



Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look here is water!

**All: Here is the water of life! Alleluia!**

Deacon: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.

**All: We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and Praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

Deacon: Look, here is water!

**All: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

### **GATHERING SONG**

"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

ELW #413

### **GREETING**

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

**All: And also with you.**

### **THE KYRIE**

ELW Pages 98-99

Cantor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Cantor: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Cantor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Cantor: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Cantor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**All: Amen, amen.**

**GLORY TO GOD**

ELW Page 99

**All:** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your  
glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on  
us: you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our  
prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Glory to God in the  
highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**THE SALUTATION**

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

Deacon: Let us pray.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Deacon: O Lord Jesus,

**All:** Good Shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into  
your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we  
shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with  
the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**THE FIRST READING** Acts 4:5-12

**Psalm 23**

Recite in unison

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.

My soul He doth restore again; and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness, ev'n 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.

My table Thou has furnish-ed in presence of my foes;  
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.

**SECOND READING** 1 John 3:16-24

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

ELW Page 102

Lector: We invite you to stand for the reading of the Gospel.

**All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Cantor: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

**All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to John 10:11-18

**SERMON HYMN**

“Shepherd Me, O God”

ELW #780

**THE SERMON**

Deacon Penny Steinken

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

ELW #502

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ELW page 104

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Deacon: With boldness, let us offer our prayers to the shepherd of our souls.  
(The response after each prayer petition)

Deacon: God of goodness and mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Deacon: Loving God, by the power of your Spirit, help us to keep your commandments and to love one another with the love of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

**All: Amen.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

ELW Page 112, right column

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**THE GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS & TITHES** (Please complete the yellow card enclosed in this bulletin and place in the offering plate.)

**OFFERTORY**

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

by Douglas E. Wagner

Performed by Trinity Lutheran Choir

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his name: In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways, and leads me for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace. When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay; one word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread; My cup with blessings over flows, thine oil anoints my head. The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; May thy house be mine abode; all my work be praise. There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come; Nor more a stranger nor a guest, but like a child at home.

**HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH**

ELW #172

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.  
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

**PRAYER OF OFFERING**

Deacon: Loving God,

**All: before we give to you, you have given to us. All we offer we have received from you. We thank you for your goodness, and we praise you for your bountiful works, through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

**CHARGE**

Deacon: In the name of the Good Shepherd, love one another.

**All: Amen.**

**BLESSING**

Deacon: May the goodness and mercy of God follow you all the days of your life, and, at your life's end, may you dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**All: Alleluia!**

**SENDING SONG**

"To Be Your Presence"

ELW #546

**SENDING**

Deacon: Go in peace with Christ beside you.

**All: Thanks be to God**

**POSTLUDE**

"Psalm XIX"

Benedetto Marcelo

**Trinity's Mission Statement**

We are disciples of Jesus with open doors, open hands, and open hearts committed to making disciples through the power of the Holy Spirit to the glory of God.

*Calendar of Events*

**April 21- Sunday**

- 8:30 am - Worship, and KOTA Broadcast
- 9:35 am—Education/Sunday School
- 9:35 am—Coffee and Conversation in Library
- 10:45 am—Contemporary Worship
- 7:00 pm - NA Group

**April 22—Monday**

**April 23—Tuesday**

- 6:30 pm—Church Choir

**April 24- Wednesday**

- 12:00 pm—Fellowship Lunch
- 6:00 pm—Youth Group

**April 25—Thursday**

- 10:30 am —Staff Meeting

**April 26—Friday**

**April 27- Saturday**

**April 28- Sunday**

- 8:30 am - Worship, Communion, and KOTA Broadcast
- 9:35 am—Education/Sunday School
- 9:35 am—Coffee and Conversation in Library
- 10:45 am—Contemporary Worship and Communion
- 7:00 pm - NA Group

