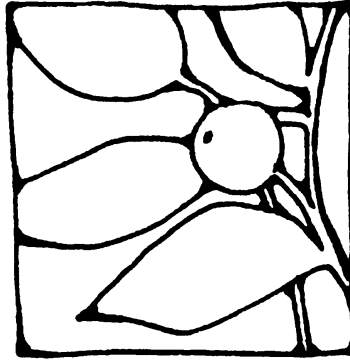
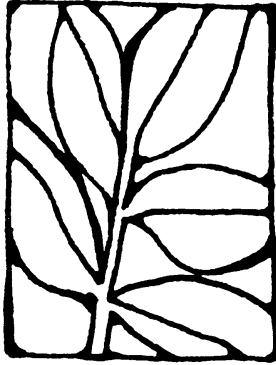
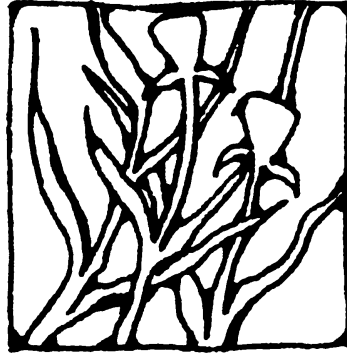
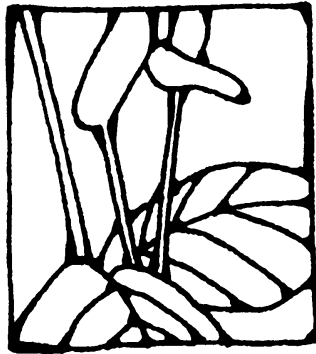


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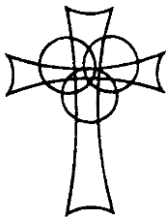
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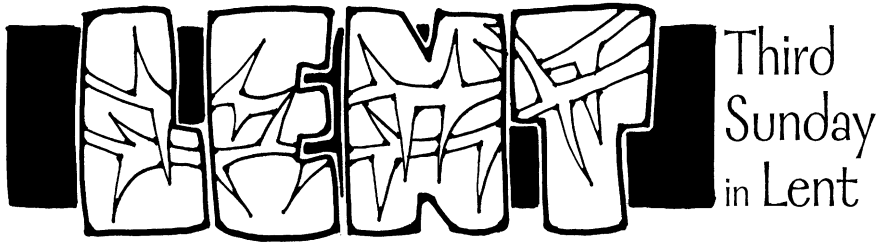
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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

The Pastor and People of Trinity Lutheran are glad that you are joining us in worship today. During this Lenten Season we remember and recall the great acts of love which Christ Jesus our Lord worked out for us to free us from the power of sin, death and the devil. We pray that as you worship this morning you will discover or rediscover the love that God in Jesus has for you.

PRAYER UPON ENTERING WORSHIP

Eternal God, Your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of Your Son. Help us to hear Your Word and obey it, and bring Your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CONCERNING HOLY COMMUNION

Lutherans believe that in this Sacrament the very Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ are present in, with, and under the physical elements of bread and wine. And this Sacrament is distributed to the Baptized of the Church who believe in the Presence of Christ in the Sacrament, sincerely repent of their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this Holy Meal. Those who are present at this celebration who are baptized, have been instructed in the meaning of this Supper, and believe likewise are welcome to commune with us at this Altar today. Anyone who desires, child or adult, may come forward to receive a blessing.

Persons who have questions about what Lutherans believe or have any spiritual concerns are asked to speak with an Usher so that they can direct you to the Pastor so that you may speak with him before communing.



The Divine Service of Word and Sacrament in the Season of Lent

Divine Service, Setting Four
Lutheran Service Book, Page 203ff

✘ *In the Name of Jesus Christ* ✘

✘ **The Preparation** ✘

The Prelude

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 809

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is Thy faith-ful-ness! Great is Thy faith-ful-ness!

Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see;

All I have need-ed Thy hand hath pro-vid-ed;

Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

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The Invocation:

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

The Confession of Sins and Absolution:

- P** Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P** Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

The Introit of the Day

Psalm 5:4-8; antiphon: Psalm 1:6

P For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

C For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;
evil may not dwell with you.

