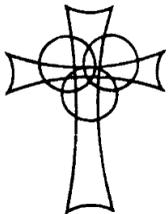


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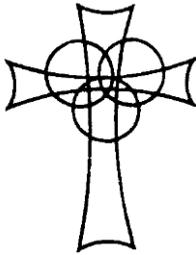
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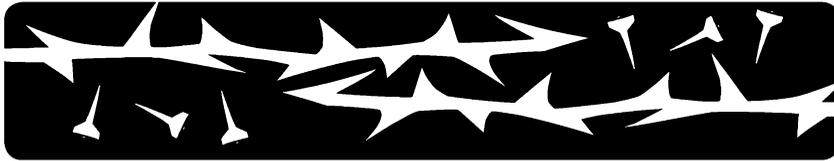


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**Second
Sunday
In Lent**

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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

O God, our Leader and Guide, in the waters of baptism You bring us to new birth to live as Your children. Strengthen our faith in Your promises, that by Your Spirit we may lift up Your life to all the world through Your Son, 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 Flute & Piano Prelude

“How Beautiful”

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 915

“Today Your Mercy Calls Us”



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre-cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
 A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
 Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
 We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

Text: Oswald Allen, 1816–78, alt.

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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 105:4-7; antiphon: verse 8

- P** He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.
- C** **Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!**
- P** Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,
- C** **O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**
- P** He is the LORD our God;
his judgments are in all the earth.
- 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** He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.



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.

Text: Juraj Tranovský, 1591–1637; tr. Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1919–2008

Tune: ZMÁME TO, PANE BOŽE NÁŽ, Cithara Sanctorum, 1636, Levoca

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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, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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

Genesis 12:1-9

¹The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

¹What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;

⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” ...

¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Trinity Singers

“I Know the Lord’s Laid His Hands on Me”

The Congregation rises.

The Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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 # 596

“All Christians Who Have Been Baptized”



1 All Chris-tians who have been bap-tized, Who know the God of
 2 You were be-fore your day of birth, In-deed, from your con-
 3 But all of that was washed a-way— Im-merged and drowned for-
 4 In Bap-tism we now put on Christ— Our shame is ful-ly



heav-en, And in whose dai-ly life is prized The name of
 cep-tion, Con-demned and lost with all the earth, None good, with-
 ev-er. The wa-ter of your Bap-tism day Re-stored a-
 cov-ered With all that He once sac-ri-ficed And free-ly



Christ once giv-en: Con-sid-er now what God has done, The
 out-ex-cep-tion. For like your par-ents' flesh and blood, Turned
 gain what-ev-er Old Ad-am and his sin de-stroyed And
 for us suf-fered. For here the flood of His own blood Now



gifts He gives to ev-'ry-one Bap-tized in-to Christ Je-sus!
 in-ward from the high-est good, You con-stant-ly de-nied Him.
 all our sin-ful selves em-ployed Ac-cord-ing to our na-ture.
 makes us ho-ly, right, and good Be-fore our heav'n-ly Fa-ther.

The Hymn continues on the next page...

5 O Christian, firmly hold this gift
And give God thanks forever!
It gives the power to uplift
In all that you endeavor.
When nothing else revives your soul,
Your Baptism stands and makes you whole
And then in death completes you.

6 So use it well! You are made new—
In Christ a new creation!
As faithful Christians, live and do
Within your own vocation,
Until that day when you possess
His glorious robe of righteousness
Bestowed on you forever!

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–76; tr. Jon D. Vieker, 1961

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The Sermon

Returning to the Waters
Born from Above
Text: John 3:1-17

The Congregation rises.

The Prayer of the Church:

- P** In the peace of Christ, let us pray to our Lord God for the whole Church, for the world, and for all those in need.
- P** Let us pray for the Church, that all the baptized may be renewed in the faith of Abraham, trusting the promises of Him who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist by His all-powerful Word. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for all pastors and teachers of the Church, that throughout the length and breadth of the world the One who came to be a blessing to every family of the earth would be proclaimed faithfully and welcomed with joy. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for those who labor in foreign mission fields, that God would protect them by His holy angels and strengthen their witness to His Son. Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

