

Trinity Lutheran Church
(Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod)
201 South Pleasant Avenue
Centralia, IL 62801



Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 27th & 28th, 2024
5:30 pm & 8:30 am

Pastor James Hennig

Church: 618-532-2614

Website: www.trinitycentralia.org

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MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER AS YOU ENTER THE LORD'S HOUSE

Divine Service 3

Opening Hymn

LSB 465

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C 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. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C 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 heartily 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, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Introit

Psalm 145:1–2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16

P A little while, and you will see me no longer;

C and again a little while, and you will see me.

P I will extol you, my God and King,

C and bless your name forever and ever.

P Every day I will bless you

C and praise your name forever and ever.

P The LORD is gracious and merciful,

C slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

P All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

C and all your saints shall bless you!

P My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,

C and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

P A little while, and you will see me no longer;

C and again a little while, and you will see me.

Sung

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Kyrie

LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Acts 8:26–40

²⁶An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

Christ has risen from the dead. [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor. He has given him dominion over the works of his hands; he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle

1 John 4:1–21

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. ⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

¹⁷By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia

LSB 190

Holy Gospel

John 15:1–8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Apostle's Creed

Sermon Hymn “God Loves Me Dearly” *LSB 392*

Sermon: Pastor James Hennig

Text: John 15: 1-8

Theme: “Fruitfulness in Christ”

Offertory and Offering *LSB 192*

Prayer of the Church

Preface *LSB 194*

Sanctus *LSB 195*

Lord's Prayer *LSB 196*

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.

Sung

G For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord *LSB 197*

Pax Domini *LSB 197*

Agnus Dei *LSB 198*

Distribution and Distribution Hymn

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” *LSB 633*

“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray” *LSB 623*

“O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee” *LSB 632*

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” *LSB 637*

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

Benedicamus

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

Closing Hymn “Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain”

LSB 865

In the Lord's Service Today

Elders: Corey Selle & Louis Kalert

Organists: Sherry Wessel

Ushers: 5:30- Kurt & Wick 8:30- Roger & Jeff S.

Acolyte: Logan D.

Attendance for 04/21/2024

Worship: 112

Communion: 94

Scripture of the Week

“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

- John 16: 33

Trinity Prayer Needs

Ongoing Prayers: Connie Hensley, Willis Ahrens, Michael Stalter (Sylvia Mahle brother), Sarah Morgan, Beth Mayer, Morgan Barrall, Arleen Crouse, Roy Kroezen, Karen Crouse, Jody Laszewski, Mark Miller, Laverne Backs, Marlene Jolliff, Marilyn Stull, Craig Ullin, Judy Stack, Ruby Harms, Sandra Ebbs, Brenda Johnson, and Francee Kasten.

Prayers for All Firefighters, Law Enforcement, Officers, EMS Personnel. Teachers, Staff, Pastors, Students at Trinity and Local Schools. Those struggling with drug & alcohol addictions & mental illnesses and their family members. For all unborn children.

Prayers for the Military Personnel: Sgt. Richard Cummins, Air Force, Germany, Brock Hawes, Marines, AZ, Chp. (CPT) Ryan Mills, Army, CO, W3 Jeremy Queen, Army, JBLM, Hawaii, Sgt. Brennon Blair, Army, Fort Drum, NY, Greg Mullins, Army, Fayetteville, NC, and Sgt. Ronnie Laughhunn, Marines, USA.

The Holy Spirit's Guidance & Prayers for our Church & School Staff and students during the school year.

Giving Statement for week of 4/22/2024

General donations needed weekly	\$ 12,685.00
Received 4/21/24	\$ 6,526.00
<i>Short for week</i>	<i>\$ (6,159.00)</i>
<i>Needed year to date</i>	<i>\$ 482,030.00</i>
<i>Received year to date</i>	<i>\$ 310,993.51</i>
<i>General donations short for year</i>	<i>\$ (171,036.49)</i>

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 27th & 28st, 2024 @ 5:30 pm and 8:30 am

Pastor: James Hennig

Principal: Mr. Scott Moran

Services: Saturday - 5:30 p.m. & Sunday - 8:30 a.m.

