



## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 5, 2023 - 10:00 AM - in the Sanctuary



### Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

As disciples of Christ seeking peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and include all people into the fullness of God's love. We celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this place. All are invited to join this community as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another. All, without exception, are welcome in this place.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of her parents, Ralph and Marilyn Boeker by Sue Boeker.

## SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister	Susan Crowell
Preaching and Assisting	Rebekah Boatwright
Organist and Choir Director	Jim Parham
Lector	David Nichols
Cantor	Heather Kleckley
Acolytes	Bethany Hybl Nate Hybl
Prayers	Jonathan Preacher
Greeters	Mark Allen Anne Harmon Pattimarie Janssen Andrew Weiner Joyce Weiner Donice Winslow
Ushers	Richard Delap Bonnie Farmer Calvin Harmon David Potts
Refreshment Hosts	David and Karen Nichols
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

# GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

*Please stand as able*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who journeys with us these forty days,  
and sustains us with the gift of grace.

**Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another  
our need for repentance and God's mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**we confess to you our faults and failings.**

**Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;**

**we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;**

**we spoil rather than steward your creation;**

**we cause hurt though you call us to heal;**

**we choose fear over compassion.**

**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,**

**as we seek to follow in your way of life.**

**Amen.**

Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,  
so that all may receive life.

This promise is for you!

God embraces you with divine mercy,

+ forgives you in Christ's name,

and revives you in the Spirit's power.

**Amen.**

*Refrain:*

***Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.***

**Come Christians, follow where our captain trod,  
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain***

**All new born servants of the Crucified  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died. *Refrain***

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee. *Refrain***

**So shall our song of triumph ever be;  
praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain***

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



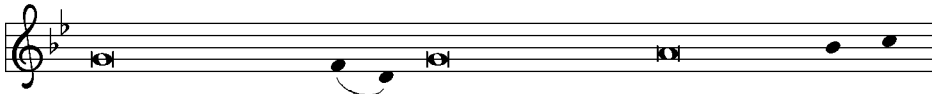
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



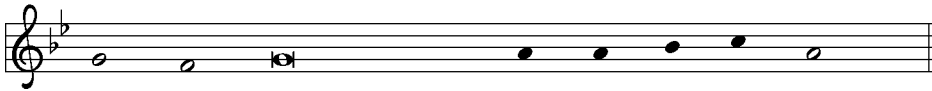
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. 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.**

*Please be seated*

## WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4

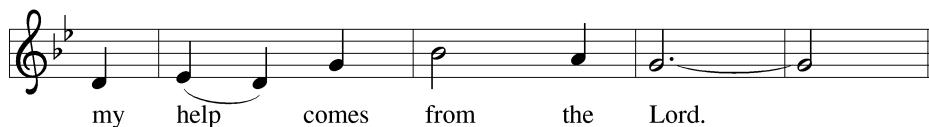
A reading from Genesis.

<sup>1</sup>God said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your parents’ house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” <sup>4</sup>So Abram went, as God had told him; and Lot went with him.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm  
 Refrain



Psalm  
 Tone



- <sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes | to the hills;  
 from where is my | help to come?
- <sup>2</sup>**My help comes | from the LORD,  
 the maker of heav- | en and earth.**
- <sup>3</sup>The LORD will not let your | foot be moved  
 nor will the one who watches over you | fall asleep.
- <sup>4</sup>**Behold, the keep- | er of Israel  
 will neither slum- | ber nor sleep; R**
- <sup>5</sup>the LORD watches | over you;  
 the LORD is your shade at | your right hand;
- <sup>6</sup>**the sun will not strike | you by day,  
 nor the | moon by night.**
- <sup>7</sup>The LORD will preserve you | from all evil  
 and will | keep your life.
- <sup>8</sup>**The LORD will watch over your going out and your | coming in,  
 from this time forth for- | evermore. R**

## SECOND READING

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

A reading from Romans.

