



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 18, 2024 - 10:00 AM - in the Gym



### 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 memory of Cathy Wyatt by Dora Welch.

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# GATHERING

## PRELUDE

## WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

*Please stand as able*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.

**Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin  
and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbors  
are hungry and cold.**

**We speak in ways that silence others.**

**We are silent when we should speak up.**

**We keep score in our hearts.**

**We let hurts grow into hatred.**

**For all these things and for sins only you know,  
forgive us, Lord.**

**Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace:

Out of love for the whole world,

God draws near to us,

breaks every snare of sin,

washes away our wrongs,

brings us healing and wholeness,

and restores the promise of life through + Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

**Here in this place the new light is streaming, now is the darkness  
vanished away; see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.**

**Gather us in, the lost and forsaken, gather us in, the  
blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry, we are the old who  
yearn for your face; we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
called to be light to the whole human race.**

**Gather us in, the rich and the haughty, gather us in, the  
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water, here we will take the  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.**

**Give us to drink the wine of compassion, give us to eat the  
bread that is you; nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven,  
light years away, here in this place the new light is shining,  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.**

**Gather us in and hold us forever, gather us in and  
make us your own; gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

#### 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.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy God, Heavenly Parent, in the chaos and confusion of our lives you hold us safe and secure in the pleasant boundary of your love, care, and grace. As Jesus refused temptation in the wilderness, as he set boundaries for his life and ministry, help us to also set and protect boundaries in our lives that will enable us to grasp more fully the abundant life you offer to all, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-17

A reading from Genesis.

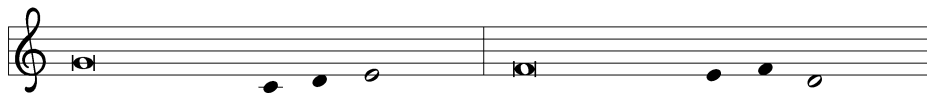
<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his children, <sup>9</sup>“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction.**Psalm  
Refrain*

Your paths, O LORD, are stead-fast love and faith - ful - ness.

*Psalm  
Tone*<sup>1</sup>To | you, O LORD,

I lift | up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be | put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.<sup>4</sup>**Show me your | ways, O LORD,  
and teach | me your paths. R**<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your | truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,  
for they are from | everlasting.**<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- | ness, O  
Lord.<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners | in your way. R**<sup>9</sup>You lead the low- | ly in justice  
and teach the low- | ly your way.<sup>10</sup>**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies. R**

A reading from first Peter.

<sup>18</sup>Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. Christ was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to Christ.

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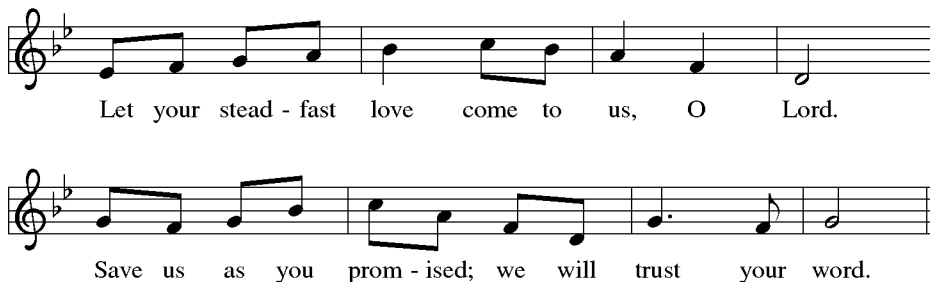
**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*God's Promise of Love*

*Please stand as able*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

GOSPEL

Mark 1:9-15

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark the first chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Only Begotten; with you I am well pleased.” <sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove Jesus out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. <sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kin-dom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**



*Please be seated*

SERMON

*Jesus - The Boundary Setter*

*Please stand as able*

HYMN OF THE DAY

*You Are Holy*

#525

**You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more  
than we ever understand. You are always at hand.  
Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming here  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.**

**You are holy, you are wholeness,  
you are present. Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!  
Sing hosanna in the highest!  
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!**

*Repeat from beginning*

APOSTLES' CREED

**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

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

God our truth, the ark of your church has room for many expressions of faith. We give thanks for voices that challenge and awaken your people, especially that of Martin Luther, renewer of the church, whom we commemorate today on the anniversary of his death. Continue building your church up as a place where the saving and inclusive gospel is accessible to all and central to all. Make ways for marginalized voices to be heard and strengthen your people to challenge oppressive systems. Hear our prayers and have mercy on us, O God,

**according to your steadfast love.**

God our maker, you remember your covenant with the earth and its inhabitants. Rescue communities and creatures hurting from natural disasters. Preserve species and habitats endangered by human carelessness and disregard. Help us to see the beauty of your creative plan as birds begin gathering the perfectly imperfect materials needed to create nests where new life will begin. Hear our prayers and have mercy on us, O God,

**according to your steadfast love.**

God our light, you know our weakness. Free all who govern from the temptations of power. Sustain all who work for human rights in every nation. Bless local organizations who work tirelessly for those in need, especially Safe Harbor, 864 Pride, Habitat for Humanity, and United Ministries. Hear our prayers and have mercy on us, O God,

