



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 16, 2025 - 10:00 AM - in the Gym

Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

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

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of and in appreciation for Trinity's pastoral and church staff by Carl and Debbie Brune.

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PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

Please stand as able

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,

you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world.

We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us.

We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people.

We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again.

We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.

Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.

Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.
In + Christ your sins are forgiven.
You have a place in God's house forever.

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 is with you all. **And also with you.**

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!

Sing two times

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Mothering God, softly and tenderly you call us close to you. Your outstretched wings beckon us to find comfort in your love. Let your tender love sustain us in times of danger and fear. Ease our fears in the face of threats and challenges so that we might experience a full life in you. Grant us a life of love, hope, and justice. Allow us to trust the mystery of your cross which promises everlasting life to the world. Gather all people into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in 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

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

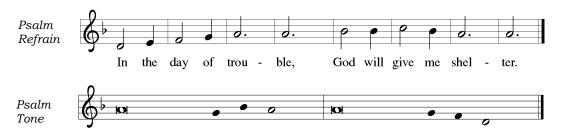
A reading from Genesis.

After these things the word of GOD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." 2 But Abram said, "O most high GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." 4But the word of GOD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." 5 God brought Abram outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then God said to him, "So shall your descendants be." 6 And Abram believed GOD; and GOD reckoned it to him as righteousness. 7 Then God said to Abram, "I am GOD, who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." 8 But Abram said, "O GOD most high, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" God said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." 10 Abram brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. 11 And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. 12 As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. 17 When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day GOD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The refrain is introduced by the cantor Thereafter, the congregation is invited to sing without introduction.



- ¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then I shall I fear?
 The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I I be afraid?
- ² When evildoers close in against me to de- | vour my flesh, they, my foes and my enemies, will stum- | ble and fall.
- ³ Though an army encamp against me, my heart ∣ will not fear. Though war rise up against me, my trust will ∣ not be shaken.
- ⁴ One thing I ask of the LORD; one | thing I seek; 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 seek God | in the temple. R
- ⁵ For in the day of trouble God will | give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- | on a rock.
- ⁶ Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies | who surround me.

 Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music | to the LORD.
- ⁷ Hear my voice, O LORD, I when I call; have mercy on me and I answer me.
- $^{8}\,\text{My}$ heart speaks your message— 1 "Seek my face."

Your face, O LORD, | I will seek. R

- ⁹ Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- | vant in anger. Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of | my salvation.
- 10 Though my father and my moth- | er forsake me, the LORD will | take me in.
- 11 Teach me your | way, O LORD; lead me on a level path, because of | my oppressors.
- Subject me not to the will | of my foes, for they rise up against me, false witnesses | breathing violence.
- ¹³ This I believe—that I will see the goodness | of the LORD in the land | of the living!
- 14 Wait for the LORD | and be strong.

 Take heart and wait | for the LORD! R

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17-4:1

A reading from Philippians.

¹⁷ My dear siblings, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ Christ will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables Christ to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1} Therefore, my siblings, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in Christ in this way, my beloved.

The Word of God for the people of God.

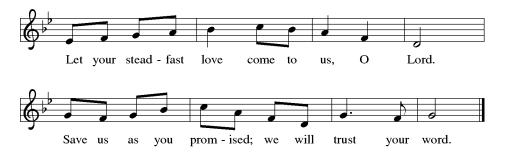
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

The Little Red (Lutheran) Hen

Please stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Luke 13:31-35

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³² He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Please stand as able

HYMN OF THE DAY

Have No Fear, Little Flock

#764

Have no fear, little flock; have no fear, little flock, for the Father has chosen to give you the kingdom; have no fear, little flock!

Have good cheer, little flock; have good cheer, little flock, for the Father will keep you in his love forever; have good cheer, little flock!

Praise the Lord high above; praise the Lord high above, for he stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you; praise the Lord high above!

Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to God, for he stays close beside you, in all things works with you; thankful hearts raise to God!

APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we 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

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

God our Mother Hen, you long to gather your church under your wings. Bless the Christian churches of Jerusalem, Palestine, North Korea, Afghanistan, and all persecuted churches, that your people may take heart and stand firm as they witness and minister in your name. Have mercy on us, O God,

according to your steadfast love.

God our Mother Hen, you give shelter to living things as numerous as the stars. Strengthen the voice of prophets who call humanity to faithful care for the planet, that they would not be silenced but heeded as your messengers. Where misinformation is disseminated about climate change, guide us toward sources of truth and ways of action. Have mercy on us, O God.

according to your steadfast love.

God our Mother Hen, you raised up leaders like Abram, Sarai, and Paul to show your people what it means to rely on your promises. Guide today's leaders to work for justice and safeguard the world for future generations. As a skulk of foxes seek harm on your precious children, protect queer, transgender, migrant, differently abled, non-white, and all others on the margins with the strength of your outstretched wings. Remind us that our strength is in our togetherness and in your love. Have mercy on us, O God,

according to your steadfast love.

God our Mother Hen, you are the stronghold of our life. Care tenderly for those who are ill in body or mind, and for people living in fear or need. May all feel the warmth of your bosom and know they are not alone. We pray especially for those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Have mercy on us, O God,

according to your steadfast love.