<sup>1</sup>What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? <sup>2</sup>For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.

<sup>3</sup>For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>4</sup>Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. <sup>5</sup>But to one who without works trusts the one who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

<sup>13</sup>For the promise that they would inherit the world did not come to Abraham and Sarah or to their descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. <sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all their descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as 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.

The Word of God for the people of God.

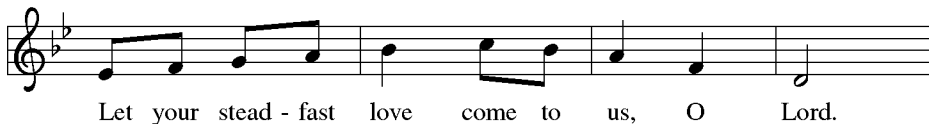
**Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN’S SERMON

Rebekah Boatwright

*Please stand as able*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the third chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must I be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in me may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that God gave the Only Begotten One, through whom everyone who believes may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Only Begotten One into the world to condemn the world, but to be the one through whom the world might be saved.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

SERMON

Rebekah Boatwright

*Please stand as able*

**We are baptized in Christ Jesus, we are baptized in his death;  
that as Christ is raised victorious, we might live a brand new life.**

**And if we have been united in a dreadful death like his,  
we will all be reunited, for he lives.**

**In the water and the witness, in the breaking of the bread,  
in the waiting arms of Jesus who is raised from the dead,  
God has made a new beginning from the ashes of our past;  
in the losing and the winning we hold fast.**

**Glory be to God the Father, glory be to Christ the Son,  
glory to the Holy Spirit, ever three and ever one;  
as it was in the beginning, glory now resounds again  
in a song that has no ending. . . Amen**

#### APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, Holy and loving God, you so love your church. Raise up leaders who care for your people. Bless lay theologians, seminary and college professors, Faith Formation teachers, parents who read your word to their children, and all who are called to the ministry of teaching, that they form and inspire us for the work of the gospel. Hear our prayers and have mercy on us, O God,

**According to your steadfast love.**

Holy God, Holy and loving God, you set the stars in their places and direct the course of the planets. You robed this earth with a thin garment of air, making it a haven of beauty and life. You breathed into each of us the breath of life. We thank you for the gift of air. Create in us such a sense of wonder and delight in this and in all your gifts that we receive them with gratitude, care for them with love, and generously share them with all your creatures. Hear our prayers and have mercy on us, O God,

**According to your steadfast love.**

Holy God, Holy and loving God, you so love the world. Uphold leaders who resist tyranny and oppression. Strengthen organizations that promote peace and harmony especially in places of war and conflict. Direct your people to work to alleviate human suffering and to address its root causes. Hear our prayers and have mercy on us, O God,

**According to your steadfast love.**

Holy God, Holy and loving God, you so love your people. Draw near to all who live with mental illness, depression, or addiction, and accompany them in healing and recovery. Hear the cries of those who look to you in their distress especially those who are sick and grieving. We pray especially for. . . Hear our prayers and have mercy on us, O God,

**According to your steadfast love.**

Holy God, Holy and loving God, you so love those on the margins. While society continues working to push those on the margins further away, you are working to draw them in. We give you thanks that you have revealed to us your love for the queer community, our black and brown siblings, those who are incarcerated, single parents, those on the brink of homelessness, and all who don't have enough to eat. Help us, as your followers, to love the way you love, and put that love into tangible action so that your Kin-dom may be present for all. Hear our prayers and have mercy on us, O God,

**According to your steadfast love.**

Holy God, Holy and loving God, you so love your children. Bless the young in our midst, and delight us with their joy, wonder, energy, and curiosity. Revive our ministries with children and youth and equip us all for faithful discipleship. We pray for Angie, our new Youth and Children's Ministry Coordinator, as she embarks on leading this shared ministry. Guide her in continued faithful witness to your love and guide this congregation to support her ministry with love and kindness. Hear our prayers and have mercy on us, O God,