**according to your steadfast love.**

God our protector, you love all your people as a parent loves their children. Help us to love one another as you love us. Open our hearts, our hands, and our minds to love those who long for freedom and liberation. Wrap loving arms around those of us who struggle to make ends meet, who are going through divorce, who are part of the Queer Community, who are immigrants to this country, who are weary from the demands of this life, and who struggle with grief, mental illness, or addiction. Give us life and liberation from the things that hold us captive. Hear our prayers and have mercy on us, O God,

**according to your steadfast love.**

God our help, you care for your beloved children. Comfort all who are grieving, ill, afraid, in pain, or in despair. Feed hungry people living in food deserts. Protect any at risk from exploitation and abuse. Bless doctors and nurses working in end-of-life care. Hear our prayers and have mercy on us, O God,

**according to your steadfast love.**

God our home, you gather your people. Grant us health and safety as we assemble. Keep us mindful of any who are homebound, hospitalized, convalescing, or traveling. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Hear our prayers and have mercy on us, O God,

**according to your steadfast love.**

God our hope, you promise eternal life to your beloved children. We remember with gratitude those who have lived and died in faith. Grant that we may also dwell with you in everlasting peace. Hear our prayers and have mercy on us, O God,  
**according to your steadfast love.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, 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

ANTHEM

*O Love, How Vast, How Flowing Free*  
by Sally Ann Morris

Adult Choir

O Love, how vast, how flowing free, O Love how filled with ecstasy,  
that God a human for should take, and mortal be for mortal's sake.

Not as an angel visiting, nor form celestial orbiting,  
but born in flesh God chose to be, robed in our own humanity.  
For us baptized, and fasting long, For us was tempted by the wrong,  
For us the pangs of hunger knew; For us the Tempter overthrew.

For us was beaten, whipped, and tried, and taken to be crucified.

So Love all this for us endured, and dying, life for us procured.  
Arising from the dead again, our Sovereign goes on high to reign;  
And sends the Spirit to abide for strength and solace at our side.

Then for God's boundless love sing praise through endless ages, countless days.

By Love we have been reconciled: salvation gained through God's own Child.

*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. Jesus, you are the bread of life  
and the host of this meal.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered  
that all people may know your goodness.

Feed us not only with this holy food  
but with hunger for justice and peace.

We pray this in your name.

**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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 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. Gluten free wafers are available.*

*At the direction of the ushers, worshippers are invited to move to the front of the center aisle to dip the wafer into the wine to receive Communion by intinction.*

## 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.

*Refrain*

***Let us go now to the banquet, to the feast of the universe. The table's set and a place is waiting; come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.***

***I will rise in the early morning; the community's waiting for me. With a spring in my step I'm walking with my friends and my family. Refrain***

***God invites all the poor and hungry to the banquet of justice and good where the harvest will not be hoarded so that no one will lack for food. Refrain***

***May we build such a place among us where all people are equal in love. God has called us to work together and to share ev'rything we have. Refrain***

*Bless Now, O God, the Journey*

Adult Choir

Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make,  
the path through noise and silence, the way of give and take.  
The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round,  
then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.

Bless sojourners and pilgrims who share this winding way;  
your hope burns through the terrors, your love sustains the day.  
We yearn for holy freedom while often we are bound;  
together we are seeking the road where faith is found.

Divine eternal lover, you meet us on the road.  
We wait for lands of promise where milk and honey flow,  
but waiting not for places, you meet us all around.  
Our covenant is written on roads, as faith is found.

**O Lord, throughout these forty days you  
prayed and kept the fast; inspire repentance  
for our sin, and free us from our past.**

**You strove with Satan, and you won; your  
faithfulness endured; lend us your nerve, your  
skill and trust in God's eternal word.**

**Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed and  
fixed your mind above; so teach us to  
deny ourselves that we may know God's love.**

**Be with us through this season, Lord, and  
all our earthly days, that when the final  
Easter dawns, we join in heaven's praise.**

*Lord Jesus, Think on Me*

#599

**Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin;  
from selfish passions set me free and make me pure within.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me, by anxious thoughts oppressed;  
let me your loving servant be and taste your promised rest.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray;  
through darkness and perplexity point out your chosen way.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me, that when the flood is past,  
I may the eternal brightness see and share your joy at last.**

*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

Generous God,  
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.  
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,  
now make us one loaf to feed the world;  
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

**Amen.**



# SENDING

## BLESSING

Beloved,  
we are God's own people,  
holy, washed, renewed.  
God bless you and keep you,  
shower you with mercy,  
fill you with courage,  
and ✝ give you peace.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

### The Glory of These Forty Days

Text: 320 Tune: 389

The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -  
Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in

brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all  
fast\_ and\_ prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en

things were made, him - self has fast - ed\_ and has prayed.  
with\_ your grace, and give us joy to\_ see your face.

# DISMISSAL

Go in peace.

Set boundaries that lead to life.

Trust that God shelters you from harm.

Find comfort in God's hedge of protection and love that surrounds you.

Know that you are God's beloved, precious child.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please join us for fellowship and refreshments  
following worship in the back corner of the Gym.*

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