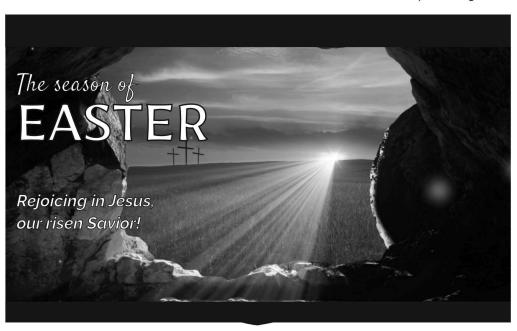
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# **Easter 4**Good Shepherd Song Service



"With one mind and one voice we glorify God the Father."



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## Welcome to Worship!



To the friends who know us, we renew our welcome; to the visitor we welcome you most sincerely; and to those seeking a church home we offer fellowship in Christ and the opportunity to actively join in sharing the Good News; Jesus Christ our Savior was born in Bethlehem, crucified on Calvary and risen from the grave for all people.

Please sign our guest register.



If you need to leave the service temporarily, the audio-video of the service is broadcast in the **Gathering Room**. A rest room is located in the hallway across from the elevator. As you exit the sanctuary turn to your left – go through the short hallway and turn right. The baby changer is located inside the restroom.

Please note that the last four pews are reserved for parents with small children.



Regarding standing for hymns or readings – At various times during the worship service the congregation is invited to stand. If this gets to be too difficult – please feel free to remain seated.



We are a member of the **Evangelical Lutheran Synod** (ELS), a national church body in fellowship with the WELS. We hold to the Bible as the inspired, inerrant Word of God and that we are justified before God by grace for the sake of Jesus Christ through faith.



Trinity Lutheran Congregation supports a **private Elementary School** (Preschool through Grade 8). We teach all subjects from a Christian perspective as we prepare children for life in this world and the next. If you desire more information, please contact our Principal, Mr. Jim Speerschneider, Email at mrjim@trinityels.org or Phone at School (262)-675-6627.



In order to maintain a reverent atmosphere for worship and praise, please make sure all **cell phones** and other electronic devices are put on "silent," or, better yet, turned off.

# Remember Your Offerings!

Your offerings are important to YOU:

"Honor the LORD with your wealth" (Proverbs 3:9, EHV)

Your offerings are important to GOD:

"Jesus responded, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one [else] found to return and give glory to God...?" (Luke 17:17–18, EHV)



Your offerings are important to the CHURCH:

"On the first day of every week, each of you is to set something aside in keeping with whatever he gains, saving it up at home, so that when I come, no collections will need to be carried out." (1 Corinthians 16:2, EHV)

Leave your offerings in the collection areas in the entryway or Gathering Room, or use the link above to give digitally.  $\uparrow$ 

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#### ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Call to Worship · Easter 4

[Psalm 33:5b, 6a (EHV)]

PASTOR Today we pray to the God who is not dead, but lives! He is guarding and guiding us through all the challenges of our lives because He is our Good Shepherd and we are His sheep. Strengthened by His Word, may we never wander away from Him who protected us by laying down His life for us.

"The mercy of the LORD fills the earth. — Alleluia!

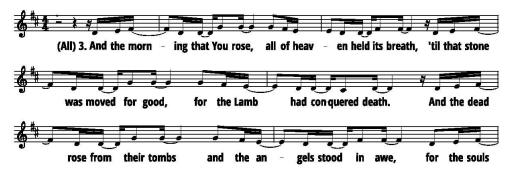
## **■** ONGREGATION By the word of the LORD the heavens were made. — Alleluia!"

## **Childrens' Anthem** • "King of Kings"

[Scott Ligertwood, Brooke Ligertwood and Jason Ingram]

(children) 1. In the darkness, we were waiting without hope, without light,
til from heaven You came running; there was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word,
from a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.
Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, Three-in-One.
God of glory, majesty, praise forever to the King of kings.

(Children) 2. To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,
to redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross.
For even in Your suff'ring, You saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died.
Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, Three-in-One.
God of glory, majesty, praise forever to the King of kings.





-Stand-

## Confession of Sins and Forgiveness

[Ps 3:7, 143:11, 27:9, 51:15]

- lacktriangledown In the Name of our Lord lacktriangledown Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we call on You, dear heavenly Father:
- Almighty Lord God, we stand in Your presence to hear Your Holy Word and to worship You with thanksgiving and prayer.
- P Hear us as we pray, O Lord:

Almighty God, heavenly Father: I have sinned against You through my own fault, in thought, word, and deed. For the sake of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon me, forgive me all my sin, and bring me to everlasting life.

Lift up your hearts! For the sake of the suffering, death, and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, God has had mercy upon you, forgiven you all your sin, and will bring those who believe in Him to everlasting life at the end.

Peace  $\pm$  be with you.

-Be seated-

## Childrens' Anthem · "Christ, Our Hope In Life and Death"

(Children) 1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hands? What comes apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.
O sing Alleluia! Our hope springs eternal;
O sing Alleluia! Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.

(Children) 2. What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.

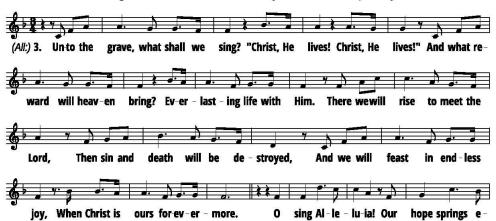
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.

Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?

Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Unto the shore, the Rock of Christ?

O sing Alleluia! Our hope springs eternal;

O sing Alleluia! Now and ever we confess Christ our hope in life and death.





