

## This Week at Trinity Lutheran Church

### Sunday, April 21

Stephen Ministry Sunday

Earth Day Sunday

Personal Hygiene Appeal

Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.

Rejoice Worship (Rejoice band)

Livestreaming of Worship, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.

Stay & Play, 10:30 a.m.

Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Meet the Artist Reception—Kimberly Johnson, 12:30 p.m.

Middle School Youth Group, 2 p.m.

Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.

High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

### Monday, April 22

Stroller Barre, 9 a.m.

Beyond Belief Band Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

### Tuesday, April 23

Council on Aging, 8 a.m.

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

LWR Quilters, 10:30 a.m.

GriefShare, 3:30 p.m.

Fit4Baby, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, April 24

Fitness Class, 9 a.m.

Coffee & Donuts, 10:15 a.m.

Spring Sumud Adult Forum, 10:30 a.m.

Spring JOYful Days Lunch & Speaker, 11:30 a.m.

Pack 3015 Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Spring Sumud Adult Forum, 7 p.m.

### Thursday, April 25

Tai Chi, 10:15 a.m.

Resound Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Choosing Peace & Serenity AFG, 7 p.m.

Trinity Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m.

### Friday, April 26

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

### Saturday, April 27

COMCS Rehearsal, 10 a.m.

Trivia Night & Potluck, 5:30 p.m.

### Sunday, April 28

Personal Hygiene Appeal concludes

Traditional Worship, 8 a.m.

Rejoice Worship (Beyond Belief band)

Livestreaming of Worship, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Traditional Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Confirmation Family Celebration Lunch, noon

Celebration of Music Concert Series - Art of the

Keyboards: *A Mosaic of Trinity's Keyboard*

*Instruments*, 3 p.m.

Rummage Sale Set Up, 3 p.m.



**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

## Assisting in Worship This Morning

### 8 a.m.

Cantor: Marcia Schaner

Sacristan: Elaine Rongey

Lector: Terry Zabel

Communion Assistants: Patti Mutch, Kim Brock

Ushers: Erick Kind, Chad & Jenna Mencarelli,

Emily Keller

Acolytes: TBD

### 9:15 a.m.

Rejoice Band leading worship

Sacristan: Tricia Diener

Lector: Kim Brock

Communion Assistants: Marge Willman, Kathy Bush

Ushers: Dan & Carol Butler, John Hall, Kathy Noble,

Jim Willman, Susan Knoll

Acolytes: Daniel Ahrens

### 10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Sid Hoeksema

Sacristan: Beth Vanderwall

Lector: Kris Racek

Communion Assistants: Jan Jacobson, Sue Coates

Ushers: Steve Cairns, Paul Getzin, Jim Vanderwall,

Joe & Marybeth Iaria, Lois McCardell,

Renee Fisk

Acolytes: James Day

**Bread Baker:** Alexis Mason

## Trinity Members in Our Prayers

We pray for **Trinity members in times of illness, hospitalization, rehabilitation and recovery:** Sue Bailey, John Baker, Lisa Barkema, Don Barsema, David Benkert, Krysta Billock, Bev Block, Ken Block, Sue Boyse, Pat Bruin, Gordy Engstrom, Ruth Ann Evans, Diane Field, Richard Gehl, Elena Griewahn, Elwyn Griewahn, Bob Heine, Callan Hughes, Carol Huttenga, Sherri Ide, Patricia Johnson, Grace Lanning, Marilyn Leese, Jane Legault, Bob Mallen, Judy Mallen, Tom Mannisto, Theo Marquardt, Rebecca Mattison, Stephanie McLeod, Nancy Moga, Laura Norton, Julia Pfeiffle, Jesse Platt, Jacqueline Riegling, Denny Rosen, Marian Schaible, Chas Schaner, Ann Schomberg, Chris Schomberg, Lee Schomberg, Gloria Von der Heide, John Walls, Rick Wolner, David Young, Kathy Young, and Kathryn Zielinski.

