



# 8:15 Worship Trinity Lutheran

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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
April 28, 2024

# Order of Worship

*LSB – Lutheran Service Book which can be found in the rack in front of you.*

## Prelude and Welcome

**LSB 913 O Holy Spirit, Enter In**

## Invocation

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

**C** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

**P** Let us confess our sins to God, our Father, seeking His forgiveness through our risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

**C** Heavenly Father, creator of all that was, is, and will ever be, we confess to You that we fall short of the calling that we have received from You, as Your dearly loved children. We have struggled to share the reason for the hope we have in You. We have not always responded to others with gentleness and respect. We have failed to live and share the love we have first received from You. Forgive our sins, for Jesus' sake, and lead us to live lives that reflect Your indwelling presence.

**P** Our God hears our prayers and forgives our sins because of Jesus' perfect life, death, and resurrection. At the command of Christ and through the power of the cross and the empty tomb, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Go in peace!

**C** Amen.

**LSB p. 204 Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis**

## First Reading - Acts 8:26-40, NLT

<sup>26</sup>As for Philip, an angel of the Lord said to him, "Go south down the desert road that runs from Jerusalem to Gaza." <sup>27</sup>So he started out, and he met the treasurer of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under the Kandake, the queen of Ethiopia. The eunuch had gone to Jerusalem to worship, <sup>28</sup>and he was now returning. Seated in his carriage, he was reading aloud from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>29</sup>The Holy Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and walk along beside the carriage."

<sup>30</sup> Philip ran over and heard the man reading from the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

<sup>31</sup> The man replied, "How can I, unless someone instructs me?" And he urged Philip to come up into the carriage and sit with him.

<sup>32</sup> The passage of Scripture he had been reading was this:

"He was led like a sheep to the slaughter.  
And as a lamb is silent before the shearers,  
he did not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup> He was humiliated and received no justice.  
Who can speak of his descendants?  
For his life was taken from the earth."

<sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, was the prophet talking about himself or someone else?" <sup>35</sup> So beginning with this same Scripture, Philip told him the Good News about Jesus.

<sup>36</sup> As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look! There's some water! Why can't I be baptized?" <sup>38</sup> He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

<sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away. The eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> Meanwhile, Philip found himself farther north at the town of Azotus. He preached the Good News there and in every town along the way until he came to Caesarea.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle Reading – 1 John 4:1-11, NLT

**4** Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world. <sup>2</sup> This is how we know if they have the Spirit of God: If a person claiming to be a prophet acknowledges that Jesus Christ came in a real body, that person has the Spirit of God. <sup>3</sup> But if someone claims to be a prophet and does not acknowledge the truth about Jesus, that person is not from God. Such a person has the spirit of the Antichrist, which you heard is coming into the world and indeed is already here.

<sup>4</sup> But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in

the world. <sup>5</sup> Those people belong to this world, so they speak from the world's viewpoint, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup> But we belong to God, and those who know God listen to us. If they do not belong to God, they do not listen to us. That is how we know if someone has the Spirit of truth or the spirit of deception.

<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

<sup>9</sup> God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. <sup>10</sup> This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

<sup>11</sup> Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## LSB p. 205 Alleluia and Verse

### Gospel Reading - John 15:1-8, NLT

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

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

<sup>1</sup> "I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. <sup>3</sup> You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. <sup>4</sup> Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

<sup>5</sup> "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. <sup>7</sup> But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! <sup>8</sup> When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

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

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

**Nicene Creed** - *Please see LSB inside back cover.*

## LSB 589 Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens

**Sermon** Following The Holy Spirit - *Pastor David McBurney*

**We Worship the Lord with our Offerings**

**LSB 474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen**

**The Prayers of the Church and The Lord's Prayer**

**LSB p. 208 Sanctus**

**Words of Our Lord and Peace**

**LSB p. 210 Agnus Dei**

**Hymns during Communion**

**LSB 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing**

**Anthem Yet Not I But Through Me**

**LSB 463 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia**

**Dismissal**

**LSB p. 211 Nunc Dimittis**

**Benediction**

**LSB 924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing**



### **Acknowledgements**

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Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

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# Sermon Notes

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"Do you understand what you are reading???"



"How can I, unless Someone guides me?"  
Acts 8:26-40

# Announcements

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GUESTS AND VISITORS, please let us know you're here by scanning the QR code at left OR completing an attendance card from the pew rack and placing it in the offering plate as it passes by.

