



## **Trinity Lutheran Church**

Good Shepherd Sunday  
April 7, 2024



Gathered by the font,  
where waters of grace flow freely,  
we give thanks for the cleansing,  
life-giving streams of baptism,  
where barriers dissolve,  
and unity in Christ is found,  
where each soul is embraced as beloved and whole.

We praise you, Holy One,  
for the font's sacred waters,  
where we are washed anew,  
reborn in love's tender embrace,  
where divisions are healed,  
and differences celebrated,  
where the Good Shepherd's care encompasses all.  
As we stand by these baptismal waters,  
may we be inspired to nurture and uplift,  
to walk with compassion,  
to serve with humility,  
to seek justice,  
and to embody Christ's love for all.

Blessed be the Trinity,  
our wellspring of hope,  
who guides us through the deep waters of faith,  
who calls us to unity,  
inclusion, and love,  
as we journey together as one flock  
under the Good Shepherd's care.  
**Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn ELW # 362 v.1-4, 7&8**

**At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing**

## 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

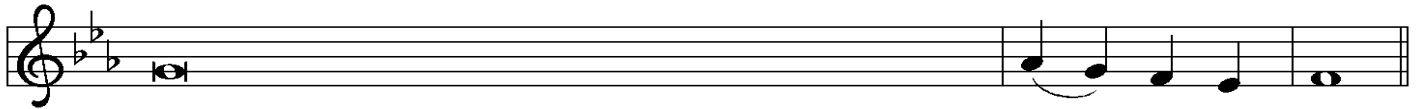
*ELW Setting 1 p.98*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



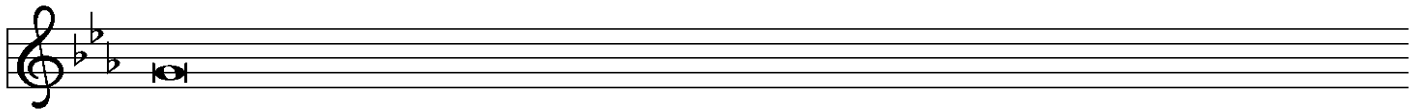
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



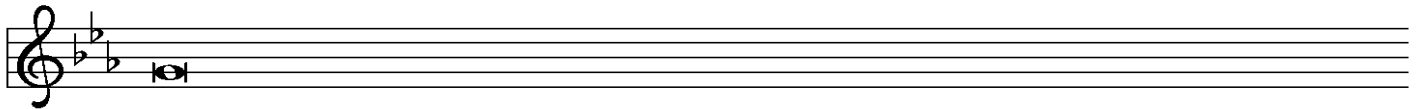
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



A - men, a - men.

### Hymn of Praise

### This is The Feast

*ELW Setting 1 p.101*

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



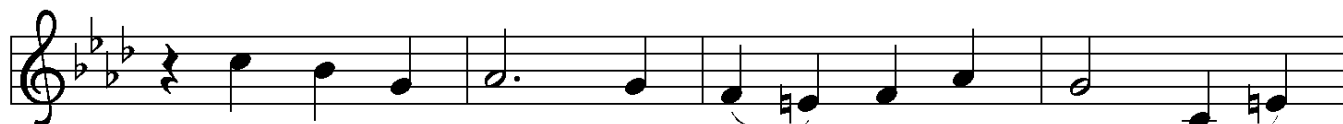
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



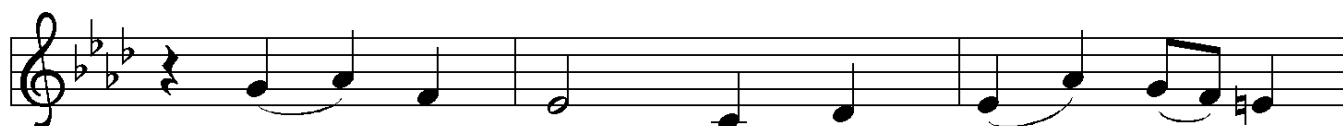
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless-ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us. When we face darkness and death, walk beside us. When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence. When we are fearful, feed us at your table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. **Amen.**

(Sit)

**+ + + WORD + + +**

## First Reading Acts 4:5-12

The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and

Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let 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. This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.’

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

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalmody ELW #778**

The Lord’s My Shepherd

**Second Reading** 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How 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?

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

And 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. All 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.

Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

(Stand)

**Gospel Acclamation**

*ELW Setting #1 Gospel Acclamation p.102*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*  
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

**Gospel** John 10:11-18

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The 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. The hired hand runs away because a hired



hand does not care 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. I 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. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No 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.**

*(Sit)*

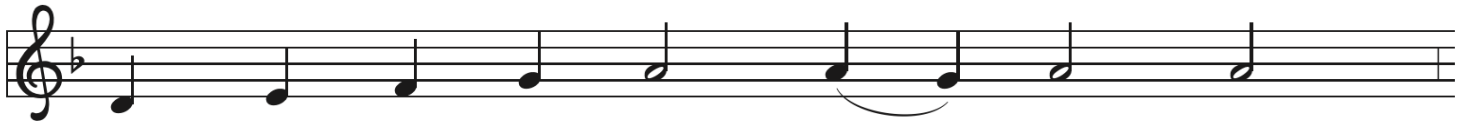
## **Children's Message**

**Sermon**

**Rev. Gary LaCroix**

*(Stand)*

# Hymn of the Day ACS# 954 You, Lord Are Both Lamb and Shepherd



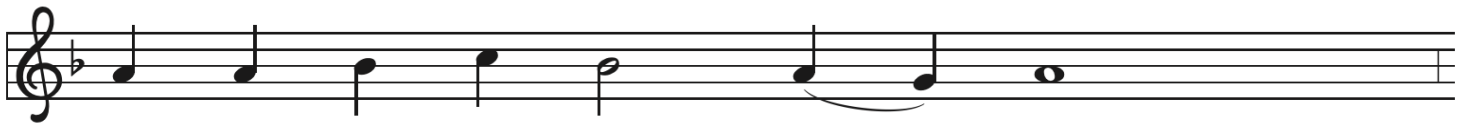
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.  
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,  
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us,  
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.  
 stripped of might up - on the cross,  
 sit in pow - er at God's side.  
 Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



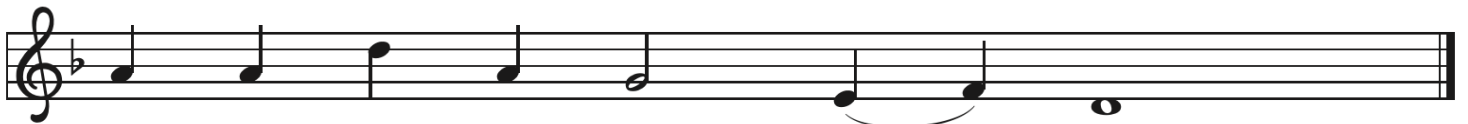
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er  
 shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,  
 You, who preach a way that's nar - row,  
 Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.  
 beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,  
 have a love that reach - es wide.  
 wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
 you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;  
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.  
 you, who are both gift and cost.  
 you, who are our pil - grim and guide.  
 you, who are our death and life.

## **Affirmation of Faith: This I Believe**

**I believe I need a shepherd.**

**Because I am sometimes timid and other times overconfident, because I often don't know the best path yet pretend I do, because I rush into dead ends or lead others into hazardous places, because my brightest ideas are seamed with darkness, because the things I crave may not be what is good for me, I need a shepherd.**

**I believe in Jesus, the best possible shepherd; his wisdom leads me to the best opportunities, his word comforts me when I'm anxious or afraid, his arm steadies me when I feel weary and heavy-laden, his wounded body displays the cost of my rescue.**

**I believe in Jesus, the best possible shepherd.**

**I believe that I do not find him but he finds me, that I am under his care by virtue of sheer grace, the love he gives me is to be shared with others, that he treasures my name and prepares a place for me, that his fold transfixes earth and heaven.**

**I trust Jesus, the good shepherd. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire scientists, researchers, conservation organizations, and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may be better stewards of the world around us. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. We pray for healing for all especially Bev, Jim, Danny, Greg, Robin, Jenna, and Kate. Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Compassionate God, bless Lutheran Social Services of Illinois for all the ministry work they do every day. Empower all churches in our state to support their work in a generous way, so that they can continue their mission of helping others. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith. Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We offer to you these prayers as well as those we now name to you either aloud or in our hearts.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**+ + + MEAL + + +**

*(Sit)*

**Offering**            At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing            Charles Ore

*(Stand)*

## **Offering Prayer**

God of love, you abide with us; you provide for all our needs and guide us in your ways. Out of gratitude for your care, we bring our gifts before you. Use them for your work of caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance, walk without fear, and drink deeply from the cup of compassion. **Amen.**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Life up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of  
the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

You are holy, yet compassionate, God of our hearts,  
and your good shepherd, Jesus, comes to save us.  
When we would wander the deserts of sin,  
    he leads us to the green pastures of grace.  
When we turn down the wrong road towards foolishness,  
    he takes our hands to show us the right path.  
When we are tossed about by life,  
    he brings us to the still waters of your gentleness.  
Walking through the darkest valley,  
he surrendered to the cold embrace of death,  
until you brought him out of the grave,  
anointing him with the oil of resurrection.

As we would join goodness and mercy in following  
the Good Shepherd all the days of our lives,  
we celebrate that mystery we call faith:

**Christ died, walking through death's valley;  
Christ was raised, the Good Shepherd for us all;  
Christ will come, to bring all into the one flock of God.**

You have prepared this table for us,  
anointing the bread and the cup,  
as well as all your people, with the Holy Spirit.  
May this bread which is broken  
be our healing and strength,  
so we walk the shadows of our world,  
    leading our sisters and brothers  
    down the paths of healing and hope.  
As we are anointed with the cup's grace,  
    may we bring comfort to the lonely,  
    build homes for those who have none,  
    fill the hungry with nourishing food,

shower them with goodness and mercy.

And when there are no more shadows around us,  
when your rod of reconciliation  
and your staff of salvation gather us around  
the Table prepared for us in eternity,  
we will join all from every time and place,  
singing your praises with glad voices,  
God in Community, Holy in One. Amen

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

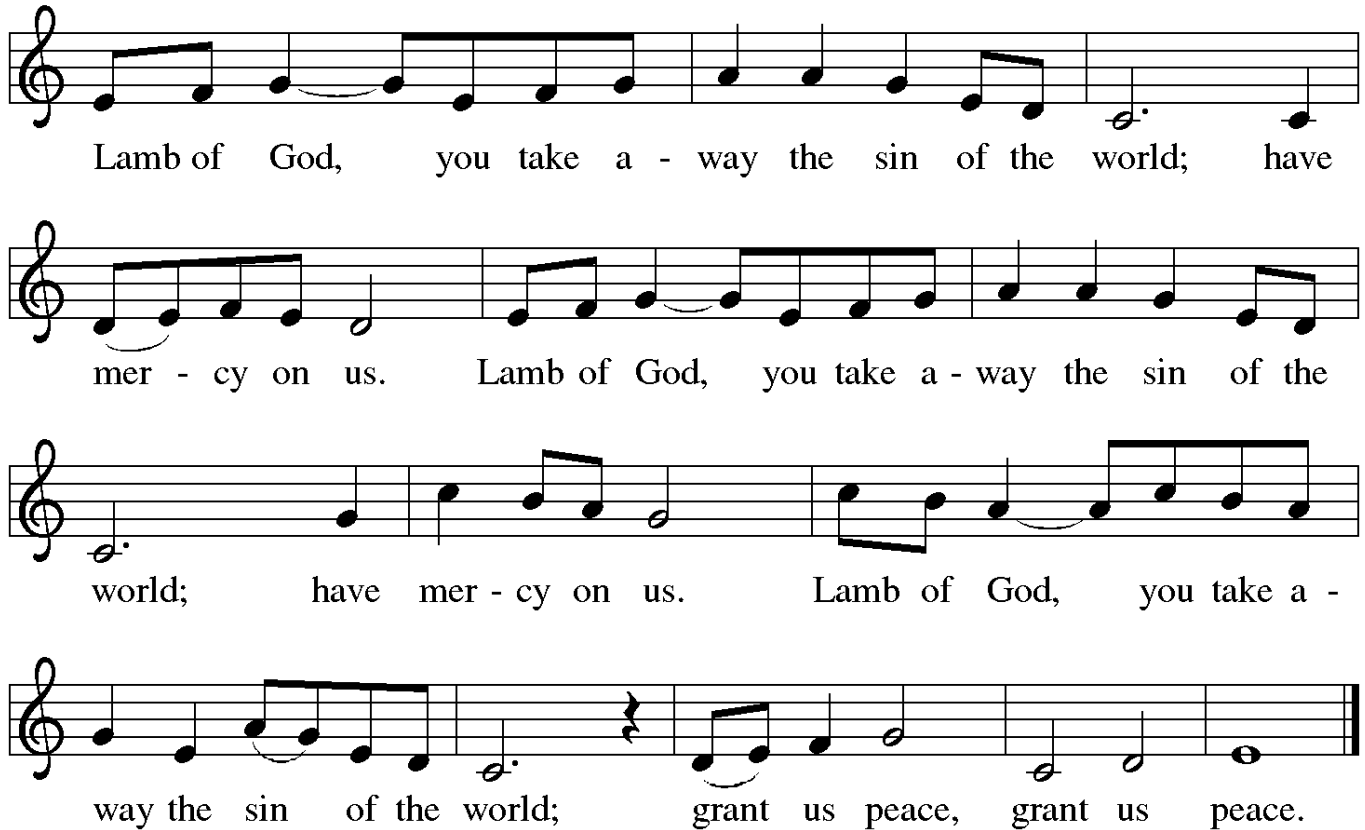
## **Invitation to Communion**

Our loving Shepherd prepares this table and invites everyone to the banquet of life.

