



The Installation of Rev. Alex Sloter as Trinity's Senior Pastor will be held on Sunday, **May 3 at 2:00 p.m.** A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Please come welcome Pastor Alex and his family!

Please note that there will still be the regular 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday services on May 2 & 3. There will also be Sunday School and Adult Bible Class on May 3.

Meal Train

FOR PASTOR ALEX & FAMILY



Pastor Sloter and family will be moving to Faribault the weekend of May 3. We would like to supply some meals for them during their first week and as they are busy settling in. There is a sign up sheet on the information desk.

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CONNECTION SERVICE

April 26, 2026
10:30am

WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SONG

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"
LSB 709, sts. 1-6

(Please stand)

INVOCATION

P. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen

CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS

P. Almighty God, have mercy on us for Christ's sake.

C. Almighty God, I am unworthy of You and Your grace and mercy. I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. And I cannot free myself from this condition. Therefore, I take refuge in Your loving-kindness; and I ask for Your forgiveness. We ask for Your forgiveness.

P. Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake He forgives you. As a called and ordained servant of the Lord, and on His behalf, I say to you, "You are forgiven." In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

(Please sit)

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FIRST READING *Acts 2:42-47*

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

L. Here ends the first reading.

SECOND READING *1 Peter 2:19-25*

¹⁹This is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When 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. ²⁴He 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. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

L. Here ends the second reading.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL READING *John 10:1-10*

¹[Jesus said:] "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.

(Please sit)

TITHES & OFFERING

"Have No Fear, Little Flock"
(While the music is playing, please bring your offerings forward and place them in the plate.)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE SONG

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"
LSB 711, sts. 1-4

MESSAGE OF THE DAY

"THE ABUNDANT LIFE" (Text: John 10:1-10)
The Rev. John Meyer

(Please stand)

STATEMENT OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*

C. I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P. Together let us pray as our Lord Jesus taught us...
C. 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 forever and ever. Amen

BENEDICTION

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ + and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C. Amen.**

(Please sit)

CLOSING SONG *"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"*

LSB 740, sts. 1-3

P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!
C. Thanks be to God!

* * * **To God be the Glory** * * *