

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist Rite Two ~ Good Shepherd Sunday



“The sheep hear (the shepherd’s) voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ... he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger.”

April 26, 2026 ~ 10:30 AM

Trinity Episcopal Church

310 E. Noble Ave., Guthrie, OK

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

(Holy Silence: At this moment, you are invited to be thoughtful, silent, and reverent.)

PRELUDE

LINDA TRAMMELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

(At the sound of the bell, please stand if able, turn, and face the Baptismal Font.)

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is Risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE GLORIA

HYMN S-280

**Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to his 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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant: O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

DIANE FOSMIRE

(Children are invited to come forward for a brief scripture reflection.)

FIRST READING:

Acts 2:42-47

(The people sit.)

Lector: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Lector The 23rd psalm is read together.

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

SECOND READING:**1 Peter 2:19-25**

(The people sit.)

Lector A reading from 1st Peter.

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

***People* Thanks be to God.**

(All stand, if able.)

SEQUENCE HYMN

HYMN 343

*“Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless”
(verses 1-2 before Gospel; verses 3-4 after Gospel)*

THE GOSPEL

John 10:1-10

(All stand if able, turn, and face the Gospel)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.”

Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE REV. ROBBY TRAMMELL

(Silence may follow)

**All: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

(Silence may be kept.)

**All Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

(The Priest stands and says)

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

THE PEACE

(All stand.)

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

*(Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.
Greetings, Special Prayers, Birthday and Anniversary Blessings follow.)*

SPECIAL PRAYERS: BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, OTHER PETITIONS

All O God, our days are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on those who begin another year. Grant that your wisdom, grace, love, and strength may continue to be with them all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Celebrant: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name, bring offerings and come into his courts.

OFFERTORY HYMN

HYMN 304

“I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord”

PRESENTATION HYMN

HYMN 380

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise
Him, all creatures here below, Praise Him above, ye
heav’nly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Amen.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer D, BCP 372

(The People remain standing, if able.)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

HYMNAL S-129

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

(The people stand or kneel, if able)

Celebrant: We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**All We praise you, we bless you,
 we give thanks to you,
 and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Celebrant: Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

[Remember Shawn, our presiding bishop; Poulson, our bishop; Rocio, our deacon; Diane, our diaconal intern; Robby, our priest; this congregation, and on the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: All Souls, Oklahoma City; The Anglican Church of Nigeria, and all who minister in your Church.]

[Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. We pray for the people of Iran, Israel, the United States, and for peace throughout the Middle East, Ukraine, Russia, and the world.]

[Remember those on our prayer list: Rose, Colleen, Fr. Tony, Keith, Gracelynn, Eric, Dan, Gwendolyn, Linda, Max, Jeanie, Melanie, Rick, Crickett, John, Josh, Maxine, Howard, Susan, Kathy, Claire, Louise, Harbor Home, and Hope House.]

[Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; (especially, ...) bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.]

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs,] (... and) all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,**

as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. *Amen.*

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

(The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.)

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds and then immediately deliver it to the people. All baptized, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive wine and bread – the real presence of Christ -- from the Lord’s table at the altar rail or the standing station near the pulpit.

(Cross your arms over your chest at the altar if you prefer not to receive the sacrament but would like to receive a blessing. Gluten-free bread is available upon request. Please let an usher know if you need communion brought to where you are seated.)

PRAYER CANDLE LIGHTING

After receiving communion, the congregation is invited to say a silent prayer of need or thanksgiving while lighting a candle and then placing it in the sand container at the front.

COMMUNION HYMN

HYMN 645

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

(Please stand or kneel, if able)

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

(The Priest blesses the people, saying)

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

HYMN 708

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

(Everyone invited into Brooke Hall for food and fellowship.)

Trinity Members in 89s Parade



**The Lissy
Family**



**Sabreana
with Sasha**

Weekly Announcements

Volunteers Needed

Trinity has an active outreach ministry that shares the love of God in Guthrie, and volunteers are always needed. Please support our community and school food pantries, Brunch on Noble, and our monthly worship services at The Harbor, a mental health group home, and at The Hope House, Guthrie's homeless shelter and addiction recovery group home. For more information or to volunteer, contact Senior Warden Linda Pruitt.

Women's Bible Study Resumes ~ April 28

Please join leader Amanda Friese as a new season of Bible study for the women of Trinity begins on April 28th. The study of the Book of James meets on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in Brooke Hall. All women are invited and encouraged to bring guests.

School Food Collection

Please bring non-perishable food to support Guthrie Public School's food pantry. Trinity's donations are distributed to the high school and neighboring Central Elementary to help feed children on weekends when cafeterias are closed.

