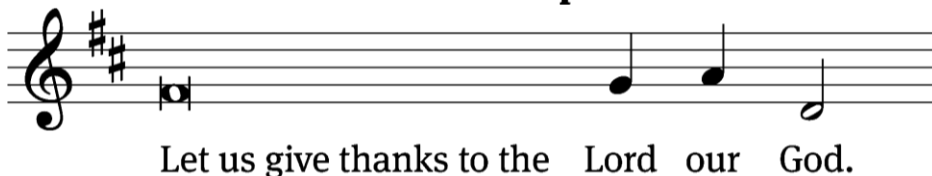
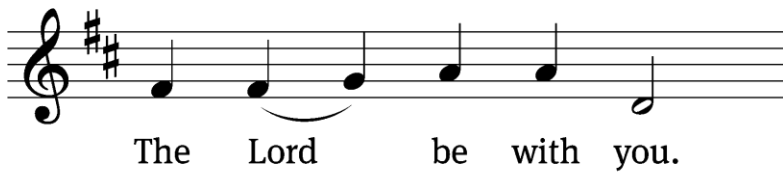
Is it your desire to join us in worship and mission and support this work with your prayers and gifts? If so, answer: It is, and I ask God to help me.  
**It is, and I ask God to help me.**

With sincere joy we welcome you as *members* of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

*Please stand*

# Preface

CW 199



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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

CW 200

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,  
heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.  
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, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.



Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament.  
Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen  
our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast.  
Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to  
your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **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.**

# Lamb of God

CW 202

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, grant us peace.

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## *Please be seated*

*Communion is an expression of unity and agreement in faith. We ask if you are not a member of Trinity, please speak with pastor before you publicly express such unity.*

## Distribution

## **Distribution Hymns** 471, *Now All the vault of Heaven Resounds*

1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
in praise of love that still abounds:

“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”

Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!

Repeat their song of glory here:

“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Eternal is the gift he brings,  
therefore our heart with rapture sings:

“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”

Now still he comes to give us life

and by his presence stills all strife.

“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
set heart and will on things above

that we conquer thro' your triumph.

Grant grace sufficient for life's day

that by our lives we truly say:

“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Adoring praises now we bring  
and with the heav'nly blessèd sing:

“Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!”

Be to the Father and our Lord,

to Spirit blest, most holy God,

all the glory, never ending!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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## 455, Alleluia! Jesus Lives

1 *Alleluia! Jesus lives!*

*He is now the Living One;  
from the gloomy house of death  
forth the conqueror has gone,  
bright forerunner to the skies  
of his people, yet to rise.*

2 *Jesus lives! Let all rejoice;  
praise him, ransomed ones of earth.  
Praise him in a nobler song,  
cherubim of heav'nly birth.  
Praise the Victor-King, whose sway  
sin and death and hell obey.*

3 *Jesus lives! Why do you weep?  
Why that sad and frequent sigh?  
He who died our brother here  
lives our brother still on high,  
lives forever to bestow  
blessings on his Church below.*

4 *Jesus lives! And thus, my soul,  
life is yours eternally;  
joined to him, your living head,  
where he is, you too shall be;  
you with him at his right hand  
victor over death shall stand.*

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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.**

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through 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.**

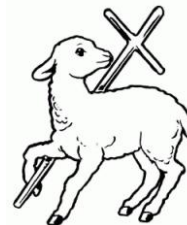
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## Hymn

*804, I Am Jesus' Little Lamb*

1 I am Jesus' little lamb;  
ever glad at heart I am,  
for my Shepherd gently guides me,  
knows my need and well provides me,  
loves me ev'ry day the same,  
even calls me by my name.

2 Day by day, at home, away,  
Jesus is my staff and stay.  
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,  
into pleasant pastures leads me;  
when I thirst, he bids me go  
where the quiet waters flow.



3 Who so happy as I am,  
 even now the Shepherd's lamb?  
 And when my short life is ended,  
 by his angel host attended,  
 he shall fold me to his breast,  
 there within his arms to rest.

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## Announcements



Today we celebrate all the special Ladies of our church who  
 our Lord has blessed!

**Teen Bake Sale** after church today. Buy that special lady in your  
 life a sweet treat

**Thank you** to all who helped with the Preschool Rummage Sale.

**Please place** your coin baby bottles at the back of the church. Today is  
 the last day.

**Preschool Graduation** is next Sunday. The kids will sing in our church  
 service and then at 11 am in our Fellowship will be the recognition program  
 and certificate presentation..

### This week at Trinity...

11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>Happy Mother's Day!</b> 8:15 Sunday School & Bible Study 9:30 Communion Service	6 pm Education Meeting					

Attendance 5/4: 119  
 Offering total as of 5/4: \$ 3,173.39  
 General Fund 5/4: \$52,400.70

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