TRINITY FAMILY, we encourage you to check in from the CHURCH CENTER APP or via our online attendance form using the QR code at left. If you prefer, complete an attendance card and place it in the offering plate.

## PRAYING FOR . . .

Paul Springer, Lisa Knapp, Cheryl Durbin, Debbie Fleming, Pat Quinn, Myrna Custer, Simon Antonetti, and Beverly Gillenwater; the Trinity Confirmation students as they prepare for and experience their Questioning Service today.

## SPONSORSHIPS

Altar flowers in celebration of Don and Carol Sieg's 67th wedding anniversary on April 28th.

Additional altar flowers in memory of Mark Rusher's passing and what would have been his 67th birthday on April 27th.

Cross Currents in memory of Mark Rusher by Dave & Kris Burke.

Worship folders are sponsored by Don and Carol Sieg in celebration of their 67th wedding anniversary.

## BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE & FEEDBACK SESSIONS

This is a REMINDER that the last of our three "Update and Feedback" sessions conducted by the Building Committee is this Monday, April 29 at 6:30PM in the school MPR. If you haven't already, please plan on joining us - it is important that everyone have a voice in this conversation.

## GIVING GARDENERS DAHLIA FUNDRAISER

Trinity's Giving Gardeners will be raising funds for their flower ministry by selling dahlia tubers raised in their garden. Tubers will be available for sale in the lower narthex between services today, Sunday, April 28 and Sunday May 5. Funds raised will go toward supplies to support this ministry.

## DON'T WAIT – SIGN UP NOW!



## FAMILY-STYLE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We're DIVING DEEP into our friendship with GOD at FAMILY STYLE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 2-4 from 5:00-7:30PM at the Madison campus - and we want you to join us! These nights are perfect for all families (kiddos birth-5th grade with Parents/V.I.P. - Very Important Person).

We've got special events (like our COMMOTION ON THE OCEAN DANCE PARTY), kid-friendly MEALS and a SPECIAL GIFT on the last night! Please join us for any and all nights!

## TRINITY KIDS SPORTS & ART CAMP

On July 9-11 from 8:45-11:30 a.m., at the Hamilton site, we are offering a Sports and Art Camp for K-5th grade. We plan to bring in a variety of sports and arts that may include: basketball, soccer, cheer, jump rope, games, drama, singing, instruments, sewing, and crafts. Campers will be exposed to some new skills, while growing in the ones they already possess. These experiences will give opportunity for going deeper in our friendship with God. There is no cost. Limited spaces available..

Get the details and register by visiting [trinkluth.org/events](http://trinkluth.org/events) or by scanning the QR code above.

## LADIES AID LUNCHEON

Thursday, May 2nd will have their group luncheon at the Olive Garden at 11:30AM which is always a fun day. You will be responsible for the cost of your meal.

If you have not already made a reservation with Cindy Miller and you want to attend, please call her home phone (309) 808-1271. She needs your information by April 30. See you at the luncheon!

## JR DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONING & RITE OF CONFIRMATION

All are invited as we WELCOME these disciples together into the mission of the church and encourage them as they continue their walk with Jesus. Join us Sunday, April 28 at 1PM for their questioning and Sunday, May 5 at 1PM for their Rite of Confirmation.

## COACHING OPENINGS FOR 2024-25 AT TLS

The athletic program at Trinity has several openings for coaches for the upcoming school year. We need people who have a love for specific sports and for God's children. If you have interest, know someone who would be good, or would like more information, please contact Kurt Busse at [kurtbusse@trinluth.org](mailto:kurtbusse@trinluth.org) with your questions, or to receive an application.

Coaching positions needing to be filled for next school year are as follows:

CHEERLEADING: Two or more individuals needed, JV (5th/6th) GIRLS BASKETBALL: Two would be preferred, JV - 5th BOYS BASKETBALL: Two or more needed, VARSITY - 7th BOYS BASKETBALL: One or more would be helpful, SCHOLASTIC BOWL: One or more assistants.

## THE PARABLES OF JESUS BIBLE STUDY

We invite you to join us in the gym during discipleship hour, 9:30-10:15, to study the Parables of Jesus. Each Sunday will cover a different Parable so if you are not able to attend one week you can pick up the information and attend the next week!

## WANT MORE NEWS?

Our weekly newsletter, the Cross Currents, and monthly newsletter, The Messenger, can be accessed by scanning the QR code on the right or sign up to have it delivered to your inbox at [trinluth.org](http://trinluth.org)



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