- P** Let us pray for an increase of those answering the vocation of the Church's ministry, that the Lord would raise up men to be Pastors, and to raise up women and men to serve as teachers, deaconesses, and in other ministries to proclaim His Word to the joy and edifying of His congregations. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for all the schools of the Church, her daycares, preschools, day-schools, high schools, colleges and seminaries, that they may form students who will serve the Lord's purposes in this generation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for all places of learning—public schools, colleges, and universities, and for homeschoolers—for all who teach, and for all who learn through them, that they may be nurtured through their education and receive that which is useful and a blessing to the world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for the nations of the world, especially for countries which find themselves in struggles for freedom and liberty, that the Lord would grant them to know His peace and aid all to find unity and justice. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray that the president of our nation, members of our government at all levels, and leaders throughout the world, may seek to rule with justice, wisdom, and compassion and use their power and authority with humility before God and in service to the most vulnerable ones among us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for all the sick, the suffering, and the dying, especially remembering _____. May they all be restored to health and wholeness according to the Lord's will for them. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for all those who mourn, (especially _____,) that they may experience the comfort and peace found in the sure and certain hope of the Resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Let us pray for all those who rejoice in the Lord's blessings, especially _____, that they may ever give thanks to the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for the needs and concerns of all those who have committed themselves to our prayers, especially remembering _____ and all those whom we name before the Lord in the silence of our hearts... May the Lord hear and answer all these prayers according to His good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us pray for all who receive the Savior's Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist today, that God would preserve them in repentance and saving faith, and that through this Holy Meal He would strengthen their witness to His love in their daily callings. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Let us offer our thanks and praise for Perpetua and Felicitas, and for all who have departed this life in the faith of Christ's victory over death and the grave, and we pray that God would also grant to us a share in their heavenly fellowship and bring us at last with them to the joys of His unending feast. 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 # 571

“God Loved the World So That He Gave”

We rise for the final stanza in honor of the Holy Trinity



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
 Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,
 This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
 Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;
 That is the firmest ground of faith.

△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To You, O blessèd Trinity,
 Be praise now and eternally!

Text: Heiliges Lippen- und Hertzens-Opffer, c. 1778, Stettin; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.

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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*:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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 three ways, using that which you feel most comfortable: 1) individual cups containing wine and white grape juice will be offered by the Pastor, 2) intinction: dipping the bread lightly into the chalice held by the Pastor, or 3) drinking from the chalice. Children and those not wishing to receive the Sacrament are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

Music During the Distribution:

“We Are One with You, O Lord” – The Trinity Singers

The Congregation rises.

The Post-Communion Hymn:

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 692

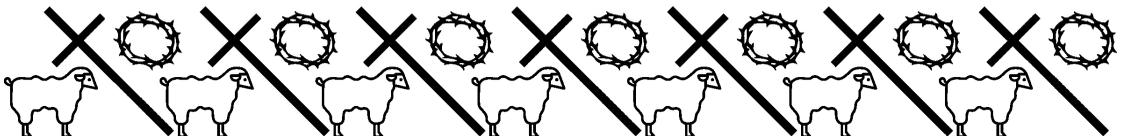
“Praise to You and Adoration”

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

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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 # 918

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”



1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
 Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,
 Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no
 strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more; Feed me till I want no more.
 shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.
 Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

Text: William Williams, 1717–91, abr.; (st. 1): tr. Peter Williams, 1722–96, alt.; (sts. 2–3): tr. William Williams, 1717–91

Tune: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

Text and tune: Public domain

The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer”

✠ *To God Be All Praise and Glory!* ✠

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THOSE WHO SERVE US THIS MORNING IN WORSHIP

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

The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel
Tracy Peele
Paul Ritter
Paul Ritter
The Trinity Singers
Susan Kennedy
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 ... Our Midweek Lenten Services continue on each of the Wednesdays in the Lenten Season (March 4, 11, 18, & 25). These Lenten Services will use a spoken order of the Office of Evening Prayer with Sermon. The theme of this year's Lenten Sunday and Midweek preaching is "Returning to the Waters", which will look at the meaning of Baptism for our lives of faith. A full schedule of this year's Lenten Worship is available in the purple folders on the literature table.

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.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER ... Daylight Savings Time returns **this coming weekend on March 7th**. Remember to "spring forward" your clocks one hour on Saturday night so that you can be on time to come to worship on Sunday morning.

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 **2026** 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 remains at **\$50.00**, mainly owing to delivery charges, which we hope will not increase. If you have any questions, please contact Rona by calling the church office or by email (trinity-elc-office@verizon.net).

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 Choice Dollars® for 2025.**

LUTHERAN MEDIA MINISTRIES 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](https://www.facebook.com/KFUOradio), [X](https://twitter.com/KFUOradio), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/KFUOradio).

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: We're continuing our study through the book of Genesis on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 9 a.m. ET). Tune in as we discuss chapters 24-26! Join us on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 12 p.m. ET) as Pastor Booe leads us through the book of Numbers! This week's studies will take us through chapters 15-18. Join us for the Wednesday broadcast of our Lenten service from Peace Lutheran here in St. Louis (March 4 at 12 p.m. ET). On Concord Matters this Saturday (March 7 at 11 a.m. ET), we'll be studying the Sacrament of the Altar as discussed in the Large Catechism. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUO Radio app!



