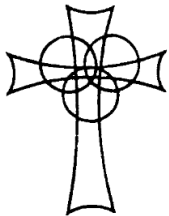




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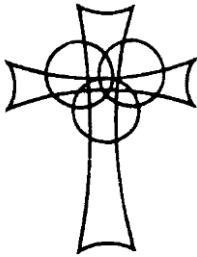
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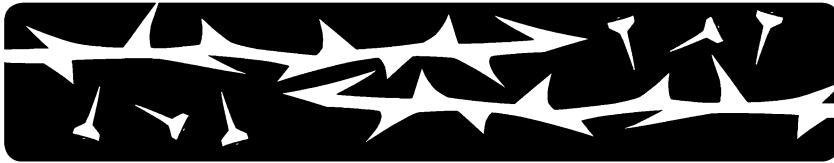


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Fourth Sunday In Lent

Laetare – Rejoice - Sunday
MARCH 15, 2026

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

Bend Your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By Your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with Your Spirit, for You live and reign with the Father 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

“Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

The Words of Welcome

The Congregation rises.

The Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 545

“Word of God, Come Down on Earth”



1 Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from
2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to
3 Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our
4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, One with God be -



heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth
life cre - a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die,
mor - tal blind - ness; Deaf we are: our heal - er be;
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,



Faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
Cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion, Sav - ing Word, the
Loose our tongues to tell Your kind - ness. Be our Word in
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to



we re - vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.
 world re - stor - ing, Speak to us, Your love out - pour - ing.
 pit - y spo - ken, Heal the world, by sin now bro - ken.
 all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

Text: James Quinn, 1919–2010

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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 27:4-6; antiphon: Psalm 25:15

- P** My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.
- C** **One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.**
- P** For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.
- C** **And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**
- 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** My eyes are ever toward the LORD,
for he will pluck my feet out of the net.




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

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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.

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

C Amen.

The Congregation is seated.

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:14-21

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

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

Ephesians 5:8-14

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

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Trinity Singers

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

The Congregation rises.

The Holy Gospel

John 9:1-41

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” ⁶Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud ⁷and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” ¹⁰So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.” ¹²They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²¹But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” ²²(His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) ²³Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ²⁶They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ²⁷He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” ²⁸And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” ³⁰The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” ³⁴They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” ³⁷Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” ³⁸He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” ⁴¹Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.”

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 # 435

“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, Sin - ners, ru - ined
 2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, Come de - filed, with -
 3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, Wound - ed, im - po -
 4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'Tis a soul - re -



by the fall; Here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
 out, with - in; From in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
 tent, and blind; Here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
 new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



Flows for you, for me, for all, In a full, per -
 From the lep - ro - sy of sin, Wash your robes and
 Here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
 Break His cov - e - nant of blood, Signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, O - pened when our Sav - ior died.
 make them white; Ye shall walk with God in light.
 will re - store; They that drink shall thirst no more.
 deem - er died, Sealed when He was glo - ri - fied.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.

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The Sermon

Returning to the Waters
Sent to the Waters

Text: John 9:1-41

The Congregation rises.

The Prayer of the Church:

- P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P** O holy Lord, You have opened the eyes of Your Church to behold the light of Christ. Grant that we may always walk in His light and not return to the darkness of sin that blinds us to the truth of Your saving Gospel. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Merciful Father, through holy Baptism You grant us the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit, who grants us spiritual sight. Keep us firmly in the faith that You established in us, that we may always look to Christ alone for salvation with our eyes fixed upon His cross where He died for our sins, trusting in His resurrection for our justification. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Everlasting God, grant Your peace to all the nations of our world, and especially give wisdom and compassion to the leaders of our nation. Bless us also with faithful and devout citizens who will defend the weak and helpless, including the unborn and the infirm. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Gracious Lord, there are many in our world and community who are in need. We pray for those who are poor, homeless or hungry among us, that You would grant them all that they need to support this body and life. Open the hearts of all who are blessed with more than they need, that they would be generous toward those in want. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

