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April 26, 2026 — Fourth Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 2:42–47; 1 Peter 2:19–25; John 10:1–10

It's easy to invent a religion. Tell a story based on what you see in the universe that conforms to your expectations and promises control with a carrot, and explains suffering with a stick.

But the true Shepherd does something different. He speaks. His sheep know His voice in Scripture. Christianity is not about earning life but receiving it. Jesus is the Door and the Shepherd who goes to the cross for sinners. Though thieves remain, His risen voice still gives forgiveness, life, and salvation for you. • *higherthings.org*

DIVINE SERVICE

ORDER OF SERVICE

Divine Service Setting Four, *LSB* 203

CREED: Apostle's

HYMNS

Opening Hymn:

LSB 915 "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

Sermon Hymn:

LSB 685 "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

Offering Hymn:

LSB 781 vv. 1–2 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Distribution/Third Hymn:

LSB 686 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Closing Hymn:

LSB 801 "How Great Thou Art"

SERMON THEME AND TEXT

"Walking with God"

Luke 24:32–35 ³²*They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?"* ³³*And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together,* ³⁴*saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!"* ³⁵*Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.*



Thank You, Lord!

IN OUR PRAYERS **

FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

TRINITY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS: Pam Hallman, Deb Pope, Marlene Henthorn, Florence Meier, Linda Smith, Melissa Swindell, and Barb Gilbertz. Reiko Pope, Earl Tripp, and Richard Kieffer.

ST. PAUL'S MEMBERS AND FRIENDS: Chris Heismeyer, Kendra Will, and Bernice Kollman. Lynn Anderson, Tina Gerlach, Lenora Hoffman, Rocky Hauge, and David.

Mary Milbrandt, Darryn, Jane, Nadine Larson, Keith Wallin, Zoe Jones, and Wendy Ramberg.

TRINITY BIRTHDAYS: Jose Contreras III 04/26; Erin Walti 04/27; Jessica Olson 04/29

TRINITY ANNIVERSARIES: none

ST. PAUL'S BIRTHDAYS: Jaylen Kemp 04/26; Melayna Thomas 04/27

ST. PAUL'S ANNIVERSARIES: none

** Please contact Nancy at *trinitywlsd@gmail.com* or 605-249-2570 for any updates to this bulletin prayer list. Thank you.

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE THOUGHT

The first generation of Christians were "selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need" (Acts 2:45). They did this because they recognized that the Gospel of Jesus grants worth and dignity to every person. This doesn't mean that each Christian needs to sell all they have. But it does mean that we would "die to sin and live to righteousness" (1 Peter 2:24), loving the poor and needy as well as the unborn, the sick, and the dying. • *lutheransforlife.org*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

White Lake Community Vacation Bible School will be held at the White Lake Methodist Church May 18–22, 2026. Sessions for Pre-K through 5th graders will go from 8:30–11 a.m. This year's theme is "True North." Please RSVP to Brianna, 605-680-2247, by Friday, May 1, 2026.

Ruth Circle invites you to attend our **Friendship Tea**, Tuesday, May 5, 2026, 5:30 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church. Bring your mother, daughter, granddaughter, sister, or friend. RSVP Brianna, 605-680-2247 by Sunday, May 3, 2026.

High School Senior Recognition Events. May 10, 2026, 9:30 a.m. at each congregation. Trinity is honoring Joshua Doering. St. Paul's is honoring Jenna Haak, Lily Huff, Jett Kemp, and Karter Weber. Graduates and their families and all members of the congregation are invited to attend. Rolls and coffee/juice will be served.

The **May newsletter** will be available next Sunday, May 3, 2026. Please submit articles to Nancy by Tuesday, April 28, 2026. Thank you.

2026-04-26 Fourth Sunday of Easter

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR AND INFORMATION

Sun. Apr. 26	8:30 a.m.	Divine Service at Trinity
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School at St. Paul's
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service at St. Paul's
Mon. Apr. 27	7 p.m.	Catechism Class at St. Paul's
Wed. Apr. 29	2:15 p.m.	Release-Time Class at Trinity (<i>last class for the 2025–2026 school year</i>)
	5:30 p.m.	Joint Bible Class at Trinity
	6:30 p.m.	Catechism Class at Trinity

APRIL 2026

Elders:	TR: Scott Meier	SP: Curt Guindon
Ushers:	TR: Ron S., Dan G.	SP: Dan G., Mike T.
Acolytes:	TR: Dayton Simpson	SP: Addisyn Everson
Altar:	TR: Jane Guericke	SP: Marlene Johnson
Greeters:	SP: 04/26 Kieth & Cathy A.	

April 19 Attendance and Offering: SP: 25, \$603; TR: 26, \$1295

THE LORD'S SUPPER is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another.

Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until he comes. We do this because as members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod we take very seriously the advice of St. Paul in 1 Corinthians 11:28–29, *A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.*

Self-Examination. 1. Do I believe that I am a sinner? 2. Do I believe and trust in Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior, from sin, death, and the power of the devil? 3. Do I believe that I receive forgiveness for all of my sins through Christ's true body and blood, present in the Sacrament? (Real presence of Christ's body.) 4. Do I promise to amend (or change) my sinful life with the help of the Holy Spirit?

If you have so examined yourself and are in full agreement with us, and have been instructed, you are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper. If you desire to learn more about these beliefs or are interested in learning how to become a member, please talk to Pastor McKillop or one of the elders. Thank you.