**According to your steadfast love.**

Holy God, Holy and loving God, you so love your saints. As our ancestors in the faith have been a blessing to us, so inspire us by their example of holy living to be a blessing to those who come after us. Hear our prayers and have mercy on us, O God,

**According to your steadfast love.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ is with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.*

*Please be seated*

## MEAL

OFFERING

*Unto the Hills*  
by Robert Powell

Adult Choir

*Please stand as able*

OFFERING HYMN

*Create in Me a Clean Heart*

#188

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right  
spirit within me. Cast me not away from your  
presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

Let us pray, God of good gifts,  
**receive these and all our offerings  
as we present them in faithful service  
for the sake of your gospel.  
Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal  
as you pour out your very presence  
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.  
Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

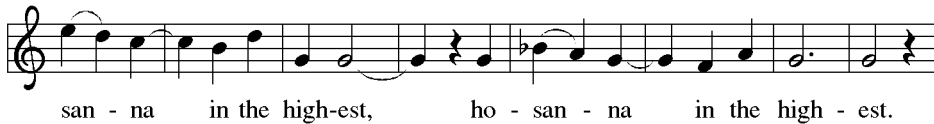
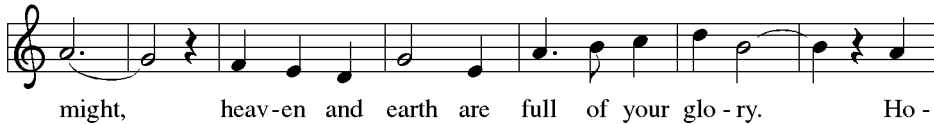
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

**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 INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God!**

*Please be seated*

#### COMMUNION

*All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Anyone preferring not to receive the wine may receive only the bread, completely trusting that the full benefit of communion — Christ's grace and forgiveness — may be found in either the bread or wine.*

*Worshippers are invited to come to the altar— kneeling as able— to receive a wafer and a small cup of wine.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*

#735

**Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright  
morning of this world. Creator, source of ev'ry breath,  
you are my rain, my wind, my sun.**

**Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering  
me your food of light, grain of life, and grape of love,  
your very body for my peace.**

**Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one, in arms of  
patience hold me close, so that in faith I root and  
grow until I flow'r, until I know.**

**Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry, in your death we are reborn;  
though you die in all of hist'ry, still you rise with ev'ry morn,  
still you rise with ev'ry morn.**

**We remember truth once spoken, love passed on through act and word;  
ev'ry person lost and broken wears the body of our Lord,  
wears the body of our Lord.**

**Christ, you lead and we shall follow, stumbling though our steps may be;  
one with you in joy and sorrow, we the river, you the sea,  
we the river, you the sea.**

**In our call to be a blessing, may we be a blessing true;  
may we live and die confessing Christ as Lord of all we do,  
Christ as Lord of all we do.**

**Eternal Lord of love, behold your church  
walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,  
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
moved by your love and toward your presence bent:  
far off yet here— the goal of all desire.**

**So daily dying to the way of self,  
so daily living in your way of love,  
we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod,  
knowing ourselves baptized into your death:  
so we are dead and live with you in God.**

**If dead in you, so in you we arise,  
you the first born of all the faithful dead;  
and as through stony ground the green shoots break,  
glorious in springtime dress of leaf and flow'r,  
so into life and glory shall we wake.**



*Please stand as able*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Embodied God,  
at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.  
With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,  
empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors  
and touch the world with your love.

**Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

God, the giver of love,  
✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life,  
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth  
bless you in this Lenten journey.

**Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

*On My Heart Imprint Your Image*

#811

**On my heart imprint your image, blessed Jesus, king of grace,  
that life's troubles nor its pleasures ever may your work erase.  
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,  
is my life, my hope's foundation, all my glory and salvation!**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Everyone is invited to gather on the front lawn  
following worship for refreshments and fellowship*



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