P The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;
you hate all evildoers.

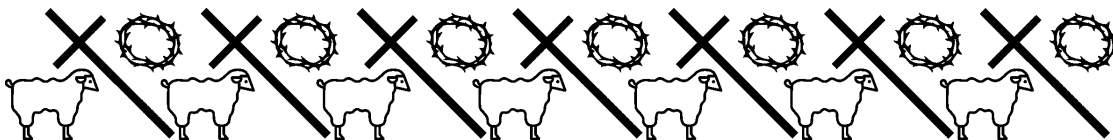
C You destroy those who speak lies;
the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

P But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.
I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.

C Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies;
make your way straight before me.

C 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.

P For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.




The Kyrie Eleison Hymn:

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 945


“Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved”

Cantor




1 O God, Father in heav - en, have mer - cy up - on us.
 2 O Son of God, Redeemer of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
 3 O God, Holy Spir - it, have mer - cy up - on us.


Congregation



Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, By ev - 'ry
 Your arms ex - tend, O Christ, to save From sting of
 O lav - ish Giv - er, come to aid The fee - ble



e - vil, ev - 'ry woe; Up - on Your cross - for -
 death and grasp of grave; Your scars be - fore the
 child Your grace has made. Now make us grow and



sak - en Son Our death is laid, and peace is won.
 Fa - ther move His heart to mer - cy at such love.
 help us pray; Bring joy and com - fort; come to stay.

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The Salutation and Collect of the Day:

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Congregation is seated.

The Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-20

⁷“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

¹⁰“And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, Thus have you said: ‘Surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ ¹¹Say to them, As I live, declares the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

¹²“And you, son of man, say to your people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins. ¹³Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. ¹⁴Again, though I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, ¹⁵if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

¹⁷“Yet your people say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just,’ when it is their own way that is not just. ¹⁸When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. ¹⁹And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by them. ²⁰Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



The Epistle

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

¹I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.” ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. ¹¹Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹²Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

The Congregation rises.

The Gradual and Verse:

Hebrews 12:2 and 2 Peter 3:9b, c

P [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,

C **who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

P [The Lord] is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish,

C **but that all should reach repentance.**

The Holy Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹There were some present at that very time who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. ⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”

⁶And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ ⁸And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

The 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.

The Congregation is seated.

The Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 756

“Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me”



1 Why should cross and tri - al grieve me? Christ is near
 2 When life's trou - bles rise to meet me, Though their weight
 3 God gives me my days of glad - ness, And I will
 4 From God's joy can noth - ing sev - er, For I am
 5 Now in Christ, death can - not slay me, Though it might,



With His cheer; Nev - er will He leave me.
 May be great, They will not de - feat me.
 Trust Him still When He sends me sad - ness.
 His dear lamb, He, my Shep - herd ev - er.
 Day and night, Trou - ble and dis - may me.



Who can rob me of the heav - en That God's Son
 God, my lov - ing Sav - ior, sends them; He who knows
 God is good; His love at - tends me Day by day,
 I am His be - cause He gave me His own blood
 Christ has made my death a por - tal From the strife



For me won When His life was giv - en?
 All my woes Knows how best to end them.
 Come what may, Guides me and de - fends me.
 For my good, By His death to save me.
 Of this life To His joy im - mor - tal!

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76; (sts. 1–3): tr. Christian Worship, 1993; (sts. 4–5): tr. Stephen P. Starke, 1955

Tune: Johann G. Ebeling, 1637–76

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The Sermon

So, You Think You Have It Bad?

Text: Luke 13:1-9

The Congregation rises.

