

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday

April 26, 2015

8:30

Love God,

Love our neighbors,

Serve the World

*You are invited to stand if able

Welcome

*Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Gathering Hymn

“Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing!”

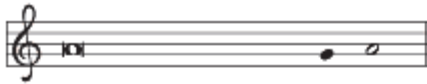
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*Greeting

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

And also with you.

Cantor



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation



Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor



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

Congregation



Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor



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



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation



Lord, have mer - cy.

Cantor



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.



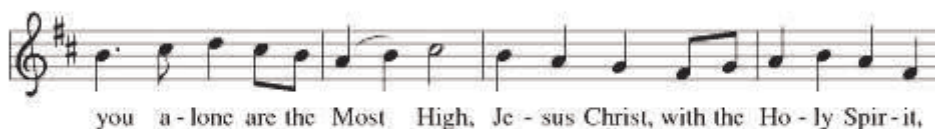
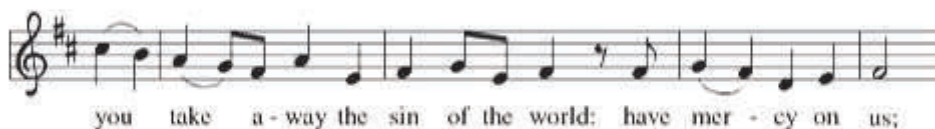
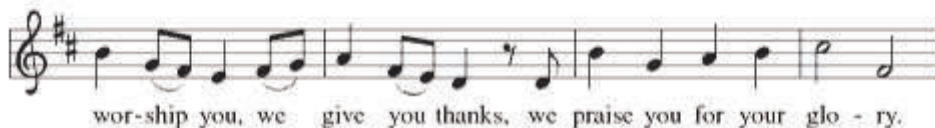
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Canticle of Praise

Cantor



Congregation



*Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

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.

(Please be seated.)

First Reading: Acts 4:5-12

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he is able to proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

⁵The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let 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. ¹¹This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely 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: 1 John 3:16-24

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us — and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How 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?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And 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. ²⁴All 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel: The holy gospel according to John, the 10th chapter.

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The 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. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I 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. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No 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."

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

Sermon

Pastor Erik Feig

Hymn of the Day

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!"

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*Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

***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.

*Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(Please extend a greeting of peace to those around you.)

(Please be seated.)

Offering

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Announcements

*Blessing

Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death,
lift you up and restore you to wholeness.

Amen.

Jesus Christ, the Word of life, bless you and send you to be his witnesses.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth,
refresh you in the gift of baptism this day and always.

Amen.

*Sending Hymn

“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

#774

*Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Postlude

Service

News & Announcements

The Love Thy Neighbor jar for April is for ELCA Good Gifts program, which provides basic needs to families or communities. This is a unique giving opportunity provided at each weekend worship service. Children from the congregation gather money during the worship service and put in the jar up by the altar. The money is given to a different ministry outside of the church each month.

From the Heart Food Pantry is part of the excitement at Trinity every Monday evening. This food pantry, located in the fellowship hall, is open to the public every Monday 5:30-7:30, to help our neighbors who need a little help getting through the month. To donate food, simply drop it off in the bin in the narthex. They especially need cereal. Stop by Monday at 5 for a meal, sponsored by Monday Meals and meet your neighbors!

There is a great opportunity to help with Neighborhood Renewal at the Powell-Poage-Hamilton & Washburn Neighborhood on May 2nd and again on June 6. Visit www.renewlacrosse.org to sign up. Contact volunteer@habitatlacrosse.org or call 608-785-2373 ext 7003 for more info.

Annual Northside Neighborhood Block Party!

Plans are in motion for this year's Block Party, tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 15, 2105 on Sill street in front of the church. The planning team is meeting on Wednesday, May 6th at 6:30 pm at Pastor Erik's house (1636 Loomis), and anyone who'd like to help with the planning of this awesome event is encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask Pastor Erik. See you on the 6th!

the choir

circle slide

25 YEAR SILVER ANNIVERSARY TOUR



Joined by Michael Roe of the 77s
**PERFORMING THE ICONIC ALBUM
CIRCLE SLIDE IN ITS ENTIRETY**

MICHAEL ROE WILL PERFORM A SPECIAL ACOUSTIC SET
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Tuesday, May 5th 2015 7pm FREE!

Trinity Lutheran Church
1010 Sill Street La Crosse

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10:30 Service

Messy Spirituality – The place where our messiness and Jesus meet
Resisting the Resisters – Overcoming the Saboteurs of Spirituality John 9: 1-12

Next Week

The Ugliness of Rejection – Paralyzed by our Past John 4
We are often paralyzed by our past. We harbor and focus on our failings and faults, **telling ourselves that we'll always be that way, and hearing outside sources say the same thing. The good news is that 'losers' are who God chooses!** Jesus meets our past and assures us that we do not have to wait til we get it together in order to be **accepted by God and become Jesus' disciple** - there is nothing that prevents you from **starting now!** The past informs our present but **doesn't determine it, because of Jesus** – that's what we'll be discovering this week!

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March Giving

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\$22,951

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March Budgeted

\$37,031

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Year to Date

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Giving: 73,624

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Budgeted giving

through April; \$123,144

Next Week in Worship

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40

Psalms 22:25-31

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

The bulletin for the 8:30 radio worship service and the monthly newsletter are available on our website: trinitylutheranlax.org

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Memorials

General Fund:

In memory of Ione Swanson, given by Joanne Thoftne

In memory of my godmother, Ione Swanson, given by Kermit Thoftne

In memory of Ione Swanson, given by Art Ford, Judy Ford, & Julie Smith

In memory of Janet Mannel, given by Art Ford, Judy Ford, & Julie Smith

In memory of Delores Nichols, given by Art Ford, Judy Ford, & Julie Smith

In memory of Janet Mannel, given by Pat & Bonnie Korish

Kids' Clothes Closet

In memory of Delores Nichols, given by Joanne Thoftne

In memory of Angeline Thiede, whose 92nd birthday would have been April 24, given by her husband, Fred and her children & families.

In memory of our grandma and great-grandma, given by Jill, Heather, Adam, Aubree, Gavin, & Brayla Pintz

Youth Trip

In memory of my grandson Brian Shuda on his 33rd birthday, given by Joanne Thoftne
Bus Fund

In memory of Janet Mannel, given by Glenn & Audrey Zebell

In memory of Janet Mannel, given by Dale & Dortha Von Ruden

In memory of Janet Mannel, given by Richard Fink

Radio Ministry

In memory of Janet Mannel, given by Kathryn Schroeder

In memory of Janet Mannel, given by Helen Osley

Prayer Requests

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Mike Sanding, Hilda Melde, Pat Bogie, & Military Members Austin Bekkum & Justin Boardman

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Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 8:30-4:30

Bulletin deadline: Noon at Wed.

Service Times

Saturdays 5:30pm

Sundays 8:30 & 10:30

Radio Broadcast Sunday morning at 8:30 WKTY 580 AM

This Week at Trinity

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

MONDAY, APRIL 27

9a TOPS

4-7p Northside Kids' Clothes Closet

5-6p Monday's Meals

5:30-7:30p From the Heart Food Pantry

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

7p Boy Scouts

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

Confirmation

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

FRIDAY, MAY 1

6:30a Men's Bible Study

SATURDAY, May 2

Working together, working for each other

Working for God