**ATTENDANCE**

**Sunday April 14, 2024**

8:30 am— 70  
 10:45 am—20  
 Total—90

**GLORY TO GOD!**

**THOSE SERVING TODAY**

April 21, 2024  
8:30 a.m. Service

**Greeters:** Paul and Kristi Elder

**Ushers:** George Powers  
 Jim Powers

**Counters:** Faye Schroeder  
 Stacey Schmaltz

**Food Certs:** Noreen Scholl

**Sound Board:** Jared Regelin

Altar Guild  
 Bonnie Warejcka and Stacey Schmaltz

***Thank You for Your Service!***

2024 Offerings	\$81,892.54
2024 Expenses	<u>\$92,897.57</u>
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**MONTH OF MARCH, 2024**

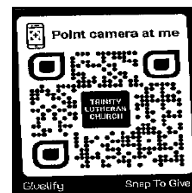
Offerings	\$34,352.78
Expenses	<u>\$30,303.77</u>
	\$4,049.01

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

Offering 4/14/2024	\$5,762.29
Foundation Quarterly	\$7,500.00

**NEEDED WEEKLY** \$6,830.00

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## Fellowship Meal

Join us on **Wednesday April 24, at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall** for a chicken lunch. Cost is \$5.00. A short study of the following week's lessons lead by Pastor Holz will be held after.

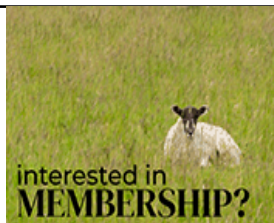
## Ways you can SERVE

**"We Care" Food Certificates may be purchased after service every Sunday or in the church office!** Certificates are available for Family Fare, Walmart and Safeway. Two percent of every purchase goes to Trinity's general fund and three percent goes to Church Response.



This month's radio broadcast is in honor of Val Flagstad and in memory of Leroy Flagstad from Trinity Lutheran Church.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity Lutheran Church contact Kayla in the office. (605-342-9302)



Like and follow us on Facebook!



Please let the office know about any upcoming surgeries, and/or hospitalizations.



## Remember these individuals in your prayers this week:

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|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Gavynn Maas               | Carol Weiss     |
| Ty Cross                  | Val Flagstad    |
| Makenzie Hayes            | Aria Palmer     |
| Dustin Denton             | Deb Simpson     |
| Gary Soderberg            | Wayne Versaille |
| Mae Hanscom               | Greg Riley      |
| Richard Cleland           | Dan Arnio       |
| Ty Tisher                 | Jeanne Jacobson |
| Susan Erstad (Paul's mom) | Sarah Siggelkow |
| Steve and Prae            | Mick Welch      |
| Seth Fuhrmann             | Nancy Jerred    |
| Duane Ibsen               | Steve Sprague   |
| Amanda Bialas             | Jerid Maskovich |
| Pastor Bruce Baum         | Dee Teasdale    |
| Bob Goodell               |                 |



Please save your "Our Family" UPC codes from products purchased at Family Fare grocery stores. Trinity receives \$25.00 for every 500 UPC codes. These dollars are used to purchase bulletin board supplies! There is a specially marked box in the Narthex.



## Second Service Update

**Second service time change will begin May 26th. We will begin worship at 10:15 a.m.**

During the months of June and July the second service worship will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. (June 2, 16 and July 7, 21).

Hello everyone!

At this month's Council meeting, we talked briefly about supporting Michelle Mechaley's recent mission trip to India by making a contribution towards the sewing ministry. This ministry involves a 4 month sewing class which teaches participants sewing skills. It is the goal of the ministry to provide each student with a sewing machine when they graduate from class. The cost of one sewing machine is \$80.00.

If you would like to support this ministry, please drop off your contribution in the church office. Thank you.



**~ Employment -Workers Needed ~**

**Cornerstone Rescue Mission** is currently looking to fill two supervisor positions for the emergency shelter at 30 Main Street. The supervisor works with guests who are in need of safe shelter and meals in addition to helping volunteers and/or donors with questions or donations. Additional duties include assisting guests during the intake process, conducting headcounts, answering questions from guests and visitors, and providing a safe and secure environment for all who stay and work in the building. We are currently looking to fill afternoon/evening shifts and a weekend overnight shift. There is an overnight shift pay differential for employees who work the overnight shift. If interested, please reach out to Matthew at 605-877-5499 or stop by 30 Main Street to fill out an application!