Website: www.trinitycentralia.org

Sunday School: PS-5th Grade – 10:00 am / Adult Bible Study & Youth – 10:00 am

School: 618-532-5434 Church: 618-532-2614 CORLHS: 618-226-3315

WELCOME to our church family, we're glad that you could come! We're honored to share this day with you as we worship God's risen Son. We hope that God touches your life as we worship side by side and that you leave this place today with the peace of God inside.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP – Just a reminder, please make sure you are signing the Ritual of Friendship Books in the pews for your attendance.

TRINITY PEWS- We are publishing a monthly newsletter. Please make sure the office has your current email address. If you do not have email and would like a paper copy, please let the office know. There are also paper copies available in the Narthex of the Church.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY – on Sunday after the church service in All Purpose Rm. We will continue our study, “Angel of Angels” Please join us!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASSES – In the Word Bible Study at 10AM and 6:30PM in the All Purpose Room. Please come join us!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY- Will meet on Wednesday mornings at 6 AM in the All Purpose Room. We invite all the men to join us.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY- Girl's Night Out Spring Bible Study will begin **Monday May 13th at 6:30 pm** in the OFR. We will be studying "The Stripes That Healed" by Donna Snow. "Jesus gave his life so that we could spend eternity with Him. But what exactly did He endure for us". This is a 4 week study of Isaiah 53:5. Please text or call Katy Copple at 367-1716 to sign up. See you May 13th!

SUNDAY SCHOOL- Sunday school for all children age 3 through 5th grade, we will meet Sunday mornings after church from 9:45- 10:45 in the Pre-school classroom.

YOUTH GROUP- The Youth Group 6th grade thru High School meet every Sunday @ 9:45 am in The Fellowship & Youth Center. The high school meets every Tuesday night at 7pm at The Griffin's House. If you have any questions or would love to attend, please let Judy know at 618-322-0205.

FAITH LUTHERAN MT. VERNON- April 28th at 3 pm there will be a service of Installation for Pastor Nehring, at Faith Lutheran Church in Mt. Vernon. All are invited to attend.

WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE - Ways to Contribute your offering for 2024.

1. Mail a check into the Church Office. 2. Drop your offering off at the office Monday thru Friday between 8 am and 3:00 pm. If you have any questions, please feel free to call at (618) 532-2614.

CORLHS CHOIR- The Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School Choir will be presenting a spring concert, "**Music Through the Ages**", Sunday, May 5, at 1:30 p.m. in the CORLHS gymnasium. Everyone is welcome to attend this free concert!

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE- How do we encourage generous living without becoming legalists and without focusing on the money? On **May 6th**, Trinity Centralia will host the Philippians Workshop with LCMS Coordinator for Stewardship, Rev. Heath Curtis. Bring your Bible, your questions, and your love for your church. Arrive at **5:30pm for dinner**; out the door no later than 8:30pm.

PTL FUNDRAISER- Just in time for Mother's Day, show your love and appreciation with beautiful hanging flower baskets. Trinity PTL is now taking pre-orders for these 11" stunning hanging flower baskets, each priced at \$25.00 from now until May 8th. If you have any questions or to place an order, please call the school office at 618-532-5434.

THANK YOU- Many thanks to the Friendship Guild, Trinity School Staff, Board of Elders, Trinity Choir and the many individuals who assisted in any way to provide the six meals before our Lenten services. A free will offering of \$560 was collected. After expenses \$363 has been given to the Sacrificial Offering.

TRINITY RUMMAGE SALE- the Rummage sale will be held May 31th from 8am-5pm and June 1st from 8am to 12pm. You can drop off your items May 28th and 29th in the gymnasium. A preview sale will be held on May 30th from 5pm-7pm. Please contact Betty Malone or Nancy Freels with any questions.

BABY BOTTLES – The Pregnancy Center is doing the Baby Bottle Campaign, starting now thru Father’s Day, June 16th. If you would like to take one and fill up, the bottles are located in the All Purpose Room. Once they have been filled, you may drop them off at the Church office.

LIFE THOUGHTS- Easter V – It is anxiety and fright that drive folks to pursue abortion, physician-assisted suicide, and other measures that view death as a solution. Fear likewise bullies the sanctity of life into silence. But the Lord’s perfect love puts all fear to flight (1 John 4:18). In surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis, we and our neighbors need not independence and empowerment but the presence, promises, and compassion of the Father Almighty.

