



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 25, 2024 - 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 loving memory of Earl Sills, our father and Bop Bop, on his 90th birthday by Jeff, Margaret, Ryann, Peyton, and Harper Roth.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister	Susan Crowell
Preaching and Assisting Minister	Patrick Preacher
Organist and Choir Director	Jim Parham
Lector	Greg Hamluk
Prayers	Vicki Rubenstein
Cantor	Heather Kleckley
Acolytes	Ben McCormack
Children's Worship Activity Leaders	Maggie Boliek Amanda Cook Teresa Harrington
Praying for Possibilities	Mary Valenti
Greeters	Mark Allen Ann Berlam Angie Hager Emily Hager John Roberts Maria Roberts
Ushers	Steve Boguski Teresa Harrington Wayne Landreth David Potts
Fellowship Hosts	Jeff and Margaret Roth
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 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.

**In the cross of Christ I glory, tow'ring
o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
sacred story gathers round its head sublime.**

**When the woes of life o'er take me, hopes
deceive, and fears annoy, never shall the
cross forsake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.**

**When the sun of bliss is beaming light and
love upon my way, from the cross the
radiance streaming adds more luster to the day.**

**Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, by the
cross are sanctified; peace is here that
knows no measure, joys that through all time abide.**

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.



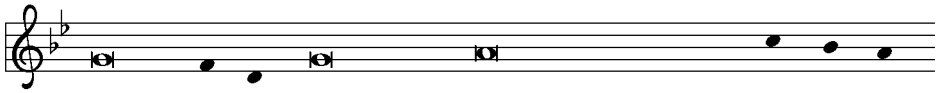
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



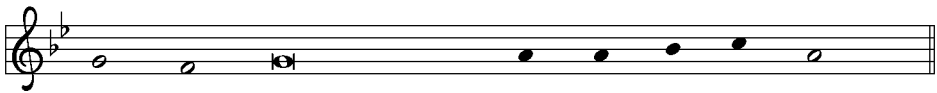
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



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, by the passion of your blessed Son you make a way for us to receive new identities in Christ. Grant us the ability to see ourselves as you see us: holy, beloved, cherished. When we feel unworthy and when we fall into the sinful trap of thinking others are unworthy, let us see Christ crucified and risen for us and for all people. We give you thanks for celebrating each of our beloved identities while also gathering us into the one holy body of Christ, naming and claiming us as your own for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with your and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

A reading from Genesis.

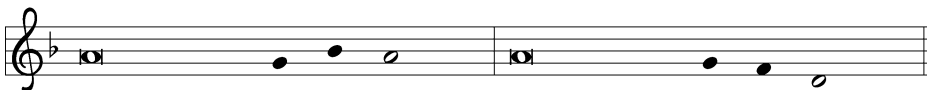
¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old, GOD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ²And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." ³Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."
¹⁵God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; rulers of peoples shall come from her."

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

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

All the ends of the earth shall re - mem - ber and turn to the LORD.

*Psalm
Tone*

²³You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's | line, give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- | spring of Israel.

²⁴**For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hid- | den from them;**

but when they cry out, | the LORD hears them.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear the LORD.

²⁶**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,**

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts | live forever! R

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow | before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,**

who rules o- | ver the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow | down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,**

whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people | yet unborn,

saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!" **R**

A reading from Romans.

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If 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, neither is there violation. ¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his 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, 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. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to fulfill the promise. ²²Therefore Abraham's faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in the one who raised Jesus Christ from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

I am a Beloved Child of God!

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.

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark the eighth chapter.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

³¹[Jesus] began to teach them that the Promised One must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.³²Jesus said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, Jesus rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” ³⁴Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Promised One, when coming in glory with the holy angels, will also be ashamed.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

Looking into God's Mirror

Please stand as able

HYMN OF THE DAY

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

#334

**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.**

**Living Water of salvation, be the fountain of each soul;
springing up in new creation, flow in us and make us whole,
flow in us and make us whole.**

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.

