



Lutheran Church & Christian School



4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Good Shepherd Sunday

**April 30, 2023**

***Redeemed, Restored, & Rejoicing in Jesus!***

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## AS WE GATHER

This morning begins a four-week series on one of the most beloved verses from the Bible, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm. Each week we delve deeply into the language of this beloved prayer, to (re)discover God's grace, mercy and peace, and to rejoice in the work of Jesus our Shepherd. In our first service, Shepherd and Sheep, we will see what our Lord Jesus, the Good Shepherd, has done to create us anew as "the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand" (Psalm 95:7). Welcome to worship! *A special thank you to Trinity's Elders for leading us this morning and bringing us God's Word.*

## PRELUDE

## THE BELLS CALL GOD'S PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

## WELCOME

**OPENING HYMN** "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"      *LSB 524, St. 1-4*

*For this, and all subsequent hymns, please see the PowerPoint slides or the hymnal.*

## INVOCATION

Elder:                      The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Congregation:**      **Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES

Elder:                      The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**Congregation:**      **My God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19)**

Elder:                      He makes me lie down in green pastures.

**Congregation:**      **We Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever. (Psalm 79:13)**

Elder:                      He leads me beside still waters.

**Congregation:**      **Jesus said, "Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" (John 7:38)**

## CONFESSION OF SINS AND GOD'S WORD OF FORGIVENESS

Elder: Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy, and find grace to help us in our time of need.

*Silence for private confession and reflection.*

Elder: Most merciful God:

**Congregation: We confess that like wayward sheep, we have often turned away from You. In our speaking, thinking, and doing, we have sinned, failing to heed our Shepherd's voice. In Your mercy, deliver us from the death we deserve, and grant to us the life we do not, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Good Shepherd.**

Elder: Jesus was given over for our sins, but raised for our justification.

**Congregation: In Him we have been raised from the dead.**

Elder: If the Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, dwells in you, then He who raised Christ from death will also give you life. Arise, therefore, your sins are forgiven you, in Jesus' name. You are free to live in the name of your Shepherd and Savior.

**Congregation: The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

## ENTRANCE VERSE

Elder: I am the Good Shepherd, I know My own and My own know Me, and I lay down My life for the sheep.

**Congregation: We are Your people, O Lord, the sheep of Your pasture.**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE** "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

*LSB 524, St. 5-6*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Elder: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Elder: Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, You provide for our every need and shelter us with Your loving care. By God's grace, through faith in Your name, we have forgiveness and eternal life. Lead us by Your Spirit to be faithful witnesses for you so that others will come to know and worship you as Shepherd and Lord. Give us opportunities to share Your love through acts of kindness and service. Hear our prayer, Lord, and bless our worship and the study of Your Word. Amen.

Congregation: Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND BLESSING

**FIRST READING** *Isaiah 40:9-11 (The greatness of God.)*

<sup>9</sup> Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news;  
lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news;  
lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!"  
<sup>10</sup> Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and His arm rules for Him;  
behold, His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him.  
<sup>11</sup> He will tend His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs in His arms;  
He will carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.  
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

**EPISTLE READING** *1 Peter 2:22-25 (Brought back to our Good Shepherd.)*

<sup>22</sup> He [Jesus] committed no sin, neither was deceit found in His mouth. <sup>23</sup> When He was reviled, He did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but continued entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.  
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Thine forever, God of love! Hear us from Thy throne above;  
Thine forever may we be here and in eternity!

Thine forever! Shepherd, keep these Thy frail and trembling sheep  
Safe alone beneath Thy care, let us all Thy goodness share.

Thine forever! Thou our guide, all our wants by Thee supplied,  
All our sins by Thee forgiv'n; lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n.

**READING OF THE GOSPEL** John 10:11-16 (*"I Am the Good Shepherd."*)

Elder: The Holy Gospel, according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

**Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup> [Jesus again said to them:] I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

Elder: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**REFLECTION ON THE CATECHISM** – 1<sup>st</sup> Article of the Creed w/explanation

Pastor: I believe in God, the Father, Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. What does this mean?

**Congregation: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife (husband) and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

**SERMON HYMN**

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

*LSB 710, St. 1*

**SERMON**

*Rich Randall, Head Elder*

**Notes:**

**PETITIONS AND PRAISES OF GOD’S PEOPLE**

Elder: Jesus, our Good Shepherd, You came to rescue us from sin and death and bring us safely into Your kingdom.

**Congregation: Keep us in Your care.**

Elder: In a world of many tempting voices,

**Congregation: help us to listen to Your voice in Your holy Word and to follow only You.**

Elder: Empower us by the Holy Spirit to join You in seeking out those sheep who are the least, last and lost.