We also lift up **Trinity families mourning the loss of loved ones:** Albert Asfour, Maria Ashimine, Carrie and David Boer, Beverly and John Bosserman, Bryan and Kate Bredwell, Liz and Jason Coles, Barb Crossman, Jack Danielson, Scott and Corina Dulecki, Julie Earhart, Jon Ferguson, Diane Field, John and Kris Fox, Mary Frick, Josh and Katie Gardner, Susan and Terry Knoll, Joni and Steve Korb, Kristen Lamprich, John and Mary Leese, Marilyn Leese, Kent and Kristin Linkfield, Wendy and Jim Mielock, Patrick and Jacquie Murray, Debbie and John Potter, Dee Scales, Kathy Sommers, Jonathan and Jennifer Sommers, Sylvia and Bill Stouten, Wollen/Billings families, Natalie Yeager, and Terry and Linda Zabel.

We also lift up in prayer this week Pastor Sarah Samuelson and the people of Trinity Lutheran Church in New Era, partners with us in ministry North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

## Readings & Hymns for April 21

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

#838 Beautiful Savior (red book)  
#789 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us (red book)  
#780 Shepherd Me, O God (red book)  
#551 The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve (red book)

APRIL 21, 2024  
FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER



*The Good Shepherd comes with power to love.*

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 10:11-18	The Good Shepherd
Monday	Acts 4:5-12	Peter and John before the council
Tuesday	1 John 3:16-24	Love one another
Wednesday	Luke 15:1-7	Parable of the lost sheep
Thursday	Ezekiel 34:11-16	God, the true shepherd
Friday	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	The resurrection of Christ
Saturday	Psalms 23	The Lord is my shepherd
Sunday	John 15:1-8	Jesus the true vine

### SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. Psalm 23:4 (NRSV)*

### PRAYERS AND BLESSING

#### **A Prayer for the Week:**

Shepherding God, we thank you that your care for us is never ending and filled with your abundant goodness and mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **Mealtime Prayer:**

Dear Jesus, just as you are with us and protect us each day like a good shepherd, we thank you for feeding us with this food, a sign of your abundant love. Amen.

#### **A Blessing to Give:**

May the love of God in Jesus, the Good Shepherd, give you comfort and peace.



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### HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Shepherd Me, O God*



### WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

### CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Talk or think about a time you experienced fear or anxiety.
- How does Jesus, the Good Shepherd, comfort and protect you during fearful times?

### DEVOTIONS



*Read:* John 10:11-18.

The focus in John 10 on being the good shepherd is directly related to Jesus healing the man born blind in John 9. The man born blind was cast out of the synagogue, out of the religious community, out of a protective sheepfold. Jesus as the good shepherd knows us and loves us enough to lay down his life for us. Jesus does not abandon us or cast us out. Unlike the disinterest of a hired hand who runs away when our needs are the greatest, Jesus cares for us as those who need the protection of a shepherd. This is the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. He has power and he uses that power to care for us and to give us the abundant life, the life overflowing with goodness (John 10:10). All of this power to love, to give us life overflowing with goodness and abundance, comes not from the abusive power of Pharisees, synagogues, or any disinterested individuals or institutions, but from the divine. This is the command that Jesus has received from God and passes on to us, the command to love sacrificially.

*Discuss:* When has your life been blessed by the sacrificial love of another?

*Pray:* **Loving God, help us to know that we are not abandoned in our time of need, but blessed with overflowing love through the power and grace of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Amen.**

### SERVICE



Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you give sacrificially to someone in need?

### RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Both readings from John 10 and Psalm 23 follow the theme of shepherd. Draw the shape of a sheep on a sheet of paper. Write Jesus in the center of the shape and then words you would use to describe a good shepherd. Think or talk about what the words you wrote mean to you. Finish with prayer using the words from Psalm 23:6 as a reminder of God's comfort: **You, LORD, are my shepherd. I will never be in need. Your kindness and love will always be with me each day of my life, and I will live forever in your house, LORD. Amen.** (CEV)



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