



Sunday, May 8, 2022

Easter 4

Theme of the Day: Fulfilled works march victorious over

OPENING HYMN

375 – “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”
(The “Amen” is sung after the last hymn only.)

Please stand.

P: The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven lines of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.
Please be seated.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of a single line of music with the lyrics 'A - men.' below it. The piece concludes with a double bar line. Below the staff, the instruction 'Please be seated.' is written in italics.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON – Acts 13:15-16a, 26-39

St. Paul points out that Jesus' death and resurrection both fulfilled the Scripture. They prove not only that we are forgiven, but also that every promise God makes to us shall ultimately be fulfilled.

¹⁵ After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the synagogue rulers sent word to them, saying, “Brothers, if you have a message of encouragement for the people, please speak.” ¹⁶ Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said: “Men of Israel and you Gentiles who worship God, listen to me! ²⁶ “Brothers, children of Abraham and you God-fearing Gentiles, it is to us that this message of salvation has been sent. ²⁷ The people of Jerusalem and their rulers did not recognize Jesus, yet in condemning him they fulfilled the words of the prophets that are read every Sabbath.

²⁸ Though they found no proper ground for a death sentence, they asked Pilate to have him executed. ²⁹ When they had carried out all that was written about him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. ³⁰ But God raised him from the dead, ³¹ and for many days he was seen by those who had traveled with him from Galilee to Jerusalem. They are now his witnesses to our people. ³² “We tell you the good news: What God promised our fathers ³³ he has fulfilled for us, their children, by raising up Jesus. As it is written in the second Psalm: “‘You are my son; today I have become your father.’” ³⁴ The fact that God raised him from the dead, never to decay, is stated in these words: “‘I will give you the holy and sure blessings promised to David.’” ³⁵ So it is stated elsewhere: “‘You will not let your holy one see decay.’” ³⁶ “For when David had served God’s purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep; he was buried with his fathers and his body decayed. ³⁷ But the one whom God raised from the dead did not see decay. ³⁸ “Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. ³⁹ Through him everyone who believes is justified from everything you could not be justified from by the law of Moses.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 23

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SECOND LESSON – Revelation 7:9-17

God's promise to rescue all believers from the tribulation of this world is not just empty words. St. John sees that promise fulfilled through the work of the Lamb.

⁹ After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that on one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb.

They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." ¹¹ All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!" ¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" ¹⁴ I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore, they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. ¹⁶ Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia. (John 10:14)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

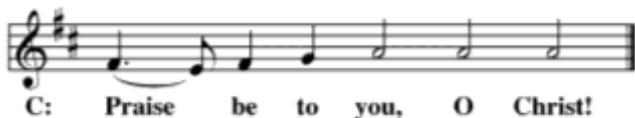
Please stand.

GOSPEL – John 10:22-30

Both Jesus words and his works are identical to that of the Father, for he and the Father are one. Therefore, the protecting hand of the Good Shepherd is almighty.

²² Then came the Feast of Dedication at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was in the temple area walking in Solomon's Colonnade. ²⁴ The Jews gathered around him, saying, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I did tell you, but you do not believe. The miracles I do in my Father's name speak for me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

HYMN OF THE DAY

432 – "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

SERMON

Text: Psalm 23

Theme: The Lord's My Shepherd and That is All!

A psalm of David. ¹The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. ²He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, ³he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Please stand.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 will 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.

Please be seated.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

FRIENDSHIP REGISTRATION

Guests: Please fill out name, address, and phone number.

Members: Please fill out name and any new information.

Please, return the booklet to its original location. Thank you!

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Prayer of the Church (Congregation speaks the bold words)

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that faith may grow by your Word and sacraments and that love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Be with mothers everywhere, O Savior. As you comforted your mother at your cross, comfort them with your loving encouragement and boundless grace. As you strengthen us through your Word, strengthen them in their tasks of loving, caring and providing for their children.

Be with them, Lord, and restore them with your gracious care for them.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

By your word, comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Prayers on behalf of others.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness. Remind them of the hope that they have because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died, rose again, and now lives and reigns over all things.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

HYMN

550 – “Behold a Host, Arrayed in White”

Please stand.

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

436 – “Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep”

Announcements

CHILDREN’S LESSON: Please encourage your children ages Pre-school through 4th grade to come quietly to the front when invited.

FAREWELL AND DOOR OFFERING for Miss Brittany Jensen, our 1st & 2nd grade teacher, will be held on Sunday, May 15th. There will be a potluck meal after second service. Please bring a hot and a cold dish to share. Cold drinks will be provided. Let’s thank Miss Jensen for her dedication to our school kids over the past year!

A BUS FUND has been established to replace Bus #6, which is aging poorly. Please consider donating. To do so, please specify “Bus Fund” on your envelope. We thank you for keeping our school children safe!

SHARE THE ABUNDANCE! The Outreach Committee is planning a produce give-away this summer. So, if you’re planning a garden, why not plant a couple of extra tomatoes, or an extra row of beans? The event is planned for July. If your garden does amazingly well this year, why not share? Watch the bulletin for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: Making summer plans? Save the date for Trinity's Vacation Bible School scheduled for July 18-22 from 6:00-8:00 PM. Online registration is open at tlcjenera.org.

TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL is starting to plan for the 2022-2023 school year. As we continue to grow we are opening up new opportunities for volunteers at school. Some of the ways to volunteer are recess, lunch room, and in the classroom. We will have many new opportunities for volunteers in the classrooms this year so if you enjoy reading, writing, and arithmetic, now is your chance to pass your love of these subjects onto our students! If you are interested and available, please contact the school office or George Norway.

UNDER THE SEA: Explore "Under the Sea" at Mornings with Mommy on Monday, May 16 and Tuesday, May 17 from 9:30-10:30. You and your children can enjoy ocean themed songs, toys, crafts, and activities. Play in our ocean sensory bins, make a paper plate octopus, scoop pasta shells, and sort ocean animals. Watch out for the sharks! Register online at tlcjenera.org or call 262-391-7994.

PRESCHOOL PLAYTIME: Do your kids need a place to get some energy out? Join us for a FREE open gym for all preschool aged children (infants, toddlers, and preschoolers) in the school gym on Monday, May 9 from 10:00-11:00 AM. We will have balls to play with, ride-on toys, mats to crawl/roll around on, a mini-trampoline, infant toys, and lots of space to run around and play.

MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE is accepting applications for ECLC Assistant Teacher, Receptionist, Custodian, Resource Development Manager, Baseball Assistant Coach, Volleyball Assistant Coach, and Men's Basketball Assistant. Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr.

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of May 1, 2022)

Total Worship Attendance: 258; Early: 78; Late: 150; Adult Bible Study: 0; Teens: 0, Sunday School 16; MWM: 51; On-line worship service views for May 1, were 24.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through May 21 are the members of Richard Johnson's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, May 22, will be the members of James Heldman's Undershepherd group.

GREETERS	today are:	Tyler & Kathy Smith – Early Service Mike & Jill Woodward – Late Service
	Next Sunday:	Jim & Jane Smith – Early Service Jerry Beagle – Late Service

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (May 8 through May 15)

TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30; Children's Lesson; Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20; Catechism 1:00.

MON Preschool Playtime 11:00.

Thu Good Samaritan Bible Class 11:00.

SAT MLC Assignment Day.

SUN **Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30:** Communion; Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20; Catechism 1:00; Farewell for Miss Brittany Jensen Elders 1:30.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

WED Chapel 8:20.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT: *Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to glorify our Triune God as we train, strengthen and nurture ourselves and others through His Word and Sacraments, so that we are enabled by His love to live lives of faith and to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.*