- P** Heavenly Father, we pray that You would grant gainful employment to all who are able to work but cannot find jobs that meet their needs or the needs of their families. Provide for their necessities and keep them from losing heart. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Blessed Lord, we pray that You would grant healing to all those who suffer from any affliction of body or soul, including _____. Shine upon them with Your mercy, according to Your good and gracious will, and continually remind them of Your love and care for them. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Generous Lord, You bless all of our days with Your goodness. We rejoice with those who rejoice in Your kindness, especially with _____. Help us all to remember that all that we are and have comes from Your loving hand, that we may always bless You, the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Comforting Father, Your love for us stills the sorrows of our hearts. Be with (_____ and) all those who mourn the loss of loved ones, that they may rely on You, that Your presence will bring them hope, and that hoping in You they may trust in Your promise of Resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lover of souls, You look with compassion and love upon all of Your children. To Your fatherly care we commend all those who have asked for our prayers. Especially we remember before you _____ and all the other people and concerns we name now in the silence of our hearts... Hear these prayers, we beseech You, and grant them all according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Lord God, we thank You for feeding us in the holy Supper of Jesus' Body and Blood. Grant that we may receive this blessed gift in repentant faith, trusting in the words of Jesus, that we may receive the benefits of forgiveness and life offered here. Strengthen our faith through this meal, and give us the will to serve our neighbors in love. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Faithful Keeper of every promise, Your Son has told us that whoever lives and believes in Him shall never die. With joy, we thank You for St. Joseph, St. Patrick, and for those who live in Him, though their bodies rest in the earth. Bring us to the unspeakable joys they know in Your nearer presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O Lord, we know that You hear us as we pray and promise to answer in accord with Your will. Grant these things and whatsoever else You know that we need. Thanks be to You for Your mercy, 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 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** ✠

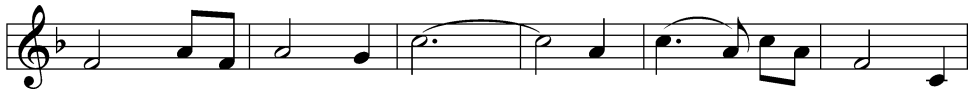
The Hymn of Preparation

Lutheran Service Book Hymn # 744

“Amazing Grace”



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
 have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me
 mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.
 safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.
 then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

*Text (sts. 1–4): John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.; (st. 5): A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790, Richmond
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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!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

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*:

C 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

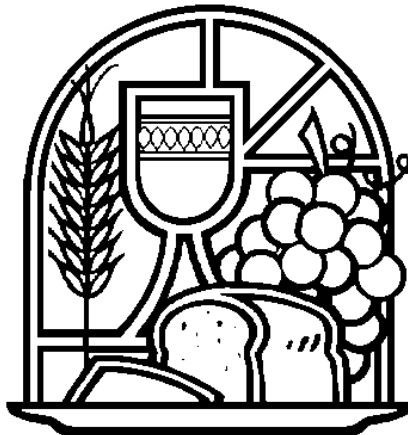
Holy Communion is celebrated in this place in the joyful confidence that Jesus Christ Himself comes to us to give us in bread and wine His very Body and Blood to offer to us the forgiveness of sins. All Baptized Christians who have been instructed in the meaning of this Sacrament and confess with us 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.

Music During the Distribution:

“Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross” – 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 # 697

“Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death”



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, And
 2 To us on earth He came to bring From
 3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, Who
 4 For us Christ lived, for us He died, And



Christ shall give you light; So learn His love, its
 sin and fear re - lease, To give the Spir - it's
 died that He might save; With kind and gen - tle
 con - quered in the strife; A - wake, a - rise, go



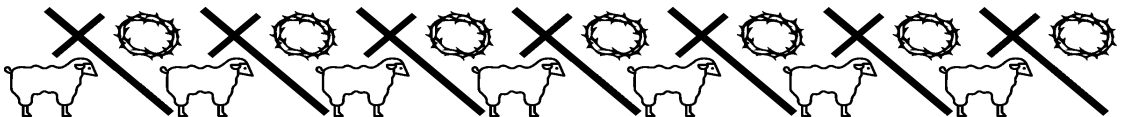
length and breadth, Its full - ness, depth, and height.
 u - ni - ty, The ver - y bond of peace.
 hearts for - give As God in Christ for - gave.
 forth in faith, And Christ shall give you life.

