

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



**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**5:30 pm & 8:30 am**

**Pastor James Hennig**

Church: 618-532-2614

Website: [www.trinitycentralia.org](http://www.trinitycentralia.org)

# Trinity Lutheran Church (LC-MS)

May 4th and 5th, 2024 @ 5:30 pm & 8:30 am

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

## Divine Service 4

### Opening Hymn

*LSB 556 vs. 1-4*

“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”

### Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

### Confession and Absolution

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Introit

*Psalm 66:1–2, 8–9, 20; antiphon: v. 16*

**P** Come and hear, all you who fear God,

**C** and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

**P** Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

**C** sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

**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.

**P** Blessed be God,

**C** because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

**A** 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** Come and hear, all you who fear God,

**C** and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

## Kyrie

*LSB 204*

## Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 204*

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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 10:34–48*

<sup>34</sup>Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” <sup>44</sup>While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. <sup>46</sup>For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

**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 5:1–8*

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. <sup>4</sup>For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? <sup>6</sup>This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. <sup>7</sup>For there are three that testify: <sup>8</sup>the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia and Verse**

**Holy Gospel**

*John 15:9–17*

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

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup>These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## **Nicene Creed**

### **Sermon Hymn**

*LSB 556 vs. 5-8*

“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”

**Sermon:** Pastor James Hennig

**Text:** John 15: 9-17

**Theme:** “Abiding in Christ’s Love”

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **Offering**

### **Preface**

*LSB 208*

### **Sanctus**

*LSB 208*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

## **Lord’s Prayer**

## **The Words of Our Lord**

**Pax Domini**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

**Agnus Dei**

*LSB 210*

**Distribution and Distribution Hymns**

“Your Table I Approach”

*LSB 628*

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*LSB 686*

“Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread”

*LSB 625*

“Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”

*LSB 623*

**Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 211*

**Post-Communion Collect**

**Benedicamus**

*LSB 212*

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn**

*LSB 556 vs. 9-10*

“Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice”

**In the Lord’s Service Today**

**Elders:** Roger Meier & Lynn Strack

**Organists:** Sherry Wessel

**Ushers:** 5:30- Jeff A. & Jared 8:30- Curtis & Kennie

**Acolyte:** Easton F.

### **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.

### **Scripture of the Week**

“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”  
-Mark 10:45

### **Attendance for 04/28/2024**

*Worship: 112*  
*Communion: 96*



**Giving Statement for week of 4/28/2024**

General donations needed weekly \$ 12,685.00

Received 4/28/24 \$ 8,899.17

Short for week \$ (3,785.83)

Needed year to date \$ 494,715.00

Received year to date \$ 319,892.68

General donations short for year \$ (174,822.32)

Additional to date

Easter Sacrificial Offering received to date \$ 16,954.16

**CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.trinitycentralia.org)

Sunday School: PS-5<sup>th</sup> 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 on the book of Proverbs. 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade, we will meet Sunday mornings after church from 9:45- 10:45 in the Pre-school classroom.

**YOUTH GROUP**- The Youth Group 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.  
<https://hanging-basket-fundraiser-copy.cheddarup.com>

**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 31<sup>th</sup> from 8am-5pm and June 1<sup>st</sup> from 8am to 12pm. You can drop off your items May 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> in the gymnasium. A preview sale will be held on May 30<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**CORLHS Foundation Night Golf Event-** the Foundation exists for the purpose of supporting and facilitating the operation of Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School Association. This is accomplished primarily through student scholarships and event sponsorships. On Friday, May 10, The Foundation is holding a Night Golf Fundraiser at Carlyle Lake Golf Course. Registration begins at 8:00 pm. This is a 4-person team scramble that includes 9 holes of golf, cart, and food. All players should bring a flashlight. Tickets are \$60 per person or \$240 per 4-person team. Each player will receive a flashing golf ball and tees will be moved to avoid water hazards. Registration or sponsorship questions can be directed to Mr. Dan Kueper at [dkueper@corlhs.org](mailto:dkueper@corlhs.org) or (618) 520-0094.

## **The Lord's Supper**

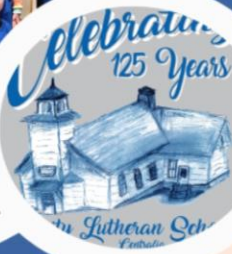
Trinity Lutheran Church is a member congregation of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod. As such, we believe teach and confess, with our words and actions; that The Bible, The Word of God, is the only source and norm for our doctrine (teaching) and practice. As we observe the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper, 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.



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**LIFE QUOTES-** "The Ascension assures us that Jesus has finished His work of salvation and now rules ALL things in this world for the good of His Kingdom and His Church: that is, you and me! What is Christ's goal that the song highlights? Jesus wants His Body, us, to be with Him where He is in paradise, in heaven." *Rev. Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*



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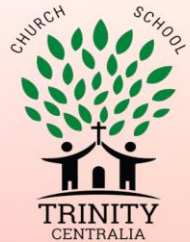
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FOR INFORMATION PLEASE CALL:



SHARRI DAVIES: 618-339-5673  
SCHOOL OFFICE - (618) 532-5434



**PROCEEDS BENEFIT TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL PTL**

**LIFE THOUGHTS- Easter VI** – Surprise pregnancy does involve difficulties too great for our abilities. Terminal diagnosis indeed comes with insurmountable obstacles. Taking life-and-death matters into one’s own hands only compounds the problems. Instead, trust the Son of God to overcome and deliver out of every threat (1 John 5:4). Cry out to Jesus in repentance and prayer, for the Father above will not fail to supply immediate and eternal salvation (John 15:16).



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**