

Trinity Lutheran Church and School

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2026

The Mission of Trinity Lutheran Church is the preaching, teaching, baptizing and sharing the love of Christ in our church, our community and our world.



Welcome to Trinity!

We are so happy that you have joined us for worship this morning. We are a community of believers in Jesus Christ who seek to love God with all of our heart, with all of our mind, and with all of our soul. We have a deep desire that all would come to the saving knowledge of the truth of Jesus as Lord! We cordially invite you to worship with us every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and join us for Bible Class and Sunday School after church.

Pre-Service Music

The Prelude – Ringing of the Bells - Greeting

Please Stand

Confession and Absolution

L: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

L: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

L: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. So, then, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

LSB 743 sts. 1–3

I Jesus, priceless treasure,

Fount of purest pleasure,

Truest friend to me,

Ah, how long in anguish

Shall my spirit languish,

Yearning, Lord, for Thee?

Thou art mine,

O Lamb divine!

I will suffer naught to hide Thee;

Naught I ask beside Thee.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.



☐ And with thy spir - it.

L: Let us pray... Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



☐ A - men.

Please Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:14–21

¹⁴For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. ¹⁵I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. ¹⁶And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. ¹⁷They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, “You are our gods.” ¹⁸Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! ¹⁹Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD? ²⁰He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. ²¹The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness’ sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gradual

L: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

C: the founder and perfecter of our faith,

L: who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

C: and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Special Music

Trinity Choir

Children’s Message and Mighty Mites

John Kleiboeker

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 5:8–14

⁸For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

Holy Gospel

John 9:1–7, 13–17, 34–39

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter.



¹As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. . . . ¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” . . . ³⁴They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. ³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” ³⁷Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” ³⁸He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.



Please Sit

Hymn of the Day

Church of God, Elect and Glorious

LSB 646

I Church of God, elect and glorious,
Holy nation, chosen race;
Called as God’s own special people,
Royal priests and heirs of grace:
Know the purpose of your calling,
Show to all His mighty deeds;
Tell of love that knows no limits,
Grace that meets all human needs.

2 God has called you out of darkness
Into His most marv'ulous light;
Brought His truth to life within you,
Turned your blindness into sight.
Let your light so shine around you
That God's name is glorified
And all find fresh hope and purpose
In Christ Jesus crucified.

3 Once you were an alien people,
Strangers to God's heart of love;
But He brought you home in mercy,
Citizens of heav'n above.
Let His love flow out to others,
Let them feel a Father's care;
That they too may know His welcome
And His countless blessings share.

4 Church of God, elect and holy,
Be the people He intends;
Strong in faith and swift to answer
Each command your Master sends:
Royal priests, fulfill your calling
Through your sacrifice and prayer;
Give your lives in joyful service—
Sing His praise, His love declare.