The Prayer of the Church:

- P** People loved by God, let us come before our Father's throne of grace with confidence through our Lord Jesus and, in the power of His Spirit, ask His mercy for all in need.
- P** Merciful Father, Your salvation is near to those who fear You. Look in kindness upon Your whole Church and pour out on Your family the gift of repentance that all Your children might be given grace continually to heed Your Word, turn from sin and find forgiveness and life in Your Son. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Giver of salvation, remember all those who serve Your Church, especially our Synod President, Matthew, and our District President, William, together with all pastors, deaconesses, teachers, missionaries, and servants of the Church. Give them courage to speak Your saving Word fearlessly that it may do its mighty work by Your Spirit's power. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Kind and loving Lord, look in mercy upon Trinity and Mekane Yesus congregations. Remove all hypocrisy from us and strengthen all our members that we may be living witnesses to Your gift of eternal life in our homes, at work and at play. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Mighty Monarch of our days, to You we commend all who have been entrusted with authority in our land, and all who serve in our armed forces. Grant them integrity and honor in all they undertake and guide them into paths that are pleasing to You. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Holy One, You tell us in Your Word that You do not willingly afflict the sons of men. Hear our prayers for all Your children who are suffering or in need, the lonely and afflicted, and especially Your servants, _____. Comfort troubled hearts with the promises of Your Word, surround them with Your angels to protect them in body and soul, and grant them a happy release from their afflictions according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Faithful God, You do not allow us to be tempted beyond what we can bear, but in trial You always provide the way of escape for us to bear it. Remember in pity all those whose faith is put to the test, who struggle with addictions, who feel abandoned. Open the eyes of their spirit to sense You near them and let them find in Your Word and Sacrament the relief for which they beg. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Generous Father, Your hand is open to bless us and to satisfy our desires. Be with _____, with all those who rejoice in Your mercies shown to them. Give all Your people glad hearts which realize Your goodness and that are moved always to praise You, the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Comforting Father, You are present with us to give us Your gift of peace so that as we grieve for those who have died, we do not grieve as those who have no hope. Comfort [_____ and] all who mourn with the promises of Your presence now and a future reunion of all baptized believers in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Loving Father, Your ears are ever open to the cries of Your children in their need. Hear the prayers of Your people offered to You for _____ and all those whom we name before You in the silence of our hearts ... Listen, we pray, to all of these our petitions and grant them in love according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Father of our Lord Jesus, Your Son has prepared for His family a feast, that we might not grow weary in the struggle, or despair of Your mercy, but find constant renewal. Grant to all who come to the holy altar this day repentant hearts and firm trust in the promise of the Savior, that here they will receive with His Body and Blood, the forgiveness of all sins and the gift of a life that death cannot take away. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** King of the saints, we give You thanks for the Blessed Virgin Mary and all of Your faithful people who have lived and died trusting Jesus. Teach us to emulate their faith and good works, that with them we may at last come to share in the eternal joys of heaven's life. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

The Sharing of the Peace:

- P** Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to His grace.
The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** **And also with you.**

The Congregation is seated.

✠ **The Service of the Sacrament** ✠

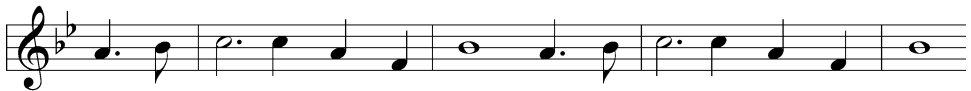
The Hymn of Preparation

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 761

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee;
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands Can ful - fill Thy Law's de-mands;
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; Sim - ply to Thy cross I cling.
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, When mine eye - lids close in death,



Let the wa - ter and the blood, From Thy riv - en side which flowed,
 Could my zeal no res - pite know, Could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to Thee for dress; Help - less, look to Thee for grace;
 When I soar to worlds un - known, See Thee on Thy judg - ment throne,



Be of sin the dou - ble cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 All for sin could not a - tone; Thou must save, and Thou a - lone.
 Foul, I to the foun - tain fly; Wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, Let me hide my - self in Thee.

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The Congregation rises.

The Preface Dialogue:

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

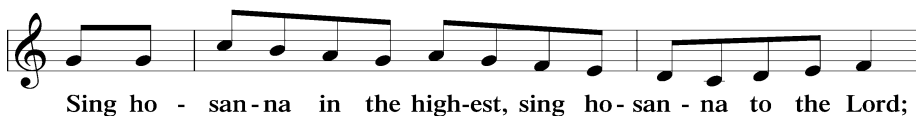
P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

The *Sanctus*:

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer:

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many. As we eat and drink His Body and Blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Hear us as we pray in His Name and as He has 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.**

The Words of Our Lord:

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ Body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ Blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The *Pax Domini*:

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**



The Agnus Dei:

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 You take the sin of the world a - way;
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

The Congregation is seated.

