

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



April 26, 2026

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

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PRELUDE

A Meditation On Brother Jame's Air – Harold Darke

GATHERING

WELCOME & PARISH NOTICES

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS AMEN.

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GATHERING SONG COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

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Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer:
"Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

GREETING AND ALSO WITH YOU.

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KYRIE & CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY AMEN.

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WORD

FIRST READING: ACTS 2:42-47

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ And fear came upon every soul; and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they partook of food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

C: Thanks be to God

PSALM 23

Read responsively by full verse

¹ The LORD | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.

² **The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

³ You restore my | soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
shall | fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me. R**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever. R**

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 2:19-25

¹⁹ For one is approved if, mindful of God, he endures pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ For what credit is it, if when you do wrong and are beaten for it you take it patiently? But if when you do right and suffer for it you take it patiently, you have God's approval. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. ²² He committed no sin; no guile was found on his lips. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he trusted to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,^[a] that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*SUNG*)

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L: Alleluia, C: our hearts burn within us,
L: Alleluia, C: as you open to us the scriptures.

All: Alleluia, alleluia.

L: The Holy Gospel according to ... **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: JOHN 10:1-10

10 “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber; ² but he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the gatekeeper opens; the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶ This figure Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷ So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not heed them. ⁹ I am the door; if any one enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord, **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY The Lord's My Shepherd

#778

The Lord's my shepherd; I'll not want.
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake;
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
yet will I fear no ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast richly spread
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
shall surely follow me,
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling-place shall be;
and in God's house forevermore
my dwelling-place shall be.

CREED (*APOSTLES' CREED PG. 217 OR NICENE CREED PG. 104*)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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L: Merciful God, **C: Receive our prayer.**

THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING

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THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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SENDING

BLESSING Amen

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SENDING SONG What A Fellowship, What A Joy Divine

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What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Leaning, leaning, (*Leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*)
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, (*leaning on Jesus, leaning on Jesus,*)
leaning on the everlasting arms.

(continued...)

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. *Refrain*

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839-1929

DISMISSAL L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

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POSTLUDE The Swingin' Shepherd Blues – Moe Koffman

PARISH NOTICES

THE ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN IN CELEBRATION of Rob Inch's 60th birthday. We give thanks to God for the gift of life and for His many blessings.

MY SISTER'S PLACE Please leave donations at the My Sister's Place box in Koehler Hall. Some of the most needed items include toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, laundry detergent, hand soap, cleaning supplies, full sized toiletries, feminine hygiene products, granola bars, fruit cups and gift cards for grocery stores, Tim Hortons, Giant Tiger and pharmacies. Gift Cards can be left in the office with Angela.

BURSARY APPLICATIONS are now available. **This is the last Sunday before applications are due on May 3rd.** Applications can be submitted to Angela in the office.

THE MISSION STORE IS ASKING FOR DONATIONS of their most needed items, hoodies, towels, washcloths and men's athletic shoes. Donations can be dropped off in the office with Angela

ELEVATOR ASSISTANCE is now available before and after the service. Please ask the elevator host for assistance.

Do you want to contact us?

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Director of Music Ross McDonald 519-432-4832

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Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8:30 to 12:30 pm

IN OUR PRAYERS

If you or a family member is going into hospital, please let us know so that a Pastor can plan to visit.

We pray for those in our community especially Teresa Hamilton, Rosemary Christensen, Jean Krautner, Mary Anne Stewart, Kathy Hough, Don Cook and Barb Hamilton.

We also pray for healing and comfort for those close to our congregation as we name - Deborah & Bobby, daughter and son of Sharon Mantle, Edward Schmidt, brother of Fred; Mavis Copeman, sister of Jean Hohnstein, Steve Hodgins, Jeff Bonner and Margy Mantz, wife of Pastor Frank Mantz and Rev. Mike Schroeder & Geraldine Schroeder, parents of Rev. Nadine Schroeder-Kranz.

We also pray for Bishop Larry Kochendorfer, the National ELCIC Office and their Support Staff.

IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Pastor: Pastor Frank Mantz

Director of Music: Ross McDonald

Reader: Lydia Reinhard

Cantor: Emily Inch

Percussion: Rob Inch

Greeters: The Hinnah Family

Coffee Hosts: Alan and Lynne Day

Elevator Host: Dave Hutchison

GIVING

Trinity thanks you for your continued support and generosity. There are several ways you can provide **financial support** to Trinity. Please contact Angela at 519-432-4832 for more information about:

- Pre-Authorized Remittances (PAR): your contributions are automatically debited from your bank account. This method of support is more environmentally-friendly and convenient.
- Offering Envelopes: ordered with a unique giver number for tax purposes
- e-Transfers: your donations are deposited directly to Trinity
- Cheques: may be mailed to the church at 746 Colborne St., London, ON N6A 3Z7
- Making a donation in a loved one's name

Do you want to use a space in our building? **Booking rooms** can be done through Angela at 519-432-4832.

*The Rev. Nadine Schroeder-Kranz
as the Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church*



*The Sunday of Pentecost
May 24, 2026
4:00 p.m.
Rev. Sylvia Swiatoschik will be presiding
Rev. James Garey will be preaching*

*746 Colborne St.
London, ON N6A 3Z7*

A reception will follow the service in the Killinger Hall.

*R.S.V.P's are greatly appreciated.
Please contact Angela in the Trinity office at
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*Clergy are invited to vest
The colour of the day is **Red***