- Graduation Party for Seniors  
May 19  
9:30 am—10:00 am
- Free Finals Pizza Lunch  
May 22 and 23  
11:30 am—12:30 pm

When it warms up this spring, Marilyn Denison and Jean Bouska will be planting flowers in the bare area on the west side of the courtyard. If you would like to make a donation toward the purchase of the flowers or if you would like to help plant flowers, please contact Jean or Marilyn.

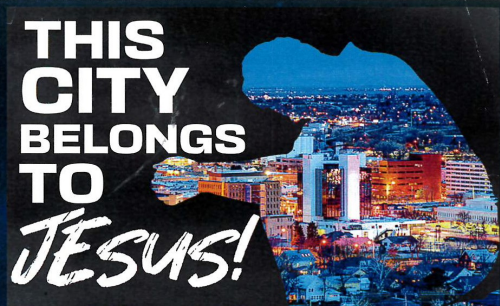


The Good Samaritan Pantry could use plastic bags if anyone has some piling up at home!

- The last day of Sunday School (All ages) will be May 5th.
- Penny's last Bible Study will be May 7th.
- The last day of Pastor's Bible Study will be May 12th



**THIS CITY BELONGS TO JESUS!**



**PRAYER, PRAISE, PROCLAIM!**

Feb. 27	Landmark Community Church
April 9	Crossroads Wesleyan Church
June 25	First Assembly of God Church
Aug. 12	Open Bible Church
Oct. 1	The Monument all 6:30 pm Dedication of City to Jesus

Prayer Schedule: Saturate the City With Prayer


- Wednesdays 8-9 am @ Love INC
- Thursdays 12:30 -1:30 pm at Uptown Rapid Mall @ The Hub located near Riddle's Jewelry.

*The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.*  
James 5:16

*The Black Hills Association of the United Church of Christ requests the honor of your presence at the Ordination and Installation service of*

**Erin N. Erickson**

*"LOVE is the bridge between you and everything."*  
-Rumi



Sunday, the twenty-eighth of April  
two thousand and twenty-four  
at two-thirty in the afternoon

First Congregational UCC  
1200 Clark Street  
Rapid City, SD 57701

*Reception to follow*



**GOD HEARS YOUR PRAYERS**

LITTLE CHILDREN,  
**LET US LOVE,**



NOT IN WORD OR SPEECH, BUT IN  
**TRUTH AND ACTION.**

1 JOHN 3:18, NRSV



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accepted communities

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**SOUTH DAKOTA CARES**

**DONATIONS MATCHED  
NOW THROUGH APRIL 27  
LSS DAY OF GIVING**



## A SIMPLE ACT OF KINDNESS

32 years ago, Vicki came to LSS as a single mom with 3 children and battling mental health struggles, addiction, legal and financial issues.

During a session, her LSS counselor shared that a couple heard her story and made a donation of \$600 to help her get back on track.

That day, their generosity changed her life. "Everything was different after that. I got treatment for my addiction, continued counseling to beat suicidal thoughts, got back on track financially and gave my kids a better life."

Vicki is 32 years sober and returned to LSS, this time to make a donation in honor of the donors who changed everything for her family.

DONATIONS MATCHED  
LSS DAY OF GIVING  
SouthDakotaCARES.org

YOUR SUPPORT  
BECOMES THEIR  
SUCCESS STORY

**1,459 CHILDREN**  
were victims of child  
**MALTREATMENT**  
in South Dakota last year

LSS recruits, trains, and licenses foster families as well as provides ongoing support for kids in foster care and those in transition into independent adulthood.



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**KU'S STORY**

Ku's first months of life were difficult and his future was unknown – until he met his forever family through LSS Foster Care.

Despite the challenges he has faced, today Ku can walk, talk, and loves dancing to the opening of Golden Girls. He is a happy, healthy, thriving 3-year-old boy with a safe home, stable family, and magical purpose.



