LIFE QUOTES- “It is He who sustains us each and every day. It is He who brings us into the world, and He who draws our earthly lives to a close at the proper time. It is He who was born for us, He who died for us, He who rose for us, and He who reigns on high for us. His is the pattern of our lives.” *Deaconess Bethany Stoeber, Director-at-Large, LFL of Kansas*
– *A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

The Lord's Supper

Trinity Lutheran Church is a member congregation of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. As such, we believe teach and confess, with our words and actions; that The Bible, The Word of God, is the only source and norm for our doctrine (teaching) and practice. As we observe the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper, we believe, teach and confess, (as stated in Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-25, Luke 22:14-20, and 1Corinthians chapters 10-12) The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is truly present, in, with, and under the bread and wine, and are given for the forgiveness of sins.

1 Corinthians also teaches that one should examine themselves before they approach the Altar to receive these gifts. This examination includes the confession that, in receiving The Lord's Supper from this altar, one receives Christ Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins. This confession also includes agreement of the entire body of doctrine (teaching) that this church body (The LCMS) holds to. We believe this is what is meant by the, "unity of faith", spoken of in 1 Corinthians.

We therefore ask you; if you are not a confirmed member of Trinity Lutheran, or a fellow Missouri Synod congregation, please set a time to speak with our pastor, or one of our elders. If you would like to receive a blessing, please come to the altar and cross your arms over your chest and the pastor will give you a blessing.

A most excellent form of examination, which is good for anyone to review at all times, can be found on pages 329-330 in Lutheran Service Book. There are also many helpful prayers found on the inside front cover.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with the pastor. May God bless you and keep you.

Dear Friends and Family at Trinity Lutheran Church and School,

I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know that I have asked for a peaceful release of my Call as teacher here at Trinity effective the end of this school year.

I have given prayerful thought and consideration to my decision. While I have enjoyed my time here with you, I believe this is the right step for me. I have great faith that God has a plan for me as it says in Jeremiah, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord. "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future."

I ask for your continued prayers as I wait for God's plan to come to fruition.

It has been a blessing to be a part of the church and school these last four years.

I pray for God's continued blessings into the future.

Sheila Bremer

Don't forget to pick up a bottle to fill!



Baby Bottle Fundraiser
Mothers Day - Fathers Day



FILLING A BOTTLE

WITH CHANGE, CASH AND/OR CHECK
HELPS PROVIDE THESE VITAL
SERVICES IN OUR COMMUNITY:



It's my
mom's first
Mother's Day!

-Amelia
Born 2.09.24

- Pregnancy testing & ultrasound
- STD/STI testing & treatment
- Education on pregnancy options
- Baby Boot Camp (mom program)
- Dads Matter (mentor program)
- Clothing, diapers, equipment
- Abortion Pill Reversal Process

Always free and confidential



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Trinity Lutheran School

When we work together to provide Christian Education

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- Our Community Strengthens
- Our Family grows
- Our future is brighter.
- Our Investment becomes personal.
- Options of ways to give.

You can make a difference.

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The annual Trinity church-wide rummage sale is coming up soon and we need your help to make this a success for our church and school! We had great support in the past, and ***we need your help*** once again.

The Friendship Guild is helping to organize but we cannot do this alone. You can do your part by ***donating items, helping set up, working a shift, and spreading the word!***

Questions? Call **Betty Malone 322-1285** or

Nancy Freels 322-6788 or the church office **532-2614**.

DROP OFF YOUR ITEMS TO DONATE:

Where: Crouse Gymnasium

When: **Tuesday May 28th 8:00 am - 6:00 pm**

or **Wednesday May 29th 8:00 am - 6:00pm**

EARLY Preview Sale:

Thursday, May 30th 5pm-7pm

Shop early for an **additional \$5.00** at the door

With a **\$20 purchase** your **\$5.00** will be **refunded**

Rummage Sale

Friday, May 31st

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 pm

Saturday, June 1st

8:00 am - 12:00pm

Fill a bag on Saturday for \$5.00