

Christ the Shepherd



TRINITY  LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Sunday, April 26, 2026
9:00 am Service

Order of Worship

**stand as you are able*

Prelude

Joy Rundell

Welcome

***Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn**Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*****Hymn #807**

1. Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

***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.

Kyrie

Kyrie Eleison means "Lord have mercy."

Hymn #151

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Hymn of Praise***Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*****Hymn #857**

Lord, I lift your name on high.
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life,
I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay,
From the cross to the grave,
From the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

**O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

Anthem

***Jesus Loves Me
Jesus Loves the Little Children
This Little Light of Mine***

Sunday School Choir

Reading

John 10:1-10
Christ the Shepherd

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Pastor Paul Lutter

The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want.
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake;
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me,
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling-place shall be;
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

***Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

***Prayers of the Church**

Congregational Response: Hear our prayer.

***Sharing of the Peace / Announcements**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering

*Thank you for your continued financial support.
An offering plate can be found in the back of church as
you leave worship. Or give online at www.trin.org/give.*



Offertory Response

Lord, Be Glorified

Hymn #744

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
in your church, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

***Closing Prayer**

Good and Gracious God,

We no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of Life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your faithful people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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.**

***Benediction**

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever.

Amen.

***Closing Hymn**

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Hymn #773

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Joy Rundell

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In Our Prayers:

Steve Boylan, Frank Fritzke, Stacey Lewandowski, Elyse Hirsch (daughter-in-law of Kelly & Liz Hirsch), Aiko Landgraf (niece of Sue Magnuson), Stacey Barta (niece of Bob & JoAnn Lohmann), Robin Nelson (sister-in-law of Curt and Eileen Nelson), our missionary in Papua New Guinea, Rev. Andrew Ronnevik and family

We extend our sympathy to Terri and Brett Gens and family upon the recent passing of Terri's mother, Marian Jagodzinski. May God grant you peace and comfort.



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Announcements

You are invited to enjoy conversation, treats and coffee following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Vacation Bible School Registration is Open Kids ages 3 years old through 4th Grade are invited to "Rainforest Falls" VBS at Trinity on June 15 - 18, 2026 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Register online at www.trin.org/vbs.

Adult Faith Formation Series Join Pastor Paul on Thursdays through May 21 at 7:00 pm in the Pioneer Room to discuss the book *Joyful Anyway* by Kate Bowler, exploring how to find joy amidst life's difficulties.

We Tell Ourselves Stories: A Writing Workshop Join Pastor Paul in the Pioneer Room on May 11, 18, and 26 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm for a creative writing workshop exploring where God shows up in our stories. Whether you are a seasoned writer or a curious beginner, please bring your preferred writing tools and sign up online at www.trin.org under the **EVENTS** menu.

Synod Assembly Service Project The Minneapolis Area Synod Assembly is May 3-4. You are invited to take part in their service project in partnership with Lutheran Social Service of MN to assemble snacks and hygiene kits for young people experiencing homelessness. You can sign up for specific items at www.trin.org under the **EVENTS** menu or provide a monetary donation to Trinity designated to "ELCA Service Project." Drop off donations to the church office by April 29 and Pastor Paul will take them along to the Synod Assembly.

Graduate Blessing Sunday Join us on Sunday, May 17 as we celebrate with, pray for, and bless our high school seniors as they prepare to graduate this spring. A special reception following worship will be held in honor of the Class of 2026!