*All are welcome to receive communion at Trinity Lutheran Church. If you wish to receive you may come forward as dismissed by the usher and come to the altar rail and kneel or stand. Receive the bread. Then you may take a small cup from the tray. Red wine is along the outside and white grape juice is located in the center of the tray. Gluten-free wafers are also available. Place empty cups in the bowls carried by the acolyte. If you prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, you may indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest at the altar rail. Return to your pew by the side aisles.*

*(Sit)*





Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

*Mark Sedio, Charles Ore*

## Post-Communion Hymn ELW #674

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

*(Stand)*

### Prayer After Communion

Shepherding God,  
you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer and friend.

**Amen.**

+ + + **SENDING** + + +

## **Blessing**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
✠ bless you now and always.  
**Amen.**

## **Recessional Hymn ELW #385**

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

## **Dismissal**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **Postlude** Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

Michael Burkhardt

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***As you leave, please take a moment to greet one another.***



Today's Radio Broadcast was sponsored by  
**Brenda Patterson** *To God be the Glory.*

Today's Altar Flowers were sponsored by **Kristy Johnson,**  
*In memory of Craig Johnson on his birthday.*

## **Worship Participants**

Audio: Grant Robinson

Video: Bill Sime

Acolytes: Henry Gray & Emma Helvey (at rail)  
Ushers: Roger & Melissa Williamson, Jim Woods  
Communion Setup: Hillary Hoffman  
Assisting Minister: Julie Wiegand  
Reader: Carol Brown  
Wine Servers: Hillary Hoffman, Nick Elders  
Coffee Fellowship: Kristy Johnson, Kathy Bell  
Closing Duties: Julie Wiegand  
Organist: Bette Mohr  
Director of Choirs: James Hutchings  
Guest Pastor: Rev. Gary LaCroix

### **Announcements**

**Wilbur-** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, don't forget to give to WHA!

**Coffee Fellowship** is immediately after service!

**Thank you to our Guest Pastor** Rev. Gary LaCroix for presiding at our worship service this morning.

**Pastor is on vacation** from **April 1<sup>st</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>** please contact the Office during this time if you need something

### **College Care Packages**

We're still collecting for our College Students! Please drop off any individually packaged snack goods, if you prefer a monetary donation, please make checks payable to TLC, we will use it to shop for snacks! Please use the box labeled in the Narthex.

**Holy Week:** Thank You to everyone who participated, everyone that sang, ushered, did audio/video, read, and prayed us through the week. We had a nice turn out, and we look forward to another 100 years!

## **This Week at Trinity**

<b>Sun, April 7</b>	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
	11:00 am	Bell Choir Rehearsal
<b>Tues, April 9</b>	9:00 am	Tie that Binds
	7:00 pm	Council Meeting
<b>Wed, April 10</b>	6:30 pm	Choir
<b>Thurs, April 11</b>	6:00 pm	SW Conference Dinner Event
<b>Sat, April 13</b>	9 - noon	Council Retreat
	5:00 pm	Spoken Worship Service

If you would like prayers for yourself or your loved one(s) please fill out a salmon-colored form on the bulletin table in the Narthex and drop it in the offering plate or contact the Office directly via phone or email.

### **Current Prayer List:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Prayer</b>
Bev Powell	Prayers for healing * recovery
Jim Musolf	Prayers for healing, health, recovery
Greg	Prayers for healing & health
Robin Cook (Niece of Roberta Majors)	Prayers
Jenna (Niece of Erin Crawford)	Prayers for healing
Danny Lindberg	Prayers for health & healing
Kate Kolstee (Great Niece of Annie Maier)	Prayers for healing

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes, Pastor, Out-of-office: Friday  
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Hours 8:00 am - 1:00 pm, Monday-Friday  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays; Worship 5:00 pm; Holy Communion  
Sunday Worship at 9:30 am; Holy Communion  
Sunday Radio Ministry at 9:30 am on WRAM – 1330 AM, Facebook  
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**Vision Statement**  
**Developing Disciples – Connecting to Christ**

**Mission Statement**  
**Led by the Spirit, we receive Christ's love, share God's forgiving grace, and reach out to welcome, encourage and serve all.**

**Welcome Statement**  
Members of Trinity Lutheran Church are freed by the Gospel to seek reconciliation and wholeness in a world that is frequently an unloving place. We extend welcome people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, whether believer, doubter, or seeker. In Christ's love we invite you, so that led by the power of the Holy Spirit we will join together to strive for racial equity, justice, peace and love in all the earth.

- Our Guiding Principles**
1. Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior.
  2. We faithfully worship through Word and Sacrament.
  3. We invite and welcome everyone.
  4. We engage all generations in education and ministry.
  5. We serve local and global communities.