We turn to you for meaning, holy God. Nurture in your children the gifts of the Spirit poured out in baptism and let the mind of Christ guide the church. Give wisdom and discernment to our bishops, pastors, deacons, teachers, and leaders. Hear our prayers and have mercy on us, O God, **according to your steadfast love.**

We turn to you for renewal. Save lives and ecosystems threatened by pollution and a changing climate. Cleanse the earth's waters and restore the soil. Preserve rainforests, deserts, and wildlife, that generations to come may enjoy and cherish your creation. Inspire us by the daffodils who bravely appear, willing to face the threat of freeze and frost, in order to show their colors to the world. Hear our prayers and have mercy on us, O God, **according to your steadfast love.**

We turn to you for justice. Uphold the worth and dignity of every person, especially any who experience hatred and rejection because of gender, ability, sexual orientation, color, ethnicity, or religion. Create places of refuge and inclusion until the coming of your kin-dom where all people, without exception, will be loved, honored, valued, affirmed, welcome, and celebrated. Hear our prayers and have mercy on us, O God, **according to your steadfast love.**

We turn to you for healing. Send compassionate helpers to any who suffer because of war and violence. Shelter unhoused people, befriend those who are lonely, bring hope to any in despair, and console the bereaved. Help us to hear feel your presence when we are grieving, suffering, and afraid. 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.

We turn to you for purpose. Remind us of your faithfulness to this congregation. Increase our trust in your guidance and keep us near the cross. Grant that our acts of service will express Christ's sacrificial love. Hear our prayers and have mercy on us, O God,
according to your steadfast love.

We turn to you for peace. We honor the saints who lived in service to others. Inspire us by their example until you gather us into your kingdom. 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

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

Adult Choir

Music by J. S. Bach

Text: Martin Schalling, trans. Catherine Winkworth

Lord, thee I love with all my heart; I pray thee, ne'er from me depart,
with tender mercy cheer me. Earth has no pleasure I would share;
yea, heav'n itself were void and bare if thou, Lord, wert not near me.

And should my heart for sorrow break, my trust in thee can nothing shake.

Thou art the portion I have sought; thy precious blood my soul has bought.

Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord, forsake me not! I trust thy word.

Yea, Lord, 'twas thy rich bounty gave my body, soul, and all I have in this poor life of labor.
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place may glorify thy lavish grace and help and serve my neighbor.

Let no false doctrine me beguile; let Satan not my soul defile.

Give strength and patience unto me to bear my cross and follow thee.

Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord, in death thy comfort still afford.

Please stand as able.

**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 worshipers 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.

Adagio and Allegro from Sonata #1 in E Minor
by G. F. Handel
(Jo Lewis, flute)

**O God, my faithful God, true fountain ever flowing,
without whom nothing is, all perfect gifts bestowing:
give me a healthy frame, and may I have within
a conscience free from blame, a soul unstained by sin.**

**Give me the strength to do with ready heart and willing
whatever you command, my calling here fulfilling
to do it when I ought, with all my might and bless
whatever I have wrought, for you must give success.**

**Keep me from saying words that later need recalling;
guard me, lest idle speech may from my lips be falling;
but when, within my place, I must and ought to speak,
then to my words give grace, lest I offend the weak.**

**When dangers gather round, oh, keep me calm and fearless;
help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheerless;
help me as you have taught, to love both great and small,
and, by your Spirit's might, to live at peace with all.**

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

Adult Choir

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
I'll tell ev'ry body about you wherever I go:
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side
And with all of the fam'ly you saved by your love,
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.

**O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me, my master and my friend.**

**I shall not fear the battle if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.**

**Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ever near.
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.**

**My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer to shield my soul from sin.**

**Oh, let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self will.**

**Now speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
now speak and make me listen, O Guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
oh, give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.**

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

#325

**I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
all along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
in my trials, Lord, walk with me;
when my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

**When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
when my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.**

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

This system of musical notation is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff begins with a quarter rest, followed by a dotted quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a dotted quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a dotted quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a dotted quarter note G4. The bass staff begins with a dotted quarter note G2, a quarter note F2, a dotted quarter note E2, a quarter note D2, a dotted quarter note C2, a quarter note B1, and a dotted quarter note A1.

brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
fast_ and_ prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en

This system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a dotted quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a dotted quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a dotted quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a dotted quarter note G4. The bass staff features a dotted quarter note G2, a quarter note F2, a dotted quarter note E2, a quarter note D2, a dotted quarter note C2, a quarter note B1, and a dotted quarter note A1.

things were made, him - self has fast - ed_ and has prayed.
with_ your grace, and give us joy to_ see your face.

This system of musical notation concludes the piece. The treble staff features a dotted quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a dotted quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a dotted quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a dotted quarter note G4. The bass staff features a dotted quarter note G2, a quarter note F2, a dotted quarter note E2, a quarter note D2, a dotted quarter note C2, a quarter note B1, and a dotted quarter note A1.

DISMISSAL

Go forth in peace.

See yourself in God's mirror as God's most beloved child.

Hold up that same mirror for all people to gaze into.

Christ journeys to the cross for you.

Thanks be to God.

*Please join us for fellowship and refreshments
following worship on the front lawn.*

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

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