The Distribution of Holy Communion

Holy Communion is celebrated in this place in the joyful confidence that Jesus Christ Himself comes to us to give us in bread and wine His very Body and Blood to offer to us the forgiveness of sins. All Baptized Christians who have been instructed in the meaning of this Sacrament and confess with us Christ's Real Presence in this Holy Meal are welcome to commune with us at this Altar. A fuller explanation of what Lutherans believe concerning Holy Communion may be found on page one of this worship folder.

Holy Communion is distributed to the congregation at the chancel rail. Please follow the direction of the ushers to make your way to the Altar. You may kneel or stand as you feel comfortable. The Sacrament is distributed in the following manner...Please extend your hand to the assistant to receive the Body of Christ. Christ's Blood may be received in one of two ways, using that which you feel most comfortable: 1) individual cups containing wine and white grape juice will be offered by the Pastor, or 2) drinking from the chalice. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

The Distribution Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 421

“Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing”



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing In Your ho - ly
 2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion Fas - ci - nate my
 3 If the world my heart en - tic - es With the broad and
 4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me By Your wounds, Lord,
 5 O my God, my rock and tow - er, Grant that in Your



wounds I find, Ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing Pains of
 sin - ful mind, Draw me to Your cross and pas - sion, And new
 eas - y road, With se - duc - tive, sin - ful vi - ces, Let me
 is made whole; When I'm faint, Your cross re - vives me, Grant - ing
 death I trust, Know - ing death has lost its pow - er Since You



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in
 cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,
 weigh the aw - ful load You were will - ing to en - dure.
 new life to my soul. Yes, Your com - fort ren - ders sweet
 crushed it in the dust. Sav - ior, let Your ag - o - ny



Tempt my treach - 'rous heart to sin, Show the per - il, and from
 Let me then be on my guard, Say - ing, “Christ for me was
 Help me flee all thoughts im - pure And to mas - ter each temp -
 Ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; For Your all - a - ton - ing
 Ev - er help and com - fort me; When I die be my pro -



sin - ning Keep me from its first be - gin - ning.
 wound - ed,” That the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.
 ta - tion, Calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.
 pas - sion Has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.
 tec - tion, Light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. composite, alt.

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The Congregation rises.

The Post-Communion Hymn:

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 692

“Praise to You and Adoration”

1 Praise to You and ad - o - ra - tion, Bless - ed Je - sus,
 2 Hold me ev - er in Your keep - ing; Com - fort me in

Son of God, Who, to serve Your own cre - a - tion, Came to
 pain and strife. In my laugh - ter and my weep - ing Be with

share our flesh and blood. Guide me that I nev - er may
 me through - out my life. Give me great - er love for You,

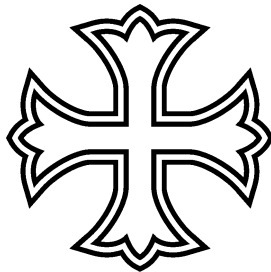
From Your fold or pas - tures stray, But with zeal and
 And my faith and hope re - new In Your birth, Your

joy ex - ceed - ing Fol - low where Your steps are lead - ing.
 life, and pas - sion, In Your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634–1703; (st. 1): tr. Kristen Kvamme, 1866–1938, alt.; (st. 2): tr. Christian Worship, 1993

Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, 1551, Geneva, ed. Louis Bourgeois

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The Thanksgiving and Post-Communion Prayer:

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup:
C **We proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.**

- P** Let us pray.
We give You thanks, almighty and merciful God, that You have refreshed us with Your Holy Sacrament; and we beseech You to strengthen us in the confidence that by the death of Your Son, which we show forth in this Eucharist, You have given Your people everlasting life; for the sake of the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

The *Benedicamus* and Benediction:

