A scenic landscape featuring a sheep in the foreground, a lake, and mountains under a cloudy sky. The sheep is standing on a grassy hillside, looking towards the camera. The background shows a valley with a lake, surrounded by rolling hills and mountains under a sky filled with large, white clouds.

Now may the
GOD OF PEACE,
who brought up
from the dead the
GREAT
SHEPHERD
OF THE SHEEP...

Jesus our Lord,
equip you in every
good thing
to do His will.

HEBREWS 13:20-21



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He is Risen

April 26, 2026

The 4th Week of Easter

Serving Us Today

Organist: Erin Karnitz / **Greeter:** Laurie White

We Enter God's House and Prepare for Worship

Pre-service Meditation: *Psalm 23 (hymnal p. 128)*

Pre-service Prayer:

Jesus, my Good Shepherd: Lead me, guide me, protect me, nurture me, keep me, hold me. Amen.

Order of Worship

(Worship Supplement pp. 1ff)

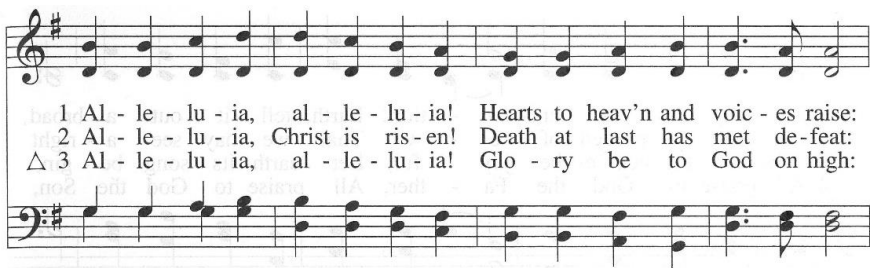
When the congregation is asked to stand, please do so only if you are able.

You may remain seated if standing is difficult.

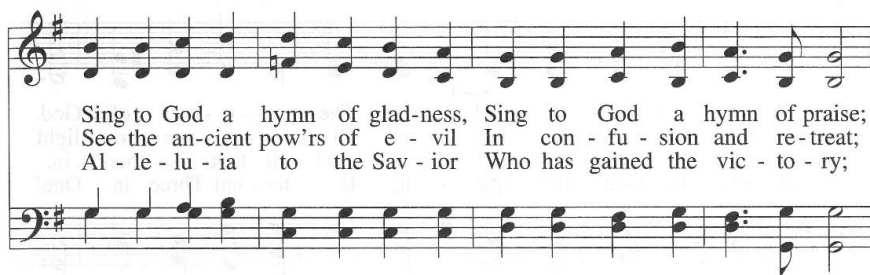
Welcome to Worship

Opening Prayer

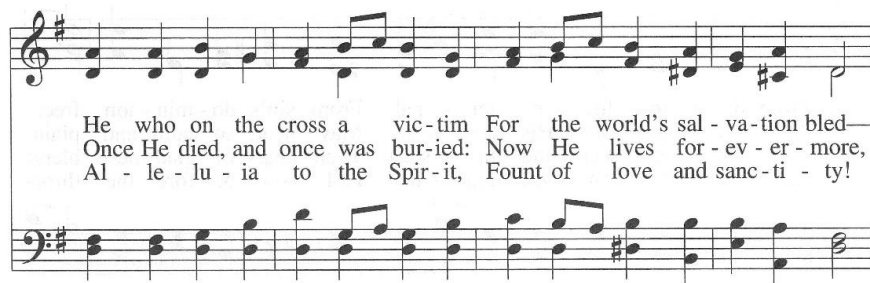
Hymn: Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven



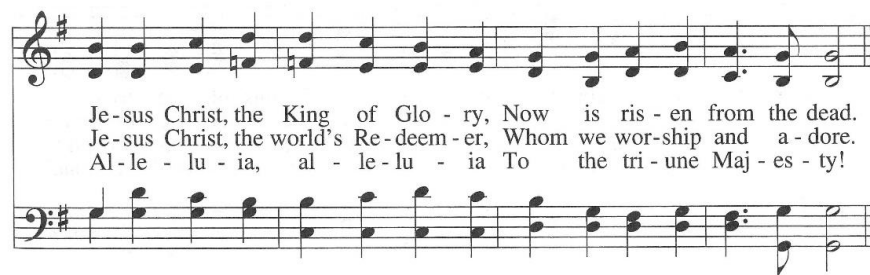
1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:
△ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
See the an - cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic - tim For the world's sal - va - tion bled—
Once He died, and once was bur - ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor - ship and a - dore.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–85, sts. 1, 3; rev. Jubilate Hymns Ltd., st. 2
Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827; adapt. Edward Hodges, 1796–1867

HYMN TO JOY
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Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (spoken): **Amen**

P: Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a fellow believer called by Christ to serve among you 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.

C (spoken): **Amen.**

C (sings): **Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.**

(*WS2000* pp. 2-3)

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all people on earth.

Cong: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give you thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer (Pastor)

Congregation (speaks): **Amen**

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 23

God Speaks to Us Through His Word



As a shepherd, King David knew and understood sheep and their need for a shepherd. As a sinner who put his trust in the one true God and the coming Savior, David knew his need for a rescuer and shepherd.

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.*

*He leads me in paths of righteousness
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.*

*You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.*

New Testament Lesson: *John 10:1-16*

Jesus is the Good Shepherd of sinners. He came to rescue sinners at the cost of His life which sets Him apart from would-be shepherds who have no love for the sheep. What David described in the poetry of Psalm 23, Jesus proclaims as His work.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the

gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and 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. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

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

C (sings): **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**



Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

I believe 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 Spirit 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 at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in 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: 648 -- I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

The Sermon

Text: *Hebrews 13:20-21*

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

“Just Look at These Green Pastures!