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Sermon

Please Stand

Nicene Creed

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Offering and Offertory



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

P: Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

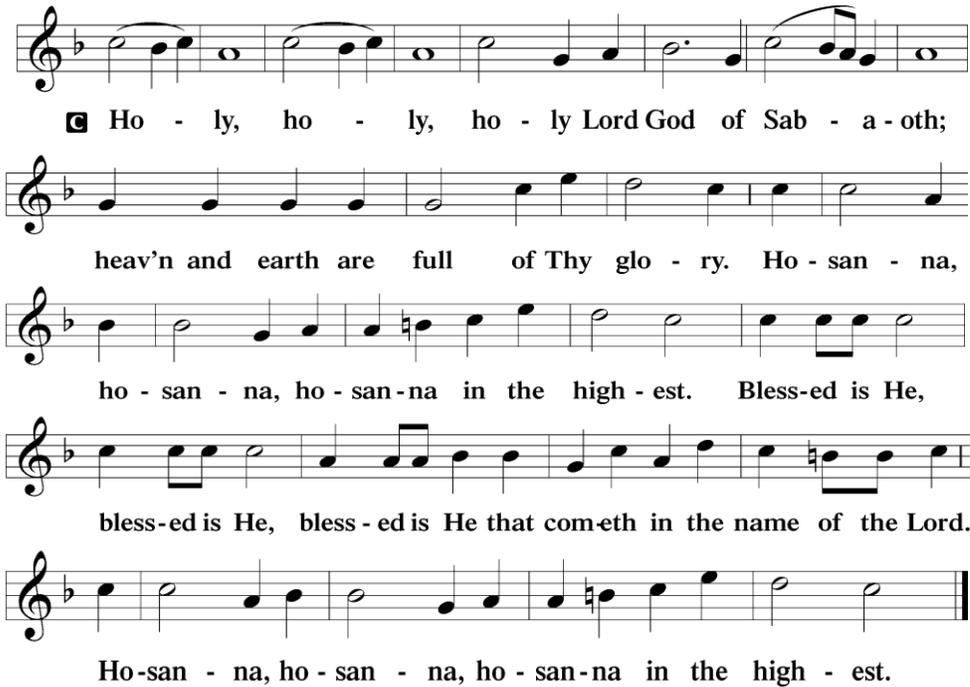


It is meet and right so to do.

Proper Preface

P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

P: 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
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Communion Confession 1 Cor. 10:17* Acts 2:42** 1 Cor. 11:23-32***

As a member of the LCMS, Trinity practices closed communion. If you are not a member of Trinity Church and desire communion please speak to Pastor or one of our Elders prior to the service. Individuals are welcome to come forward for a blessing with their arms crossed over their chest.

P: The Lord's Supper is God's gift for Christians who are properly taught. In communing, we want people to receive Christ's body and blood for their good. This means that as you come to the Lord's Table you affirm that Jesus is your Savior and Lord; and with Lutheran Christians (LSMS), you confess:

C: I recognize and confess that I am a sinner. I repent of my sin and ask God's forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan and death. I believe that the risen Christ is really present in the Sacrament, and under the form of the bread and wine, I receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of my sin and the strengthening of my faith and life.

The Words of our Lord

Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



☐ A - - - - - men.

Agnus Dei



☐ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - - - - - men.

Please Sit

Distribution and Distribution Hymns

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

- 1 When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.
- 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748 Text: Public domain

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1 My hope is built on nothing less
 Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
 No merit of my own I claim
 But wholly lean on Jesus' name. Refrain

ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
 All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,
 I rest on His unchanging grace;
 In ev'ry high and stormy gale
 My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain

3 His oath, His covenant and blood
 Support me in the raging flood;
 When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
 He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,
 Oh, may I then in Him be found,
 Clothed in His righteousness alone,
 Redeemed to stand before His throne! Refrain

Text: Edward Mote, 1797–1874, alt. Text: Public domain

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

1 Lord of glory, You have bought us
 With Your lifeblood as the price,
 Never grudging for the lost ones
 That tremendous sacrifice;
 And with that have freely given
 Blessings countless as the sand
 To the unthankful and the evil
 With Your own unsparing hand.

2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You
 Gladly, freely of Your own.
 With the sunshine of Your goodness
 Melt our thankless hearts of stone
 Till our cold and selfish natures,
 Warmed by You, at length believe
 That more happy and more blessed
 'Tis to give than to receive.

3 Wondrous honor You have given
To our humblest charity
In Your own mysterious sentence,
“You have done it all to Me.”
Can it be, O gracious Master,
That You deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Your poor and needy,
“Give as I have giv’n to you”?

4 Lord of glory, You have bought us
With Your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust You boldly,
Hope, to stay our souls on You;
But, oh, best of all Your graces,
With Your love our love renew.

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818–89, alt. Text: Public domain

1 When to Our World the Savior Came

1 When to our world the Savior came
The sick and helpless heard His name,
And in their weakness longed to see
The healing Christ of Galilee.

2 That good physician! Night and day
The people thronged about His way;
And wonder ran from soul to soul,
“The touch of Christ has made us whole!”

