

DIVINE SERVICE I

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Jubilate)

April 21, 2024

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Everyone Is Invited to Stay for Coffee Hour in the Gathering Room



WELCOME TO TRINITY! So happy you are here this morning to worship the Lord. We pray this worship hour is a blessing for you and invite you to please come again soon. If you are a visitor, please sign the Guest Register in the entry.

Introit

Psalm 66:3, 5, 8–9; antiphon: vv. 1–2

- P** Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alleluia.
C Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alleluia.
P Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!
C So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.”
P Come and see what God has done:
C he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.
P Bless our God, O peoples;
C let the sound of his praise be heard,
P who has kept our soul among the living
C and has not let our feet slip.
C Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
P Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alleluia.
C Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alleluia.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ’s Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 🎵 Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:25–31

²⁵To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing. ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden

from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God”?

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.

³⁰Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall ex-

hausted; ³¹but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Gradual *Psalm 111:9a; Luke 24:26*

[P] Alleluia. He sent redemption to his people. Alleluia.

[C] **Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory? Alleluia.**

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:11–20

¹¹Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

¹³Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

¹⁸Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹For this is a gracious thing,

when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

Holy Gospel: John 16:16–22

¹⁶[Jesus said:] "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me."

¹⁷So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" ¹⁸So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'?" ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

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Birthdays

Sunday	Ashley Debrick	
Monday	Chloe Maisch	Lori Richardson
	Nicholas Minden	Malcolm Brack
Tuesday	Eric Ritch	
Wednesday	Bridget Medlin	
Friday	John Gerken	Austin Reyelts
	Tyler Reyelts	

Anniversaries

4/26	Dan and Cathy Hieber	37 years
	Keith and Laura Prothe	44 years
4/27	Kevin and Marla Prothe	33 years
	Jeff and Autumn Menefee	28 years

We remember in our prayers:

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| ♦ Grant Haley | ♦ Connie McEachron | ♦ Judy Kurth |
| ♦ Patty Moser | ♦ Bill Koelsch | ♦ Judy Minden |
| ♦ Guylene Klein | ♦ Shirley Hubbard | ♦ Debra Karina |
| ♦ Jeffrey Thompson | | |

TREASURER’S REPORT April 7, 2024

Checking Account Balance	Mar 30, 2024	\$	11,276.40
Income:	Deposit	\$	3,387.00
Expenses	Checking	\$	(1,367.52)
Balance	April 6, 2024	\$	13,295.88

Attendance

Worship Attendance	April 14	127
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CALL NIGHTS - Our two seminaries will host their "Call Nights" this week; keep the seminarians in your prayers as they receive their first calls and go out to serve the Church. Keep congregations that do not receive pastors in your prayers as well. As Jesus says, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Luke 10:2).

GRADUATES - Trinity’s Board of Education would like to recognize this year’s high school and college graduates with a reception after church on Sunday, May 19th. We would like to include information about our graduates in the bulletin. Please contact Erin Meyer, John Schlegel, or Nancy Golubski if you have a high school or college graduate so we can collect the information. Thank you!

CONFIRMATION - Mark on your calendars the upcoming dates! Confirmation Questioning will be on May 4th at 2:00 p.m. Light refreshments will follow. Confirmation Day will be on May 5th during the morning service! We look forward to confirming Bailey Kaiser and Layla Schlegel and welcoming them as confirmed members to our church.

UPCOMING SHELTER HOUSE SERVICE - Weather permitting, will worship at the shelter house on May 12th to celebrate Ascension Day and Mother's Day.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT FIRST LUTHERAN – Registration is now open for VBS. Monday, June 17, to Thursday, June 20, from 9:00 to 11:30 AM. The theme will be "Celebrating the Savior." Sign-ups for volunteers and registration for children at: <https://vbsmate.com/events/FirstLutheranPaolaKS/28604> block off those dates if you're interested!

NEW PORTALS OF PRAYER — The new quarterly issue of the devotional booklet *Portals of Prayer* for April thru June is available today, in regular size, large print, and a "digest" size (same size as *Reader's Digest*). A great way to keep close to the Lord!

NEW BIBLE STUDY - "Looking Forward to Sunday" will begin on Wednesday, April 24th, and it will go from 10:30-11:30 am. We will meet in the Heritage Room. The plan is to study the Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday service, so you can get a "sneak peak" of what you will hear on Sunday.

YOUTH NIGHT – Youth will meet tonight at the church at 6:00 p.m.

ONLINE GIVING - Visit our church's Facebook page sometime and look for the bright blue "Donate" button next to the "Like" and "Message" buttons. The company Guidestar processes the transactions; you may either tack on an additional amount to pay the 3% fee that they would charge, or allow the fee to come out of the donation. You may, of course, continue to donate via the offering plates in church; this is just one more way that people can donate.



SIGN UP FOR COFFEE HOUR - Everyone is invited to stay for Coffee Hour in the Gathering Room following worship today, thank you to Karen Brack for providing snacks. The signup sheet to provide snacks for Coffee Hour is on the counter in the Gathering Room. Consider signing up to honor birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc.

VOTERS MEETING - Meeting was called to order by Chairman Windler, followed with prayer by Pastor Woelmer. Roll was answered by 27 members; there were no new member requests. Financial reports by the home treasurer and mission treasurer were given. Pastor Woelmer's Q2 2024 report was given. Trustees report included HVAC circuit board repairs, additional elevator inspections have been completed, church cleanup day will be scheduled, back stair carpet pads have been replaced, and basement toilet repairs have been completed. Reports were heard from the Endowment, Youth Group, and Blocktoberfest committees. Old business items included: sign construction is nearing completion, and 12 new flags will be installed in the western portion of the cemetery. Kitchen upgrades were approved by the voters, with work to start shortly after Confirmation dinners are finished. Photo directory status was reviewed. New business items addressed included approval of membership transfers per Pastors Q2 report, and a \$25 per occurrence increase in mowing rate. Online giving has been activated, with a link on our home page. Other items discussed included checking the bulletin board for any correspondence, new shelter house booking site (still accessible through church web page), and annual dues for Paola Chamber of Commerce have been paid.