

# **Trinity Lutheran Church**

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



**3rd Sunday of Easter**  
**May 3 & 4, 2025**  
**5:30 pm & 8:30 am**

**Pastor James Hennig**

Church: 618-532-2614  
Website: [www.trinitycentralia.org](http://www.trinitycentralia.org)

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

## Divine Service 4 LSB 203

### Opening Hymn

*LSB465*

"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** 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 145:4–7, 9; antiphon: v. 10*

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

**C** and all your saints shall bless you!

**P** One generation shall commend your works to another,

**C** and shall declare your mighty acts.

**P** On the glorious splendor of your majesty,

**C** and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**P** They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,

**C** and I will declare your greatness.

**P** They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness

**C** and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

**P** The LORD is good to all,

**C** and his mercy is over all that he has made.

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

**C** and all your saints shall bless you!

## 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, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## **First Reading**

*Acts 9:1–22*

<sup>1</sup>But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” <sup>5</sup>And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” <sup>7</sup>The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. <sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” <sup>11</sup>And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.” <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. <sup>16</sup>For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” <sup>17</sup>So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; <sup>19</sup>and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus.  
<sup>20</sup>And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." <sup>21</sup>And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" <sup>22</sup>But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Gradual**

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**

*Revelation 5:1–14*

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup>And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" <sup>3</sup>And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, <sup>4</sup>and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>5</sup>And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." <sup>6</sup>And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup>And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne.

<sup>8</sup>And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup>And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, <sup>10</sup>and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth." <sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" <sup>13</sup>And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" <sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Alleluia and Verse**

### **Holy Gospel**

*John 21:1–19*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way.

<sup>2</sup>Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup>Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

<sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. <sup>8</sup>The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. <sup>9</sup>When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. <sup>15</sup>When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” <sup>16</sup>He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” <sup>17</sup>He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup>Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” <sup>19</sup>(This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”

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

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

## **Apostles' Creed**

**Sermon Hymn** “Crown Him with Many Crowns” *LSB 525*

**Sermon:** Pastor Hennig

**Text:** Acts 9: 1-22

**Title:** “I am Jesus”

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **Offering**

**Preface** *LSB 208*

**Sanctus** *LSB 208*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### **Lord's Prayer**

## **The Words of Our Lord**

### **Pax Domini**

**Agnus Dei** *LSB 210*

## **Distribution and Distribution Hymns**

“At the Lambs High Feast We Sing” *LSB 633*

“Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise” *LSB 680*

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

**Nunc Dimittis** *LSB 211*

## **Post Communion Collect**

**Benedicamus** *LSB 212*



### **Benediction**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C** Amen.

### **Closing Hymn**

LSB 774

“Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy”

### **In the Lord's Service Today**

**Elders:** Dave Klein & Joe Biagi

**Organists:** Sherry Wessel

**Ushers:** 5:30-Roger 8:30-Jeff A. & Jeff S.

**Acolyte:** Logan D.

### **Scripture of the Week**

Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

• Romans 6:8–9

### Trinity Prayer Needs

**Ongoing Prayers:** Connie Hensley, Willis Ahrens, Michael Stalter (Sylvia Mahle brother), Sarah Morgan, Morgan Barrall, Arleen Crouse, Karen Crouse, Jody Laszewski, Mark Miller, Marlene Jolliff, Marilyn Stull, Ruby Harms, Francee Kasten, Sue Miller, Mike Malone, Larry Shook, Shelly Brink (Daughter of Jeanine Brink), and Pastor Mark Girardin.

The Family of LaVerne Backs would like to thank everyone at Trinity for their prayers and support during this time.

**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 Moore, GA, 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 04/27/2025

General donations needed weekly \$12,877.69

Received 04/27/25 \$13,549.00

**Over** for week \$671.31

*Needed year to date* \$502,229.91

*Received year to date* \$372,847.34

*General donations short for year* \$(129,382.57)

*Easter Sacrificial Gifts not included above* \$17,585.16

### Attendance for 04/27/2025

**Attendance: 116**

**Communion: 98**

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**May 3 & 4, 2025 @ 5:30 pm & 8:30 am**

Pastor: James Hennig

Principal: Mr. Larry Urban

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.

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** – on Sunday after the church service in All Purpose Room. We will continue our study on “Has American Christianity Failed?” by Bryan Wolfmuehler. Please join us!

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASSES** – In the Word Bible Study is at 10 am and 6:30 pm in the All-Purpose Room. Please 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.

**CHILDREN SUNDAY SCHOOL**- Sunday School for all children age 3 through grade 5, where we will be learning about Judges, Prophets, Priest, and Kings. We will meet Sunday mornings after church from 9:45- 10:45 in the old 4th grade classroom. If you would like to volunteer please contact Cheryl Boyll or Cheryl Biagi.

**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.

**MORNING CHAPEL PRAYER GROUP-** Starting on Wednesdays at 8am everyone is welcomed to join for a 15 min prayer circle before chapel. We invite the congregation, prayer buddies, friends and family to join us. Any questions please contact Church Office.

**WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE** - Ways to Contribute your offering for 2025.  
1. Mail a check into the Church Office. 2. Drop your offering off at the office Monday thru Friday between 8 am – 3:30 pm. If you have any questions, please feel free to call at (618) 532-2614.

**MEMORIAL DAY RIDE 2025-** On May 26<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. the Centralia American Legion will hold a free 6 mile community bike ride and memorial ceremony. Please contact Larry Shook for more information.

**PTL FUNDRAISER-** 11” Hanging Flower Basket orders can be picked up Wednesday, May 7th, 3pm-5pm at the Trinity Lutheran Fellowship Center. If you have any questions please call Sharri Davies (618) 339-5673.

**LIFE QUOTES-** “By the washing of water, John made God’s divine intentions clear. Jesus was our brother indeed, on a heavenly mission to rescue and purify us from all sin. Dear Lord, keep us patient as we wait for You. Amen.” *Rev. Paul Koelpin, Martin Luther College – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*

**LIFE THOUGHTS- Easter III** – Our Father in heaven gathers into His flock persons of every tribe and nation and language (Revelation 5:9-10). Ages, appearances, and abilities do not disqualify anyone, and our world works best when our words and ways proclaim and practice it. And as both Peter and Paul illustrate, neither heritage nor history keeps hearts from Him either. Forgiveness and faith relieve even from involvement in abortion!

## *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.



Please join us as we  
honor and thank

*Dave Klein*

for his 24 years at Trinity  
17 years as Principal  
39 years in Education

**May 18, 2025**  
**Reception following**  
**8:30 am Worship Service**  
**Trinity Youth & Fellowship Hall**



## **FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**THURSDAY MAY 22ND**

We are looking for volunteers to help with  
Field Day! Let's Lend a hand for others.



**Call the school office 618-532-5434 if interested.**

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL

# Teacher Appreciation **WEEK**

**MAY 5 - 9**

• *Monday*



## Muffin Monday

We would be  
"Muffin" without you.  
Bring in a muffin  
or breakfast treat.

• *Tuesday*



## Tasty Tuesday

Bring in a tasty  
sweet treat.  
Favorite candy bar.

• *Wednesday*



## Words on Wednesday

Let's show words of  
appreciation with  
notes / cards

• *Friday*



## Friday Surprises

Surprise your  
teacher with a  
little something.

• *Thursday*



## Thirsty Thursday

Enjoy a delicious  
drink. Bring in  
their favorite drink.



Need ideas

618-532-5434 or reach out on ClassDojo