THE LUTHERAN HOUR ... When we couldn't pay the price of our redemption, God did so completely by the life of Jesus. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, March 8, 2026, for this message from Lutheran Hour Guest Speaker, the Rev. Dr. Daniel Paavola, "What Was the Price on That?". The Lutheran Hour can be heard online on KFUE.org on Sundays at 12:30 PM and 5:00 PM, as well as on SiriusXM's Family Talk 131 channel on Sundays at 10:00 AM. For more ways to listen, to hear messages on demand, or for more information on this media ministry, visit the Lutheran Hour Ministries website at www.lhm.org, and click on "The Lutheran Hour" link. You can also view many of the other devotional and spiritual life materials provided by Lutheran Hour ministries as well.

OTHER MEDIA MINISTRIES FOR YOUR LISTENING AND VIEWING ...

LUTHERAN PUBLIC RADIO lutheranpublicradio.org
24/7 internet radio station with *Sacred Music for the World*.

ISSUES, ETC issuesetc.org
A program of *Christ-Centered, Cross-Focused Talk Radio*.
Airs Monday-Friday from 4-6 p.m. ET, both on its website and on kfuo.org.
Archived shows are also available to listen to at any time.

WORSHIP ANEW worshipanew.org
Weekly Lutheran Worship services online and devotions.

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 COMMEMORATION ...
March 7 **Perpetua and Felicitas, Martyrs**

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.

Owing to the continued increased need in our community, our Compassion Center has exhausted its Maryland Food Grant for the year. In order to keep our pantry shelves well-stocked for the remainder of the year, we will continue to need your generous donations of food. All non-perishable foods are welcome, and especially needed items include:

Cereal; Peanut Butter; Pasta and Pasta Sauce; Macaroni & Cheese; Rice; Soups;
Canned Tuna and Chicken; Canned Fruit; Canned Vegetables (both green and color)

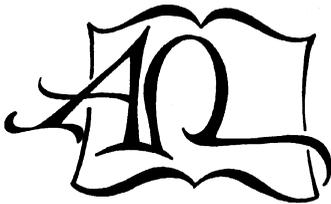
Clothing donations are also welcome. There is a need for boys' (sizes 10-18), girls' (sizes 10-14), and men's (especially small and medium) clothing.

There is always a demand for diapers and wipes, especially sizes 3, 4, 5, and pull-ups 2T-4T.

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 Third Wednesday of Lent: March 4, 2026

Scripture Readings: Psalm 46

Genesis 7:1-24

1 Peter 3:18-22

The Third Sunday in Lent: March 8, 2026

Scripture Readings: Exodus 17:1-7

Romans 5:18

John 4:5-30, 39-42

CHURCH STATISTICS



Sunday, February 22, 2026

Worship Attendance: 16; Communed: 15.

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

Worship Attendance: 8.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATISTICS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2026:

General Offerings received (6 Sundays, 2 snow closures): \$15,731

General Offerings needed to meet the budget: \$22,296

Withdrawals from Thrivent (money market): \$0

Balance in Thrivent mutual funds: \$49,820 (as of 12/31/25)

For the first two months of the year our offerings were under target by \$6,565, but we didn't have to withdraw Thrivent savings thanks to the residual balance from our strong December. Thanks also for special offerings received to help offset snow removal (which cost \$1,600).



✠ **O Christ, Hear Us!** ✠

Intercessions for the Week of March 1, 2026

Prayers for Continued Healing and Help

For Members of Our Trinity Family:

Julie & Kenny, Diane, Travis, Waymond, August, David, Susan, Ernie, Paul, and Angela

For Those Who Have Asked of Our Prayers:

Luke, grandson of Charlie & Jean; 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;
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;
Steve, father-in-law of Michelle; Denise, fiancée of Mark; Raymond, brother of Joy;
Daniel, 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;
Pat, mother of Kim; Sean, friend of Joyce & Dave; Eleanor, former Concordia Teacher;
Kelly, co-worker's spouse of Joyce; Leo, relative of Carole; Carolyn, daughter of Susan;
Ann, friend of Judy

Thanksgivings and Blessings

Madison Hudson, Thandika Elias, Matthew Juhasz, Matt Orchowski, and Ethan Maddox,
who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Ras-I & Leah Dowling, 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
Jesus 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.





***Celebrating the Gift of Ninety-Five Years of
God's Love and Grace!***

***...as it was in the beginning,
is now,
and will be forever.
Amen!***

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