Hope House ~ April 26

You're invited to Trinity's monthly worship service with Holy Communion at The Hope House, Guthrie's homeless shelter and addiction recovery group home, on the last Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to participate in Trinity's outreach ministry.

Trinity's Worship Services ~ Each Week

You are invited to worship at Trinity in our historic sanctuary each week: **Holy Eucharist** at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays, **Adult Forum** at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays, **Children's Sunday School** at 9:30 a.m., **Women's Bible Study** at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, and a **midweek prayer service** with Holy Eucharist at 12 noon on Wednesdays. Trinity has a rich history; it was the first organized Episcopal congregation in the Oklahoma Territory, founded in 1889, and is known as the Territorial Cathedral.

THANKSGIVINGS: **Happy Birthday:** Jenny Lissy (4/27)
Happy Anniversary:

FUTURE EVENTS:

May 3 – Fifth Sunday of Easter, 10:30 a.m., nave.

May 10 – Mother's Day; Sixth Sunday of Easter, 10:30 a.m., nave.

May 14 – Ascension Day, 9:30 a.m., Trinity courtyard.

May 24 – The Day of Pentecost.

May 31 – Trinity Sunday.



Good Shepherd Sunday and the Easter Season

During the Great Fifty Days of Easter, the Church rejoices in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and proclaims the victory of life over death. Easter is not only one day, but a whole season stretching from Easter Day through the Day of Pentecost. In this season, our worship is especially marked by joy, thanksgiving, and the repeated song of *Alleluia*. As the Easter Preface in the *Book of Common Prayer* says, Christ is “the true Paschal Lamb... By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.”

The **Fourth Sunday of Easter** is traditionally known as **Good Shepherd Sunday** because the Gospel reading always centers on Jesus as the shepherd of his people. In the Episcopal tradition, the collect appointed for this day prays: “O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads.” The appointed psalm is often **Psalm 23**, “The Lord is my shepherd,” deepening this theme of Christ’s loving care.

Good Shepherd Sunday reminds us that the risen Christ is not distant from us. He knows us, calls us by name, gathers us into one flock, and leads us into abundant life. In the Gospel readings for this Sunday, Jesus is revealed as the one who protects, guides, and lays down his life for the sheep (John 10). Coming in the midst of Eastertide, this image assures us that the resurrection is not only a past event, but a present reality: the living Christ continues to shepherd the Church today. Good Shepherd Sunday invites us to listen for Christ’s voice, trust his care, and follow where he leads.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY ~ APRIL 26

<i>Celebrant & Preacher</i>	<i>The Rev. Robby Trammell</i>
<i>Deacon</i>	<i>The Rev. Rocio Lopez</i>
<i>Diaconal Intern</i>	<i>Diane Fosmire</i>
<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Aaron Slover, Greg Mahle, & Pam Alltizer</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Terri Burks</i>
<i>Organist & Music Director</i>	<i>Brenda McCormack</i>
<i>Acolytes</i>	<i>Michael McCormack</i>
<i>Chalice Bearers</i>	<i>Pam Alltizer, Diane Fosmire & Michael McCormack</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Jody Noerdlinger & Terry Runnels</i>
<i>BC Committee</i>	<i>Pam Alltizer</i>
<i>Counters</i>	<i>Pam Alltizer & Jody Noerdlinger</i>
<i>Coffee, Food, & Fellowship</i>	<i>Holy Hospitality Ministry</i>

Celebrating 137 years of Ministry 1889-2026



SERVING NEXT SUNDAY ~ MAY 3

<i>Celebrant & Preacher</i>	<i>The Rev. Robby Trammell</i>
<i>Deacon</i>	<i>The Rev. Rocio Lopez</i>
<i>Diaconal Intern</i>	<i>Diane Fosmire</i>
<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Amanda Prentiss, Nathan Lorenz & Linda Pruitt</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Sabreena Burks</i>
<i>Organist & Music Director</i>	<i>Brenda McCormack</i>
<i>Acolytes</i>	<i>Michael McCormack</i>
<i>Chalice Bearers</i>	<i>Pam Alltizer, Diane Fosmire & Ann Klein</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Amanda Freise & Nathan Lorenz</i>
<i>BC Committee</i>	<i>Ann Klein & Linda Pruitt</i>
<i>Counters</i>	<i>Ann Klein & Harley Campbell</i>
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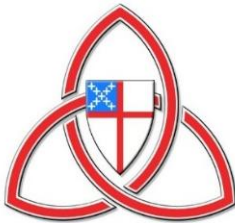


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9:30 a.m. ~ Children Sunday School & Adult Forum
10:30 a.m. ~ Sunday Holy Eucharist
12 noon ~ Wednesday Service with Holy Eucharist

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