- P** Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**
- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
C **Amen.**



The Hymn to Depart

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 824

“May God Bestow on Us His Grace”



1 May God be - stow on us His grace, With bless - ings rich pro -
 2 Thine o - ver all shall be the praise And thanks of ev - 'ry
 △ 3 O let the peo - ple praise Thy worth, In all good works in -



vide us; And may the bright - ness of His face
 na - tion; And all the world with joy shall raise
 creas - ing; The land shall plen - teous fruit bring forth,



To life e - ter - nal guide us, That we His sav - ing
 The voice of ex - ul - ta - tion. For Thou shalt judge the
 Thy Word is rich in bless - ing, May God the Fa - ther,



health may know, His gra - cious will and plea - sure,
 earth, O Lord, Nor suf - fer sin to flour - ish;
 God the Son, And God the Spir - it bless us!



And al - so to the na - tions show Christ's rich - es with - out
 Thy peo - ple's pas - ture is Thy Word Their souls to feed and
 Let all the world praise Him a - lone, Let sol - emn awe pos -



mea - sure And un - to God con - vert them.
 nour - ish, In righ - teous paths to keep them.
 sess us. Now let our hearts say, “A - men!”

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“May God Bestow on Us His Grace”

✠ *To God Be All Praise and Glory!* ✠

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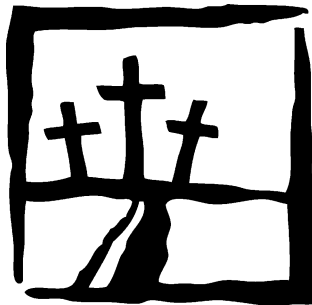
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THOSE WHO SERVE US THIS MORNING IN WORSHIP

The Celebrant & Preacher
The Lector
The Communion Assistant
The Worship Assistant
The Parish Musician

The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel
Waymond Joynes
Helen Joynes
Helen Joynes
Skip Hall



NOTES AND NEWS

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS ... Copies of the *Lutheran Service Book* in Large Print are available for use during worship for those who may have need of them. You may find them on the literature table at the rear of the sanctuary, and please return them there following the service.

KEEPING LENT TOGETHER ... As we continue to journey with the Lord in this Lenten Season, you are invited to keep these sacred days through prayer, meditation, study and hearing God's Word, and acts of charity and self-denial as we remember and give thanks for our Lord Jesus and His Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

Midweek Lenten Services ... We continue our tradition of offering Midweek Lenten Services again this year on each of the Wednesdays in the Lenten Season (March 26 and April 2 & 9). Our weekly services will use a spoken order of the Office of Vespers with Sermon. The theme of this year's Lenten preaching is "Jesus—Servant, Savior, Friend", which is also the theme of our Lenten Devotional. A full schedule of this year's Lenten Worship can be found by visiting our church website: tlcmr.org.

Lenten Suppers ... Also, we are again offering a light meal before the Lenten Services for the convenience of those who are coming directly from work and for all those who would like to share in a time of food and fellowship together. The meals will begin at 6:00 PM. Questions about the suppers can be made to Carole Dingess.

Lenten Devotional Materials ... are still available in limited quantities on the literature table in the rear of the sanctuary.

PORTALS OF PRAYER ... Copies of the April-June 2025 edition of our church's daily devotional guide can be picked up from the literature table at the rear of the sanctuary, and both regular and large print versions are available.

EASTER FLOWERS ... The Trinity Family is invited to make donations towards beautifying our Lord's Altar and church home with lilies for our Easter celebrations. Order forms are available on the literature table in the rear of the sanctuary for you to place your order and to give information regarding any dedication you would like to have made for your gift in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Orders can be placed until **Palm Sunday, April 13th**.

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THRIVENT? ... If you are a policy holder or have a financial product through Thrivent, you may also have Choice Dollars® available to designate to support the work of churches and non-profits, including our own Trinity Congregation. Thrivent Choice® empowers you to influence where some of Thrivent's yearly grant funds go. To date, more than \$600 million has been distributed to churches and nonprofits nationwide. Login to your account on thrivent.com to see if you are able to donate in this way and to find out what organizations you can support. If you have any questions, please contact your Thrivent Financial Associate. **You have until March 31st to designate your 2024 Choice Dollars®.**

CROP WALK ... It's time to start our fundraising for CROP Walk, an effort to eradicate hunger both locally and globally! If you would like to become a walker or donate to another walker, you can do so online here:

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/trinity-lutheran-mt-rainier-md>.

