

## Welcome To Worship April 28, 2024

First the vine, then the branches, and afterwards the fruit. With our Father as the Vine, we are privileged by our Baptism to be grafted in as His branches. Today, during worship, the Father will be preparing your heart so that fruit will be what you produce as your response of gratitude in the week ahead.

**Trinity Lutheran-Medford**  
**Trinity Lutheran-Chelsea**  
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 28, 2024**

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(M) Worship: 9:00am Sunday  
(C) Worship: 10:30am Sunday

**Welcome, welcome!** Welcome to worship! Since this is the Lord's Day, it's a wonderful day to gather together in His presence, to hear His Word, to sing our praises to our God, and to be refreshed for the week ahead. As you worship today, God bless you and all you do for Him!

## **NOTES & EVENTS**

**DAILY READINGS: April 28:** Lev. 20: 1-16, 22-27, Luke 11: 37-54; **29:** Lev. 21: 1-24, Luke 12: 1-12; **30:** Lev. 23: 1-22, Luke 12: 13-34; **May 1:** Lev. 23: 23-44, Luke 12: 35-53; **2:** Lev. 24: 1-23, Lev. 25: 1-55, Luke 12: 54-13:17; **3:** Lev. 26: 1-20, Luke 13: 18-35; **4:** Lev. 26: 21-33, 39-44, Num. 1: 1-2:34, Luke 14: 1-24

## **SERVING US AT WORSHIP TODAY AND LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday, April 28th:** 8:00am Bible Study (M)  
9:00am Worship Service (M)  
Reader:  
Acolyte: Nacole Butt  
Jr. Usher: Nacole Butt  
Ushers:  
10:00am Christian Education (C)  
10:15am Christian Education (M)  
10:15am Voter's Meeting (M)  
11:00am Worship Service (C)  
12:00pm Voter's Meeting (C)

**Monday, April 29th:** 6:00pm Bible Study

**Wednesday, May 1st:** 4:00pm Catechism– 6th & 8th grade  
Snack: Nancy Graun  
6:30pm Worship Service (M)

**Sunday, May 5th:** 8:00am Bible Study (M)  
9:00am Worship Service (M) w/ HC  
Reader:  
Acolyte: Ian Stickney  
Jr. Usher: Ian Stickney  
Ushers:  
10:00am Christian Education (C)  
10:15am Christian Education (M)  
11:00am Worship Service (C) w/ HC

**FRIEND TO FRIEND PADS:** Please sign the Friend to Friend pads each week. Thank you.

**QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETING:** Following our services today our Quarterly Voter's Meeting will be held.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** Come join us for our Christian Education today. All kids ages 3-8th grade are included. Looking ahead our Sunday School children will sing Sunday, May 19th as part of our last Sunday of Sunday School.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Trinity currently has two opportunities to study God's Word. Our first opportunity is Sunday Mornings before the Divine Service from 8:00-8:45 a.m. We meet in the Trinity Room, where our topic is the book of James: Faith in Action. Our second opportunity is on Monday evenings, except for when Elders and Council meet. This study will go 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Trinity Room as we study the Gospel of Matthew. Come join us at either study or both as we grow together from God's Word in the fear and love of the Lord.

**CATECHISM 6-8TH GRADE:** Our Catechism Classes for grades 6th & 8th will continue this Wednesday. The kids will enjoy a snack before class begins. Classes end at 6:00pm.

**YOUTH EVENT:** Our Youth are having a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, May 19th, from 10:30am to 1:00pm. Price for the dinner is: Adults- \$10 each; ages 10 and under- \$5; and under 2- Free. Come support our Youth to raise funds for the National Youth Gathering, July 2025.

**YOUTH STAINLESS STEEL TUMBLERS FUNDRAISER:** Purchase a tumbler of your choice, help the youth raise money for the 2025 National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA. If you would prefer a different color or a personalized tumbler talk with Nancy Graun. Thank you in advance!

**CRAFTING & QUILTING EVENT:** The next Crafting Event with Quilting for Missions will be held Sunday, May 19th, from 1:00—3:00pm. No experience needed. Bring your crafting project and enjoy a time of fellowship & fun.

**FOOD COLLECTION:** During the month of April, the Ladies Aid invites you to join them as they collect items of your choice for Indian-head the local food pantry.



## **VBS 2024 will be heading to the Australian Outback!**

July 30, 31, August 1  
5:30-6:00pm light meal  
6:00-7:45pm Aussie Adventure

We are looking for volunteers for the following:  
Music leader, Games leader and helpers,  
Story helpers, Craft helpers, Kitchen helpers,  
Decorating helpers, and general helpers during the  
evening.

If interested, please contact Pastor or the church office.

**CHURCH LIBRARY:** Browse our Church Library. Find something you like, check it out and return when finished to the appropriate basket so it can be returned to its proper place. If you have a book or other item you may have borrowed from the library in the past, please return it so it can be accounted for.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING:** Vanco, an arm of LCEF, provides the opportunity to set up electronic giving where your offerings are automatically deducted from your bank account weekly, once or twice a month. You also choose where you want the funds used (operating, missions, debt reduction, etc.). It's easy to set up. Contact Nancy Graun and she will provide you the simple form.