3 His praises then were heard and sung
By opened ears and loosened tongue,
While lightened eyes could see and know
The healing Christ of long ago.

4 Of long ago: yet living still,
Who died for us on Calv’ry’s hill;
Who triumphed over cross and grave,
His healing hands stretched forth to save.

5 His sov’rign purpose still remains
Who rose in pow’r, and lives and reigns;
Till ev’ry tongue confess His praise,
The healing Christ of all our days.

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Please Stand

Post Communion Blessing

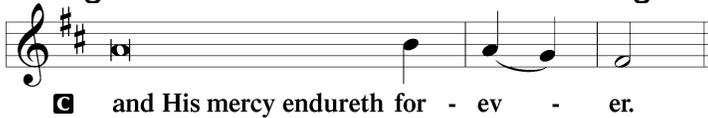
Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

P: Let us pray.

C: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

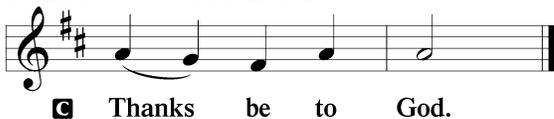
Salutation and Benedicamus

P: The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

P: Bless we the Lord.



Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



■ A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

LSB 743 sts. 4–6

4 Hence, all earthly treasure!

Jesus is my pleasure,

Jesus is my choice.

Hence, all empty glory!

Naught to me thy story

Told with tempting voice.

Pain or loss,

Or shame or cross,

Shall not from my Savior move me

Since He deigns to love me.

5 Evil world, I leave thee;

Thou canst not deceive me,

Thine appeal is vain.

Sin that once did blind me,

Get thee far behind me,

Come not forth again.

Past thy hour,

O pride and pow'r;

Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,

Leave thee now forever.

6 Hence, all fear and sadness!

For the Lord of gladness,

Jesus, enters in.

Those who love the Father,

Though the storms may gather,

Still have peace within.

Yea, whate'er

I here must bear,

Thou art still my purest pleasure,

Jesus, priceless treasure!

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COMMUNION CONFESSIONS SCRIPTURES

*“ Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.”

**“And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

***“ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁵In the same way, also he took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. ²⁷Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.²⁹For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.³¹ But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. ³²But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.”

THOSE TO REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Health- Joan Haines, Emma Conklin, RoseMarie Dieckhoff, Dana Robb, Delphine Lehde Mullan, Kathleen Mueller, Erin Hunt, Jim Bracht, Alyssa Parrigon, Tess Holle, Dick Highfill, David Tunnell, Karen Schmedeke, Don Schmedeke, Karen Miller, Baby Reed Fuemmeler, Lois Gaddy, Robbie Krueger, Grace Doss, Stephen Schoen, Debbie Schoen, Orville Meyer, David Holle, Mark Fellwock, Janet McBride, John McBride

Anniversaries- Michael & Renee' Tettenhorst are celebrating 40 years of marriage on March 15.

Remembering our Seasoned Saints (80+ years old)- Mary Ann Daugherty, Wayne Fritz, Marjorie Harris, Karen Kleiboeker, Orville Meyer, Don Schmedeke, Blake Stanford

Families of the Week- David Spree family, Allene Spree, Blake Stanford, Jessica Stangl family, Susan Stark, Barb Steinberg, Dennis Stellwagen, Nellie Stellwagen, Brad Stewart family, Tyler Stewart family, Marc Stocker family, Ryan Stockton family

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Altar Flowers are given by Bonnie Worm, thanking God for his many blessings and dedicated to the glory of God.

Self Service Nursery is available in the chapel for families with children. Toys and Supplies are in the cabinet. Ask an usher for assistance.

Hearing assistance receivers are available.

Please ask an usher.

Lap Robes are in the black cabinet in the narthex and bell tower. Please ask an Usher or Elder for assistance if needed.

For Altar Flowers- contact the Church Office.

Assisting in Today's Service

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Elder:	Drew Meier
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