God our Mother Hen, you offer us citizenship in your kin-dom. Unite communities of faith who are divided over earthly things, that following the way of Christ, they may set aside differences and serve their neighbors with generosity and love. Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

God our Mother Hen, you have made a way and provided for this community of faith for well over 100 years. As we meet today to make a decision about the sale of property, help us to feel your presence, trust your purpose, and deeply know you are leading us as a hen leads her flock. We give you thanks for the resources you continue to make available to this congregation in order that we may, in confidence, heed your call to proclaim the gospel and serve those on the margins until the day of your return. Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

God our Mother Hen, you are our light and our salvation. We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Help us to trust in you as they did and to live according to their example. Have mercy on us, O God,

according to your steadfast love.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

When Twilight Comes

Adult Choir

Music: *Dapit Hapon* by Francesco Feliciano, arr. Jonathan Strommen Campbell Text: Moises B. Andrade, tr. James Minchin

When Twilight comes and the sun sets, mother hen prepares her night's rest. As her brood shelters under her wings, she gives the love of God to her nest. Oh! what joy to feel her warm heartbeat and be near her all night long; so the young can find repose, then renew tomorrow's song.

One day the Rabbi, Lord Jesus, called the twelve to share his last meal. As the hen tends her young, so for them he spent himself to seek and to heal. Oh! what joy to be with Christ Jesus, hear his voice, oh! sheer delight, and receive his servant care: all before the coming night.

So gather round once again, friends, touched by fading glow of sun's gold, and recount all our frail human hopes: the dreams of young and stories of old.

Oh! what joy to pray close together, kneeling as one family, by a mother's love embraced in the blessed Trinity.

Please stand as able

The trumpets sound, the angels sing, the feast is ready to begin. The gates of heav'n are open wide, and Jesus welcomes you inside.

Refrain

Sing with thankfulness songs of pure delight.

Come and revel in heaven's love and light.

Take your place at the table of the King.

The feast is ready to begin; the feast is ready to begin.

Tables are laden with good things; oh, taste the peace and joy he brings. He'll fill you up with love divine; he'll turn your water into wine. Refrain

The hungry heart he satisfies, offers the poor his paradise. Now hear all heav'n and earth applaud the amazing goodness of the Lord. Refrain

Let us pray. Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

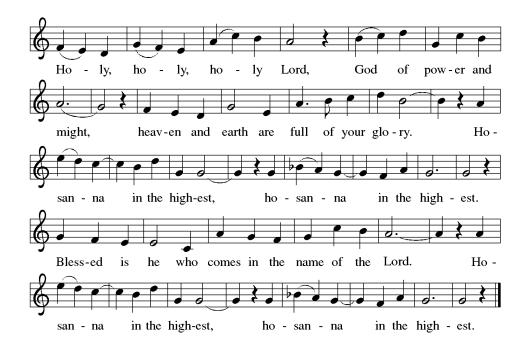
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 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

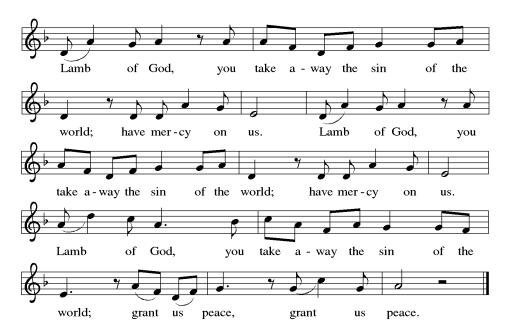
COMMUNION

All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Both wine and grape juice are available in the split chalice— wine in the larger section and grape juice in the smaller section. Christ's grace and forgiveness is found in the bread, wine, and grape juice.

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 chalice to receive Communion by intinction.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



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.

Winter by Herman Beeftink

Jo Lewis, flute

Thy Holy Wings

#613

Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me, and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee. Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place, and let my ev'ry moment be lived within thy grace.

Oh, let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast where I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest. Oh, close thy wings around me and keep me safely there, for I am but a newborn and need thy tender care.

Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood. Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good. Oh, take into thy keeping thy children great and small, and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.

Around You, O Lord Jesus

#468

Around you, O Lord Jesus, your own you gather still to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.

You say to us so lovingly, "Take, eat! This is my body! Take, drink! This is my blood!"

We hear your invitation, and heed, O Lord, your call; your word of consolation is spoken to all.

It draws us to your loving heart; it brings to us your blessing, which never will depart.

We are your own forever; until our final breath we will be true and never— in joy, in grief, in death—depart from you, for you are still among your people dwelling, as you have said you will.

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

> The Spirit of the risen Christ, unseen, but ever near, is in such friendship better known, alive among us here, alive among us here.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one.

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 Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,
H bless you now and forever.

Amen

The Glory of These Forty Days Text: 320 Tune: 389 The of these for days glo - ry ty we cel Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re turn in with of praise; brate for Christ, through whom all songs fast_ and_ Our strength - en prayer to you. spir its things made, him - self has fast - ed__ has prayed. were and with_ your grace, and give joy to___ see your face. us 8

DISMISSAL

Let us go into the world proclaiming peace, justice, and truth with the sure and certain confidence of our ability to return to the warm love of Christ's mothering wings.

Thanks be to God!

Following worship, refreshments will be available during a five minute break prior to the called meeting of the Congregation to act on a motion regarding the sale of the 429 Property.

Gather He In

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