**CHURCH USHERS:** We are looking for confirmed individuals (men or women) who would be willing to serve as a church usher. It is not difficult, just arrive about 30 minutes prior to the service. Please stop by the reception counter and sign-up, one week, several weeks or the entire month. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

**COUNTY MARKET GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE AT MEDFORD:** Gift cards, which function like debit cards or pre-paid gift cards are available each Sunday at the table in the narthex. For each \$25 card you purchase, Trinity receives a \$1 rebate; for each \$100 card you purchase, Trinity receives a \$4 rebate. It's a great way to support your church without any added cost to you since the cards cost their face value.

**CULVER'S GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE AT MEDFORD:** Gift cards, which function like debit cards or pre-paid gift cards are available each Sunday at the table in the narthex. For each \$25 or \$50 card you purchase, Trinity receives a 10% rebate. It's a great way to support your church without any added cost to you since the cards cost their face value.

**KWIK TRIP GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE AT MEDFORD:** Gift cards, which function like debit cards or pre-paid gift cards are available each Sunday at the table in the narthex. For each \$25, \$50 or \$100 card you purchase, Trinity receives a 5% rebate. It's a great way to support your church without any added cost to you since the cards cost their face value.

**CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS & FINANCE COMMITTEE:** We thank all who are serving in 2024 as elected leaders of our congregation: President– Al Leonard; Vice President– Mike Thompson; Secretary– Darla Schulz; Treasurer– Sharon Graun; Elders– Mike Graun, Neal Mueller and Jim Lemke; Financial Secretary– Nancy Graun; Trustees– Ed Noland; Sunday School Superintendent– ; Head Usher– Ed Kalepp; Finance Committee– Stacy Leonard, Randy Anderson, Mike Graun, Candy Nau, Michele Patterson and Jim Lemke

**CHELSEA CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS:** We thank all those who are serving in 2024 as elected leaders of our congregation: President– David Roder; Secretary– Betty Roder; Treasurer– Dawn Jensen; Elders- John Nelson, Rodney Goodrich and Rick Jensen; Trustees– Ryan Nelson, Shaun Roder and Adam Roder; Sunday School Superintendent– Shaun Roder

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Lanny Zimmerlee—Our Hou  
Senior Living in Medford; Dora Krause



## **STATS**

	Medford	Medford	Chelsea
<b>Attendance:</b>	4/17/2024– 6	4/21/2024– 74	4/21/2024– 0
<b>Offerings Received:</b>		4/17 & 4/21/2024	4/21/2024
<b>Operating</b>		\$1907.00	\$0.00
<b>Missions</b>		\$212.00	\$0.00
<b>Debt Reduction</b>		<u>\$35.00</u>	
<b>Total received:</b>		\$2154.00	
<b>Weekly Goal:</b>		\$3277.98	
<b>Difference:</b>		-\$1123.98	

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## INTROIT

*Psalm 145:1-2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16*

A little while, and you will see me no longer;  
and again a little while, and you will see me.  
I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.  
Every day I will bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.  
The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,  
and all your saints shall bless you!  
My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,  
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**  
A little while, and you will see me no longer;  
and again a little while, and you will see me.





## FIRST READING

*Acts 8:26–40*

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. <sup>27</sup>And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup>And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter  
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,  
so he opens not his mouth.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup>And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?”

<sup>35</sup>Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” <sup>38</sup>And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup>And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.



## EPISTLE

*1 John 4:1–21*

<sup>1</sup>Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup>and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. <sup>4</sup>Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup>They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup>We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

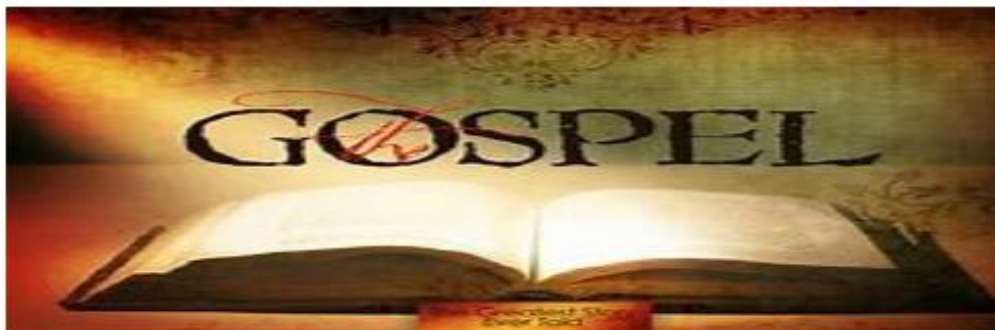
<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. <sup>17</sup>By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. <sup>21</sup>And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.



## HOLY GOSPEL

*John 15:1-8*

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”



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