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The Silent Worship

The Parish Announcements

The Postlude

“Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death”

✠ *To God Be All Praise and Glory!* ✠

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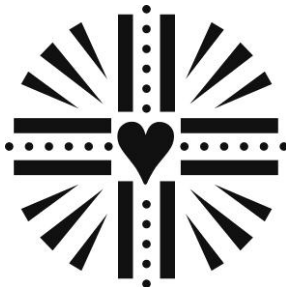
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THOSE WHO SERVE US THIS MORNING IN WORSHIP

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

The Reverend Peter A. Schiebel
Waymond Joynes
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.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT ... is known by the Latin name of *Laetare*, meaning “Rejoice”. This name comes from the opening word of the historic Introit of the Day which quotes Isaiah 66:10: “Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her.” And this day marks what is also known as “Mid-Lent Sunday”, noting that we are around the halfway point of our 40-day Lenten observance. For this reason, this Sunday is often also given the title of “Refreshment Sunday”: a moment in the midst of the rigorous repentance and fasting of the season to be refreshed by the joy found in God’s gifts through which He provides for our needs of body and soul. This idea is especially pointed out to us in the Collect of the Day, as well as in the day’s historic Gospel reading of Jesus’ feeding of the 5,000. The traditional liturgical color of the day is Rose: using the Lenten Season’s penitential color of violet and “lightening” it with the white of the coming Easter festival, symbolic of the joy that is soon to come for faithful Christian hearts. Also, in the United Kingdom, Ireland, and some countries in the British Commonwealth, today is observed as “Mothering Sunday”, the equivalent of our nation’s celebration of “Mother’s Day”. This recalls the words of the historic Epistle for the day from Galatians 4, which speaks of “Jerusalem, our mother”. And as Christians remember the Church as the mother who birthed us into the life of faith in Holy Baptism, we are also called to remember with love the mothers who birthed us into life in this world.

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 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.

PORTALS OF PRAYER ... Copies of the April-June 2026 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, March 29th**.

EASTER BREAKFAST AND FELLOWSHIP ... As we gather together on Easter Sunday to celebrate our Lord's Resurrection, we will have the opportunity to fellowship around the table and share in an Easter Breakfast together, beginning at 8:00 AM. Please come out and join us. If you have any questions, please speak with Carole Dingess.

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://www.x.com/KFUOradio), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/KFUOradio).

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 9 a.m. ET), tune in as we pick up our study of Genesis with chapter 29! Tune in for Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 12 p.m. ET) as we continue our study of the book of Numbers. This week, we'll be picking up with chapter 22. Don't forget to join us for Concord Matters (March 21 at 11 a.m. ET)! We'll be continuing our study of the Sacrament of the Altar as laid out in Luther's Large Catechism. How often should we be receiving the Lord's Supper? Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUO Radio app!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR ... Jesus meets you where you are, not where you should have been. Listen to the Lutheran Hour next Sunday, March 22, 2026, for this message from Lutheran Hour Guest Speaker, the Rev. Gregory Manning, "Meeting You Where You Are". The Lutheran Hour can be heard online on KFUO.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 kfu.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 FEAST AND COMMEMORATION ...

March 17 **Patrick**, *Missionary to Ireland*

March 19 **St. Joseph**, *Guardian of Jesus*

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)

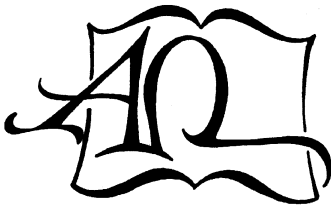
Clothing donations are also welcome. There is a need for boys' (sizes 10-18), girls' (sizes 10-14), and men's (especially small and medium) clothing.

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 Fifth Wednesday of Lent: March 18, 2026

Scripture Readings: Psalm 78:1-8, 11-25

Exodus 17:1-7

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

John 7:37-39

The Fifth Sunday in Lent: March 22, 2026

Scripture Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Romans 8:1-11

John 11:1-53

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 15 – 22
May Be Subject to Change

Today	<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)
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 Fifth 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 Evening Prayer (at church in person and via Facebook Live)
Thursday	9:00 AM – Noon Church Office Open
Next Sunday	<i>The Fifth 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)



CHURCH STATISTICS



Sunday, March 8, 2026

Worship Attendance: 18; Communed: 17.

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Worship Attendance: 7.

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 15, 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

Carolyn Beus, who celebrates her birthday 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.





***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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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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