

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
Mount Rainier, Maryland

The Sacred Season of Lent
2026



Returning to the Waters

***Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into
Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?***

***We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death,
in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of
the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.***

Romans 6:3-4

Each year, the Season of Lent brings us the opportunity to renew ourselves in our life of faith, reminding us of the central teaching of Scripture that Jesus Christ came to suffer, die, and rise again to save sinners and give them eternal life. And as we remember what our Savior accomplished for us, we also are given this moment to reflect deeply upon the event in our own lives where we came to share in Christ's death and resurrection for us: our Baptism.

This is why the Church has always seen the Season of Lent as a baptismal time. Whether converts were being prepared to receive this Sacrament at Easter, or long-time believers were called upon to renew themselves in their Baptismal promises, all of God's people are reminded that it is in Baptism we are called as God's own forever and raised up to live in His life both here on earth as we look forward to that eternity with Him which is prepared for us.

In this sacred season, we will let the words of some of the Old Testament's "water stories", most of them used at the Great Vigil of Easter, to call us back to the waters of Baptism to renew us in the life which our Savior Jesus has given to us and be moved to continue to walk in that New Life which is ours in and with Him.



Lenten Midweek Worship at Trinity 2026

*Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 PM
Services can be attended either
In-Person at Trinity or by Livestream
on the church's Facebook Page*

Ash Wednesday: The First Day of Lent – February 18, 2026

Divine Service with Confession and the Imposition of Ashes, and the celebration of Holy Communion

Continual Repentance, Continual Forgiveness – Mark 1:14-15

The Second Wednesday of Lent – February 25, 2026

Lenten Vespers

Recreating Waters – Genesis 1:1-13

The Third Wednesday of Lent – March 4, 2026

Lenten Vespers

Preserving Waters – Genesis 7:1-24

The Fourth Wednesday of Lent – March 11, 2026

Lenten Vespers

Rescuing Waters – Exodus 14:10-31

The Fifth Wednesday of Lent – March 18, 2026

Lenten Vespers

Providing Waters – Exodus 17:1-7

The Sixth Wednesday of Lent – March 25, 2026

The Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord

Lenten Vespers

Welcoming Waters – Joshua 3:1-17

**Lord's Day Worship
during the Lenten Season
at Trinity
2026**



*Sunday Mornings at 9:30 AM
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Sundays are the Christians' weekly observance of Easter, and so they are always celebrations of the Resurrection. This is why we refer to the Sundays during Lent as being "in" Lent; a time for a glimpse of Easter's joy even in the midst of this penitential season. Especially this year, the Sunday Gospel readings point us to the waters of Baptism, helping us as the people of God to remember the call to life given in Baptism which has made us His own forever.

The First Sunday in Lent – February 22, 2026

Divine Service of Word and Sacrament

"Do You Renounce the Devil?" – Matthew 4:1-11

The Second Sunday in Lent – March 1, 2026

Divine Service of Word and Sacrament

Born from Above – John 3:1-17

The Third Sunday in Lent – March 8, 2026

Divine Service of Word and Sacrament

Grace at High Noon – John 4:5-30, 39-42

The Fourth Sunday in Lent: *Laetare Sunday* – March 15, 2026

Divine Service of Word and Sacrament

Sent to the Waters – John 9:1-41

The Fifth Sunday in Lent – March 22, 2026

Divine Service of Word and Sacrament

Dead, Alive, and Alive Forevermore – John 11:1-53



The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
March 29, 2026 – 9:30 AM

The Liturgy of Palm Sunday with the Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem, Solemn Reading of the Passion according to Saint Matthew, and the celebration of Holy Communion
A Strange Baptism – Luke 12:49-50

Holy (Maundy) Thursday
April 2, 2026 – 7:00 PM

The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday with Confession and Absolution, the celebration of Holy Communion on the anniversary of its institution, and the Solemn Preparation of the Church for Good Friday
Blood Marked – Hebrews 9:11-22

Good Friday
April 3, 2026 – 7:00 PM

The Liturgy of Good Friday with the Adoration of the Cross, the Solemn Reading of the Passion according to Saint John, and the Solemn Prayers for the Church and the World
Water as Thick as Blood – John 19:31-37

The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day
April 5, 2026 – 9:30 AM

The Festival Divine Service with Hymns, Special Music, the Renewal of Baptismal Vows, and the celebration of Holy Communion
Risen with Christ – Colossians 3:1-4