**Congregation: Make us bold witnesses for You, so that others will come to hear Your voice in the Gospel and believe in You, so there will be one flock and one Shepherd.**

*Additional petitions and praises are offered.*

Elder: Finally, enable us to use wisely and well all the resources You graciously bestow upon us. Direct our hearts to return to You the worship of lips that proclaim the name of Your Son before the world, and lives that reflect His goodness, love, and mercy. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God, forever and ever. **AMEN.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

Elder: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
Congregation: **And also with you.**

*At this time, we share the Lord's peace with each other.*

## OFFERING

*For those desiring to leave an offering, an offering plate will be placed in the rear of the sanctuary. You may leave your offering as you depart this morning's worship.*

## OFFERTORY

**LORD'S PRAYER** (Matthew 6:9–13)

*Please see PowerPoint or back cover of the hymnal.*

**BENEDICTION** *Hebrews 13:20–21, adapted*

Elder: May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us that which is pleasing to Him through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Congregation: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**CLOSING HYMN** "The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

*LSB 709, St. 1-2*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING    *“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”*                      LSB 923, St. 1

♪    Almighty Father, bless the Word which through Your grace we now have heard.  
Oh, may the precious seed take root, spring up, and bear abundant fruit!    ♪

Elder:                      Redeemed and restored,  
Congregation:        **We are rejoicing in Jesus.**

#### Acknowledgments:

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The flowers this morning are given by Debi & Maurice Weider in celebration of their Anniversary.

### Trinity Calendar for April 30—May 7, 2023

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship
<b>Monday</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	5:00 pm	Men’s Wings Bible Study: <i>“Gospel of John”</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:45 am	TCS Chapel
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 am	Bible Study: <i>(The Book of Matthew)</i>
	6:00 pm	School Board Meeting
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 am	Men of Christ Bible Study: <i>“The God’s Have Returned”</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship w/ Holy Communion
	11:45 am	Voters’ Meeting



## ATTENDANCE 4-23:

Families of the week: *The Tompson, the Traquair and the Vermilyea families*

### Birthdays:

- 30 April—Heather Geer
- 1 May—Olivia Allen
- 1 May—Gary Dresser
- 2 May—Adeline Olmstead
- 4 May—Tod Silegy
- 4 May—Tim Wolfe
- 5 May—Wanda Chabott
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### Anniversaries:

- 25 April—Woody & Val Woodward
- 28 April—Maurice & Debi Weidler
- 2 May—Bob & Melanie Whitney
- 5 May—Ted & Wanda Chabott
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**Pregnancy Resource Center of the  
Monadnock Region  
100 Washington Street, Keene, NH  
603 358 6460 - [pregnancyresourcekeene.org](http://pregnancyresourcekeene.org)**

*A Life affirming ministry that shares the love and truth of Jesus Christ with  
our community offering free pregnancy related resources with compassion and respect.*

We are happy to announce that we have acquired the entire building (short one office on the first floor) at *100 Washington Street, Keene, NH*, for our programs at the Pregnancy Resource Center. Please join us for our open house on **Thursday, May 4, 2023, from 5p to 7p** to show our expanded location and to share our vision for the future. We look forward to seeing you there.

The annual *Baby Bottle Blessing* is coming up on **Mother's Day, Sunday, May 14, 2023**. There will be bottles available on that morning for you to take, pray over and make your donation to the PRC. This campaign ends, **Father's Day, Sunday, June 18, 2023**.

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The LWML Convention is in Milwaukee in June. Eileen will be attending and taking all the items that we have made to distribute to the different Ministries. The next 2 LWML work days, May 13 & June 10, 9:00 am, will be in the Fellowship Hall to tie the blankets. Also, remember to bring in your mites.

Thank you.



We have expended our Capital Improvement Funds. We are in need of replenishing the bucket. We need the funds to complete

the new Network project. And in light of the continued violence against schools and businesses in the past few months especially, we also **NEED** to make improvements to our Safety and Security Systems. This is a critical need. If you feel led to contribute to the upgrading and continuation of these projects, please place your contributions in one of the small manila envelopes on the Narthex Table labeled “Capital Improvements” and place it in the offering plate or give it to Larry Miller or Miriam Harkey. Thank you for all your prayers, concern and care. You are much appreciated and a vital part to the ongoing Ministry here at Trinity. Thank you so much.



## Time to Clean up the Grounds

**Come one, come all! Let's help clean up around the church grounds and restore them to Spring Beauty! Bring your equipment and let's work together. Many hands make light work. ☺**

**Date: May 13**

**Time: 9:30 am**

**Where: TLC Outdoors!**

# Trinity Christian School News

Hannaford Helps Schools! **NOW THROUGH MAY 27, 2023**

Do you shop at Hannaford? If so, please consider donating your Hannaford School Dollars to support Trinity Christian School! New this year is a downloadable App and an online Redemption Hub in addition to the School Dollars Tower you are used to seeing in the store, which makes it so much easier to donate. Flyers on the Narthex back table.



Trinity Christian School PTFA will be hosting a 5K run on June 3. To view the details and support the cause individually or corporately, there are copies on the Narthex Table. See Miriam

if you need more. Thank you from the PTFA for considering supporting this cause, which helps to fund many purchases and events for the school, the teachers and the students.