(The link is also available on the home page of Trinity's website.)

Important dates:

- Franklin's Fundraiser: all day on Tuesday, April 8th. Includes bar, restaurant, and store
- CROP Walk: 1-4pm, Sunday May 4th, tentatively at Driskell Park in Hyattsville

Please reach out to Sarah Lydia McCoyer (slmccoyer@gmail.com) with questions.

OUR PRAYER LIST ... We are pleased to have an active ministry of prayer among us, attested by the weekly "O Christ, Hear Us" page in the bulletin, inviting us all to remember these persons and needs in our prayer during worship at Trinity and in our own personal prayers during the week. We kindly ask you to also help us keep this list current and up to date by letting us know of any changes or deletions which need to be made. To do this please contact Pastor or the church office with a note that can be placed in the offering basket at church, or with an email.

ALTAR FLOWERS ... The flower chart for **2025** is now available for you to donate floral arrangements to adorn the Lord's Altar in honor of special occasions or in memory of loved ones. The chart can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. The donation for a single arrangement is now **\$50.00**, the increase owing mainly to delivery charges. If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email (trinity-elc-office@verizon.net).

LUTHERAN RADIO ONLINE AND ON THE AIR FOR YOU THIS WEEK:

KFUO Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on **KFUO.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @**KFUOradio** on [Facebook](#), [X](#), and [Instagram](#).

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. ET) we wrap up the book of 1 Samuel and begin 2 Samuel! Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 12:00 p.m. ET) as we continue our study of Hebrews, covering chapters 7-9. Sharathon 2025 is next week! From April 3rd-5th, join us for special programming, fun giveaways, and a chance to make a difference by supporting the mission and ministry of KFUE Radio! To learn more, visit: kfuo.org/sharathon.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR ... God gets angry at sin, but behind that anger, God is love. We believe this only because of Jesus. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, March 30, 2025, for a message from Lutheran Hour Speaker, the Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, "The Difference Between Anger and Contempt", locally on WFAX 1220 AM or 100.7 FM at 11:00 AM and 10:00 PM, as well as at 5:00 AM and 6:00 PM on Saturdays. If you are out of the radio station's range you may listen online to WFAX worldwide at WFAX.com. The Lutheran Hour can also be heard online on KFUE.org on Sundays at 12:30 PM and 5:00 PM. For more information on this media ministry, or to listen to messages on demand, visit the Lutheran Hour Ministries website at lhm.org, under "Media" and "The Lutheran Hour".

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS ... In our weekly Prayer of the Church, the final petition is dedicated to all of the Faithful Departed who are now with the Lord and a part of the Church Triumphant. As a part of this remembrance, we recall by name the saints who are on the calendar of Feasts, Festivals, and Commemorations of our church and remembered during the current week. Some have asked for more information about these saints; so, biographies for each saint, along with a prayer and suggested Scripture readings, are now available for you on our church website.

THIS WEEK'S FEAST ...

March 25 **The Annunciation of Our Lord**

Visit <http://tlcmr.org/worship/celebrating-the-saints/> where you can learn more about the cycle of saints' days on the church calendar and find the biographies for each saint listed by month.

COMPASSION CENTER NEWS... Our Compassion Center is open and is serving members of our community with their needs for food and clothing. If you are able to volunteer during the Center's open hours, please contact Elma. Thank you all for your continued help and support and prayers.

In an effort to keep the cupboards full at the Compassion Center during this ongoing time of need in our community, we will continue to need your generous donations of food. All non-perishable foods are welcome, and especially needed items include:

Peanut Butter; Pasta; Pasta Sauce; Macaroni & Cheese; Canned Tuna and Chicken; Canned Fruit; Soup.