I Want to be a Sheep in My Shepherd's Fold Forever!”

- I. The God of Peace makes us lie down in peace.
- II. The God who raised my Shepherd restores my soul to life.
- III. The God who equips me leads in paths of righteousness

Congregation (sings): Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold me with Your free Spirit.

Prayer

Offering Prayer (Congregation sings)

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

(TLH 441:1-2)

The Lord's Prayer

Pre-Communion Hymn: 312 -- Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread

P: The Lord be with you.

C (spoken): **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C (spoken): **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father almighty and everlasting God . . . Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of Heaven we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

C (sings): **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

P: Words of Institution...The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C (sings): **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**



Distribution

Christ teaches us in His Word that He desires unity of faith and confession among those who commune together at the Lord's Table. For this reason, we ask that only those who have confessed their unity with us through communicant membership in our congregation or in a sister congregation in our church body--the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC)-- come to the Lord's Supper this morning. This scriptural practice we call "close communion" is not a judgment on your faith, but is an expression of our own. Visitors who may wish to learn more about communing with us in the future are invited to speak to the pastor at your convenience. We would also like to share this blessing with you.

Thanksgiving

C (sings, p.10 *WS Supplement*):

**Thank the Lord; sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.
Thank the Lord; sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Send us with Your promises, Lord; Lead Your people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Thank the Lord; sing His praise; tell
ev'ryone what He has done. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Benediction (Pastor)

C (spoken): **Amen.**

Hymn: 783 -- Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

Silent Prayer

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Welcome to all who have gathered for worship this morning. We especially welcome guests and visitors—please sign our guest book in the north entry. We look forward to having you worship with us again!



Thank-offerings may be left in the offering plate in the back of the church or mailed to the church. Electronic donations may be made via the link for “online offering” at the bottom of the home page on our website (Spokanelutheran.com)

Prayer List: Jackie Steger, Bertie Hein, Ariel Smith, Donna Zarling, CLC Pastoral vacancies



This Week's Schedule

(If the Lord wills we shall do this or that)

Today

9:15 a.m. Bible Class (**Words w/Big Meanings:** Sacrament)
10:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion

Next Saturday (May 2)

9:15 a.m. Bible Class
10:30 a.m. Worship Service (**Greeters:** Tom & Molly Bettinger)

May Cleaners: Sanctuary: Bettinger / **North Entry:** Lux
Basement: Helke

Lawn Mowing:
This week - Dennis Lux

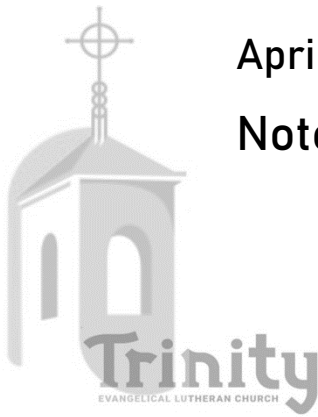


News & Notes

Offering Prayer: You will notice a small addition in the worship service this morning--a sung offering prayer. In last week's meeting, the Church Council decided to add this prayer along with the presentation of the offering to the Lord at the altar. Offerings will still be collected in the back as in the recent past, but in this way we present our offering to the Lord as a reminder to us that we are giving out of our thanksgiving to Him, and with the prayer that He will bless them in the work of His Kingdom.

Pastor Eichstadt Away: Pastor Eichstadt will be attending the Pacific Coast Pastoral Conference this week, hosted by our sister congregation--Redemption of Lynnwood. The conference is Tuesday-Thursday. He will be reachable by cell phone.

Pacific Coast Pastoral Conference Worship Service will be livestreamed from Redemption of Lynnwood, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. Redemption's YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@redemptionlutheran2968>



April 2026

Notes from Church Council

Vicar Sam Radermacher and his (at that time, but not yet) wife, Trinity plan to arrive in Spokane around June 18-19. His installation will be on June 21 and his first worship service set for June 28.

Summer Worship Schedule: The last Saturday worship service will be May 30. On June 7, we will return to a Sunday worship schedule which will continue at least through September.

Trinity is able to send two delegates to the CLC Convention in June (25-28). Voting members of the congregation are eligible to serve as a delegate. The congregation pays for travel to the convention and on campus lodging and meals.

Vacation Bible School at Trinity: Plans are currently underway to host a Vacation Bible School at Trinity this summer. This will be an outreach effort. The dates for the VBS are August 3-7. More to come!

March 2026 Financial Summary

	March	Year-to-Date
Income	\$6,477	\$17,462
Expenses	\$3,590	\$11,744
General Fund Gain/Loss	\$2,887	\$5,718

* February and March expenses are lower than the April - January because the annual Insurance premiums are paid in ten monthly installments. Starting in April, an additional \$1,069 will be added to the monthly expenses for insurance.

Additional Note: The vacancy pastor salary is half the regular salary, no health insurance. The June-September pastoral salary for the vicar will be full salary, no health insurance.

Total Trinity Funds \$64,051

General Fund \$26,002

Designated Memorials \$38,049

We Thank the Lord for His Goodness and Providence!



News from around the Church of the Lutheran Confession

Call News: Pastor Jonah Albrecht of Redemption Ev.

Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, WA, and Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA, has returned the call to Living Hope

Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI / Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has received and accepted the vacancy call to St. Paul's

Lutheran Church, Ponsford, MN / Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, MI, has received the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church,

Phoenix, AZ / Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, has received the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI / The Call

Committee for Graduates has extended the call to Redeemer Lutheran School, Cheyenne, WY, to ILC Education Program Graduate Mr. Orrin Hanel / Pastor

Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Saginaw, MI, has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.