The sheep follow him because they know his voice.

John 10:4, NRSV









Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church

May 4th, 2025

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Service of the Word

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

WS 783 – Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

Invocation

- ${f P}$ In the name of the Father and of the $oldsymbol{+}$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 - **C** (spoken) Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
 - (spoken) who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
 - (spoken) and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
 - O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am truly sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of

our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(spoken) Amen.

P In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!





Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

(spoken) And also with you.

P Let us pray. . .

(spoken) Amen

First Reading Ezekiel 34:11-16

For thus says the Lord God: "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. 13 And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. 14 I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down,"

says the Lord God. 16 "I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment."

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 119:172-176

- My tongue shall speak of Your word,
 - **©** For all Your commandments are righteousness.
- P Let Your hand become my help,
 - **C** For I have chosen Your precepts.
- P I long for Your salvation, O Lord,
 - And Your law is my delight.
- Let my soul live, and it shall praise You;
 - And let Your judgments help me.
- P I have gone astray like a lost sheep;
 - Seek Your servant, for I do not forget Your commandments.

Second Reading

John 10:11-18

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. 12 But a hireling, he who is not the shepherd, one who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees; and the wolf catches the sheep and scatters them. 13 The hireling flees because he is a hireling and does not care about the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep, and am known by My own. 15 As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. 16 And other sheep I have which are not of this fold; them also I must bring, and they will hear My voice; and there will be one flock and one shepherd.

17 "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. 18 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!





Nicene Creed

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 Ghost 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 on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, 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 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.

Hymn of the Day

TLH 436 - The Lord's My Shepherd

Sermon Text

1 Peter 2:21-25

For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

"Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth";

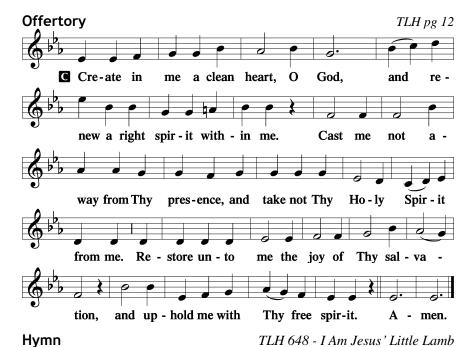
²³ who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed *Himself* to Him who judges righteously; ²⁴ who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. ²⁵ For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Sermon Theme:

His Leadership Leads His Sheep

I: How to die to sin
II: How to live for righteousness
III: How to suffer in patience

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.



Offering

General Prayer

Service of the Sacrament

Preface TLH pg 24

- P The Lord be with you.
 - (spoken) And also with you!
- P Lift up your hearts!
 - We lift them up to the Lord!
- P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
 - It is proper and beneficial for us to do so.
- P It is truly proper and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. For You have sent Your Son, Jesus, to be our Good Shepherd, guiding, guarding, and keeping His sheep. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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Lord's Prayer

TLH pg 26

P 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. . .



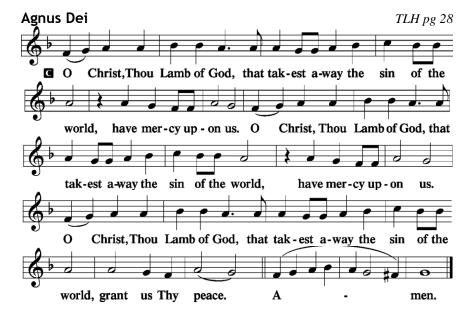
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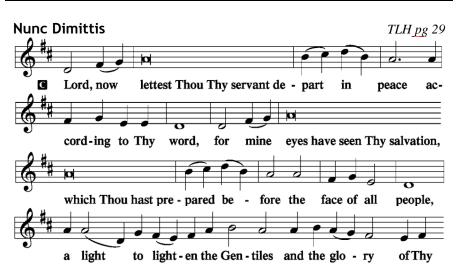
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

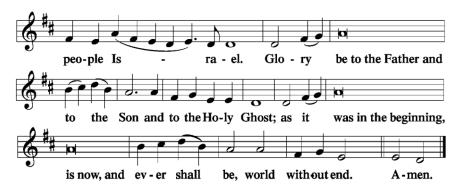




Distribution

<u>A NOTE TO OUR GUESTS ABOUT COMMUNION:</u> All CLC churches practice "close communion." We ask that only those who are members of our church or another congregation in the CLC come forward to receive the Sacrament. This is NOT a judgment on your faith! Rather, it is an expression of our own faith and unity. If you would like more information, or are interested in becoming a member, please speak to the pastor.





Thanksgiving

TLH pg 30

- P Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.
 - (spoken) And His mercy endures forever!
- P Let us pray:

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this healing gift, and we pray that You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



Closing Hymn

TLH 191 - Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

Silent Prayer

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Welcome to Worship at Trinity!

Please wait to be ushered out of the sanctuary. Please do not leave any bulletins or other materials behind. **Offerings** may be left in the offering plate in the rear of the sanctuary or mailed to the church.

Guest and Visitors, we are delighted to have you here for worship with us this morning and are grateful for the opportunity to share the saving gospel message of Jesus Christ with you! Because He lives, we shall live also! We invite you to sign our guest book in the entryway. Please speak to the members and pastor if you wish to learn more about the Gospel ministry here at *Trinity*, and we hope to see you again!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You! – A big thank you to everyone who was able to come help at yesterday's work day. There is still a sign-up sheet with other property tasks that might not have gotten done – so if you're able, consider signing up to take care of one of those!