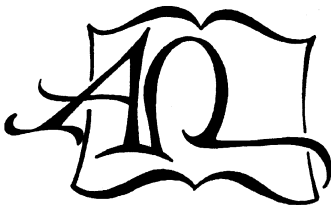
Clothing donations are also welcome. There is a need for boys' and men's clothing, especially pants.

There is also a need for diapers, especially sizes 4, 5, and 6.

Donations can be dropped off at the Center during Center hours. And you can also leave your donations at church, and we will make sure that they are delivered to the Compassion Center. Thank you for your loving and generous support.

Center Hours: Mondays & Tuesdays: 10 AM – 4 PM
Wednesdays: 10 AM – 2 PM

Elma Pervaiz, Coordinator, LMS Compassion Center, Hyattsville, MD
Center Phone Number: 301-277-2302, ext. 23



PREPARING FOR THE COMING WEEK ...

The Fourth Wednesday of Lent: March 26, 2025

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 41:8-11

Hebrews 12:1-3

Matthew 8:5-13

The Fourth Sunday in Lent: March 30, 2025

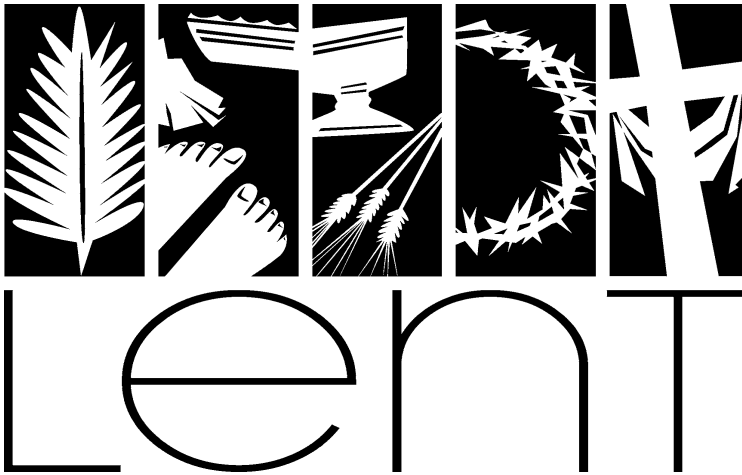
Scripture Readings: Isaiah 12:1-6

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 23 – 30
May Be Subject to Change

Today	<i>The Third Sunday in Lent</i>
	9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	12:00 PM EECMYM Worship (at church in person)
Monday	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open
Tuesday	9:00 AM – Noon Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM Compassion Center Open
Wednesday	<i>The Fourth Wednesday of Lent</i>
	9:00 AM – Noon Church Office Open
	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Compassion Center Open
	6:00 PM Fellowship Supper
	7:00 PM Lenten Vespers
Thursday	9:00 AM – Noon Church Office Open
Next Sunday	<i>The Fourth Sunday in Lent: Laetare – Rejoice - Sunday</i>
	9:30 AM Worship with Holy Communion (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
	10:45 AM Trinity Singers Rehearsal
	12:00 PM EECMYM Worship (at church in person)



CHURCH STATISTICS



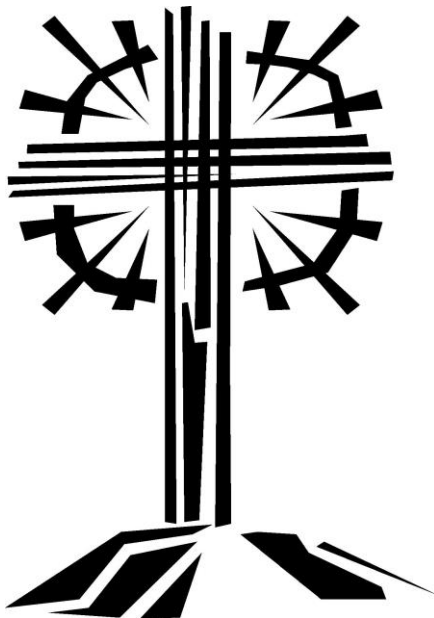
Sunday, March 16, 2025
Worship Attendance: 18; Communed: 17.