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## Prayer of the Day · Easter 4

- P Heavenly Father, out of Your Fatherly goodness You have been mindful of us poor, miserable sinners. You gave Your beloved Son to be our Good Shepherd to nourish us by His Word and defend us from sin, death, and the devil. We ask You to grant us Your Holy Spirit to assure us that this Good Shepherd is still helping us through our afflictions and comforting us in our needs.
- We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our living Lord, who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

Apostles' Creed [ELH p. 46]

- P Let us confess our holy faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed:
- **■** I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

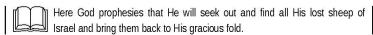
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the Life everlasting.

Amen.

-Be seated-

## First Lesson · Ezekiel 34:11-16



For this is what the LORD God says. Here I am. I myself will seek the welfare of my flock and carefully search for them.  $^{12}$ As a shepherd searches for his flock when his sheep that

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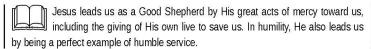
were with him have been scattered, so I will search for my flock and rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them to their own soil. I will shepherd them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys, and in all the settlements of the land. <sup>14</sup>I will lead them into good pasture, and their grazing land will be on the high mountains of Israel. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and they will pasture on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will shepherd my flock. I myself will let them lie down, declares the LORD God. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost. I will bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured. I will strengthen the weak. I will destroy the fat and the strong, and I will shepherd them with justice. (EHV)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

#### **☐** Thanks be to God!



#### Second Lesson · 1 Peter 2:21-25



Indeed, you were called to do this, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example so that you would follow in his steps. <sup>22</sup>He did not commit a sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. <sup>23</sup>When he was insulted, he did not insult in return. When he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself carried our sins in his body on the tree so that we would be dead to sins and alive to righteousness. By his wounds you were healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were like sheep going astray, but you are now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. (EHV)

P This is the Word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God!

## **Choir Anthem** · "Savior, Like A Shepherd"

[arranged by Hal H. Hopson]

- Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Your tender care; in Your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Your folds prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us, we are Yours. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us, we are Yours.
- You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
   You have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to save.
   Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to You.
   Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to You.
- 3. Early let us seek Your favor; early let us do Y our will; blessed Lord and only Savior, with Your love our souls now fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.

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## **Gospel** • John 10:11–16

Jesus assures us that he is guiding and protecting us in every stage of life as our Good Shepherd. He not only cares for our physical needs but actually laid down His life for our spiritual healing.

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[Jesus says:] "I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired man, who is not a shepherd, does not own the sheep. He sees the wolf coming, leaves the sheep, and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>Because he works for money, he does not care about the sheep.

<sup>14</sup>"I am the Good Shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know me <sup>15</sup>(just as the Father knows me and I know the Father). And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I also have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. Then there will be one flock and one shepherd." (EHV)

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

#### Praise God for His good news!

#### Choir Anthem · "Speak, O Lord"

[CWS 735]

- Speak, O Lord, as we come to You To receive the food of Your Holy Word.
   Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
   That the light of Christ might be seen today In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
   Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us All your purposes for Your glory.
- Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility;
   Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of Your purity.
   Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.
   Words of pow'r that can never fail—Let their truth prevail over unbelief.
- 3. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us— Truths unchanged from the dawn of time That will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your Church is built And the earth is filled with Your glory.

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## Reception of Offerings and Prayer



Offerings are brought by those who are thankful to God for saving them through Jesus. Before the service starts we collect the offering in the designated areas in the entryway and Gathering Room. For those who wish to give digitally, please use the link to our PayPal account to the left, or consult our Church Website: www.trinityels.org

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## Prayer of the Church

- P Heavenly Father, may Your will be done in this world.
- May the governments You have established run well for the benefit of Your people.
- P May Your pure Word which is taught by Your holy Church be preserved in every place.
- May many more people enter into Your kingdom by faith.
- P Keep us, who are gathered here, in the true faith.
- As You re-created us in our Baptisms, we pray that You continue to enlighten us through Your Word, and strengthen us through Your holy Supper.
  - P In Your mercy... [special petitions]... In Christ's name we pray.
  - **■** Lord, in Your mercy hear our prayer.
- P Hear us, Lord, as we give You our private petitions.
  - -Silence for private prayer-
- P We ask this all in the name of Jesus Christ.
- **G** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

[Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 11:2-4]

- P Hear us as we pray:
- 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.

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## **Congregational Hymn** · "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

[ELH 371]



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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Let us pray:

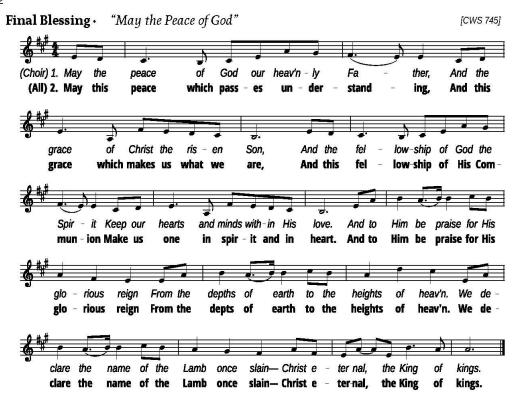
We give thanks to You, Lord God the Father, that You have given us Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

We give thanks to You, Lord Jesus Christ, that You have borne in Your sacred body all our sins, and by Your blood have blotted out all our transgressions.

We give thanks to You, Lord the Holy Spirit, that You have created in our hearts true faith, that we know of nothing to trust for our salvation except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

**©** O God, grant us Your grace to remain in this saving faith until we see You face to face in life eternal. We ask it all in Christ's name. Amen.





-Be seated-

## **Worship Notes**

- · Preacher: Pastor Daniel J. Hartwig
- Organist: Sunday: Alana Neumann
- Ushers: Sunday Group 3
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- April Altar Committee: Kathy Minzlaff
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