Lorraine Poetter – Lorraine Poetter was taken to Holy Family last night and is in failing health. The doctors expect her to receive her call home to heaven soon. Please keep Lorraine and her family in your prayers and may our confidence in Christ's resurrection give hope in this difficult time.

Property Committee – Property Committee meets this Thursday at 6:30pm. Meeting info will be emailed out later this week.

Church Calendars – The church calendar for May is available on the table in the entryway. Digital copies were sent out in this morning's email.

Council Meeting Minutes + Pastor's Report – Hard copies of the minutes from the April council meeting and a copy of the April Pastor's Report are available on the table in the entryway. The minutes were emailed out in this morning's email.

Vacation Bible School – After not having VBS these last few years, we'd like to resurrect that event this summer. In order to do so, we will need plenty of volunteers. So, if you are able and willing to help with teaching classes, doing crafts, playing games, or have musical talents you could lend toward the effort, please speak with Pastor Naumann.

Pastoral Visit Schedule – Don't forget: the signup sheet for visiting with Pastor Naumann in 2025 is on the table in the entryway and there are plenty of openings in the couple of months!

PRAYERS REQUESTED

- Lorraine Poetter was taken to Holy Family last night and is in failing health.
 The doctors expect her to receive her call home to heaven soon. Please keep Lorraine and her family in your prayers and may our confidence in Christ's resurrection give hope and comfort during this difficult time.
- Tom Steger will be undergoing tests this Tuesday to see how well his cancer has been responding to treatment. May God grant good results according to His will!
- Please keep Pastor John Hein and his family in your prayers as he continues treatment for his thymic carcinoma. He has spent the last week in the hospital and is seriously ill. For updates on his health, visit: https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/pastorjohnhein. Additionally, a GoFundMe has been set up to help offset medical and travel expenses: https://www.gofundme.com/f/john-and-janelle-hein-family.
- Bob Conway got his biopsy results back and he does not have cancer! We thank the Lord for blessing Bob and Kathy with this happy news.
- Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of our sister congregation in the Valley, Gethsemane Lutheran, has received the call to serve as pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI. Please keep Pastor Eichstadt in your prayers, and may the Spirit direct Him wherever His gifts may best serve the Lord and His people.
- Pam, a friend of Kathy Conway's, will be returning home and is continuing her cancer treatment. May God be with her in her treatment and may the light of the Gospel give her joy and comfort in Christ.
- Connie Estes, sister-in-law to Randy Estes, was undergoing chemotherapy
 for kidney cancer when they recently discovered that the cancer has
 spread to her other kidney. We pray that, if it is His will, God might heal
 Connie. Above all, may the Gospel bring Connie and her family peace and
 comfort in the face of this disheartening news.

CALL NEWS

Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Loganville, GA, has <u>returned</u> the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA. <> Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has <u>received</u> the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. <> Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA, has <u>received</u> the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

FRUITS OF FAITH AT TRINITY					
Date	Attendance	Offering			
4/13/25	30	\$1,000			
4/18/25 (Good Friday)	28	\$995			
4/20/25 (Easter)	31	\$680			
4/27/25	27	\$1,415			

GREETER SCHEDULE			
Next Sunday	Travis Maguire		
5/18	Laurie White		
5/25	Tom + Molly Bettinger		
6/1	Jeanne Helke		

MOWING SCHEDULE			
This Week	Dennis Lux		
5/17	Travis Maguire		
5/24	Kevin Shaffer		
5/31	Pastor Naumann		

MAY CLEANING SCHEDULE				
North Entry	Clark			
Sanctuary	Bettinger			
Basement	Helke			

CLC Financial Report - March 2025

	Balance	YTD	YTD	Budget	Balance
Operating Funds	7/1/2024	Revenue	Disbursed	9 Months	3/31/2025
General Fund	0	860,397	924,554	984,735	(64, 157)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	1,384,054	1,257,527	1,293,075	126,527
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	110,979	40,467	61,244		90,202
ILC Building Projects	1,560,282	351,749	1,842		1,910,189
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	120,784	201,043	165,398		156,429
Kinship	169,884	150,483	135,400		184,967
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,684,208	408,697	252,565		2,840,340
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	117,317	71,495	176,862		11,950
EduK8 Fund	47,692	21,629	3,500		65,821
Reserve Fund	79,964	79,862	0		159,826
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$4,891,110	\$1,325,425	\$796,811		\$5,419,724

General Fund and ILC Operations – The combined balance of these two operating funds is down about \$62,000 compared to the same time one year ago. Contributions to and disbursements from the General Fund are well below budget for the first nine months of our fiscal year. For ILC Operations, the revenue is ahead of budget with disbursements less than the pro-rated budget.

ILC Building Projects – Year-to-date contributions have been about \$240,000. The remaining year-to-date revenue of around \$112,000 is from increases in the market value of the investments in this fund

Church Extension Fund – Year to date revenue consists of payments received of about \$222,000 from congregations on the loans they owe the CLC, just over \$186,000 of increases in the market value of the investments and just over \$1,000 of contributions to the fund.

EduK8 Fund – The fund had its first disbursement (\$3,500) to assist one of our Christian Day Schools.

Other Auxiliary Funds – The activity in the other funds in the table above is similar to the activity in the same period a year ago.

Stephen R. Lentz, CLC Treasurer

Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees