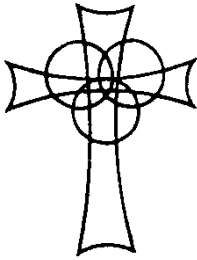
Wednesday, March 19, 2025
Worship Attendance: 10.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR FEBRUARY 2025:

General Offerings received (4 Sundays): \$9,263
General Offerings needed to meet the 2025 budget: \$11,951
Withdrawals from Thrivent (money market): \$0
Remaining Balance in Thrivent mutual funds (as of 12/31/24):\$53,298

For January and February combined, we're about \$6,500 behind in the offerings we need to meet the budget for the year, which includes the sidewalk repairs. We have, however, received \$1,105 in special donations for the sidewalk project, which offsets part of the \$6,500 shortfall. Many thanks for all your support!





✠ **O Christ, Hear Us!** ✠

Intercessions for the Week of March 23, 2025

Prayers for Continued Healing and Help

For Members of Our Trinity Family:

John, Delores, Julie & Kenny, Diane, Travis, Waymond, August, David, Tracy, Ernie, Paul, and Angela

For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:

Luke, grandson of Charlie & Jean; Betty, mother of Helen;
Susan, relative of Gus & Betty; Britnany, niece of Lynda; Juliet, mother of Ras-I;
Linda, daughter of Gus & Betty; Dennis & Caron, former Concordia School Teachers;
Jari, former Concordia Teacher; Catelyn, step-granddaughter of Ernie;
Nathan, son of Art; Bernie, friend of Trinity; Robin, daughter of Vincent & Tracy;
Doris, mother of Vincent; Orbelina & Family, mother of former Concordia Students;
Phillip & Amanda and Family, friends of Michelle; Kay & Bob, relatives of Carole;
Kumar, co-worker's spouse of Joyce; Craig, husband of Edith; Virginia, mother of Sam;
Steve, father-in-law of Michelle; Denise, fiancée of Mark; Lori, friend of Carole;
Aidan & Family, friends of Joyce; Raymond, brother of Joy;
Nancy & Family, sister of Vincent; Daniel, friend of Cullen; Donald, friend of Cullen;
Mr. Emanuel, husband of Shelda; Mary, former Concordia Teacher;
Laura, granddaughter of Gus & Betty; Jim, friend of Michelle;
Millie, co-worker of Joyce; Dale, son of Gus; Daisy Jane, daughter of Kyle & Samantha

Thanksgivings and Blessings

David Peele, who celebrates his birthday this week.

Kevin & Stacey Hagedorn, who celebrate their wedding anniversary this week.

We Keep In Our Prayers

- ✠ Our Trinity family, our ministries, and our mission.
- ✠ Pastor Gugssa Biru and the people of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus in Maryland.
- ✠ For the Lord to continue to move the hearts of our Trinity Members to a deeper realization of our part in His mission to the world and to be *Ablaze!* with a desire to tell the Good News about Jesus with those whom we come into contact in our lives.
- ✠ For the work of our Compassion Center, for Elma Pervaiz, our center coordinator, and for Redeemer Lutheran and the Lutheran Mission Society, our mission partners.

- ✘ For our brothers and sisters in Christ who suffer persecution for the faith and Name of Jesus, even to the point of shedding their blood.
- ✘ For peace in our world, especially in those places that are affected by war, oppression, or acts of terror.
- ✘ Our government leaders, and for the members of our armed forces.
- ✘ For all those affected and recovering from the effects of natural disasters.
- ✘ For peace and reconciliation that brings an end to racism and bigotry in our nation and world.
- ✘ For calm, civility, and peace in our nation's political and social discourse.
- ✘ For peace in our neighborhoods and for an end to violence.
- ✘ For the students, teachers, and staff in our educational institutions.
- ✘ For all those we know who are sick, who grieve, and who are in any need of prayer.



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Sunday Mornings:
Worship with Holy Communion – 9:30 AM

Midweeks in Lent:
Lenten Worship
Wednesday Evenings – 7:00 PM

*Worship Services are livestreamed on Facebook Live
For more information, please visit the church website.*

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The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel, Pastor



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