



**TRINITY**  
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Lent is not a season to shrink in shame...  
but a time to lean into love.



**First Sunday in Lent**

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# Welcome to Trinity!

**A place of love, grace, and belonging, where all, without exception, are loved, honored, valued, affirmed, welcomed, and celebrated.**

If we can make you feel more at home, please speak to an usher or greeter.

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.

## ADULTS & CHILDREN

Worship Bags are available in the Narthex or the Gym for children. Bags for preschoolers are tied with a white ribbon. Bags for elementary age children have no ribbon. After worship, used bags may be placed in the baskets next to the stands.

A nursery hosted by a member of the Trinity staff, Beth Oswald, as well as a small group of rotating volunteers who have been trained in Trinity's Child Protection Policy is available each Sunday morning beginning at 9:45 am to care for infants and toddlers who would prefer enjoying play time instead of attending 10:00 am worship. The nursery is located on the first floor of the Pence Building. Please reach out to a greeter or usher if you need assistance.

## PRAYING WITH US

We encourage you to participate fully in our service, as you are comfortable. We invite you to read aloud the **bold text**. Wherever you see ✠, you are invited to cross yourself. Other actions are indicated during the service, but none are required.

## LET'S GET CONNECTED

If you are new to Trinity, we are thrilled to have you here. If you would like to know more about this congregation and our ministry please share your contact information with us by filling out a Connection Card which can be obtained from the pew racks or baskets. Thank you for your presence among us.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are given to given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings by Carol Elliott.

## Serving Today

**Susan J. Crowell**  
Presiding Minister and  
Preaching

**Patrick D. Preacher**  
Assisting Minister

**Jim Parham**  
Organist and Choir Director

**Lector**  
Carl Witherspoon

**Prayers**  
Renee Heiliger

**Cantor**  
John Beckford

**Guitar**  
Duke Barsody

**Communion Assistant**  
Joe Druga

**Acolytes**  
Ella Matson

**Children's Worship  
Opportunity Leaders**  
Chris Barsody, JL Dykes

**Nursery**  
Karen Craig, Beth Oswald

**Praying for Possibilities**  
Kerrie Seymour

**Refreshment Hosts**  
Geoff and Julie Reid

**Greeters**  
Mark Allen, Deirdre Hixson,  
Linda Morgan, Cathy O'Neill,  
Pat O'Neill, Lisa Rehm

**Ushers**  
Carol Elliott, Danny Fagala,  
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## God Welcomes All

### PRELUDE

### WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Please stand as you're able.*

We gather in the name of the ✠ Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier,  
who forgives our sin, offers healing and wholeness, and surrounds us with love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of love,  
**we come to you just as we are –  
carrying hopes we have nurtured and hurts we have tried to ignore.**

**In this season of Lenten reflection, we notice the places where love is difficult:  
when we have turned away from one another,  
when we have chosen comfort over courage,  
when we have closed our hearts to voices, stories, and needs not our own.  
We strive not to dwell in guilt, but to tell the truth –  
about our limits, our fears,  
and our longing to more faithfully walk the path of love.  
Hold us gently as we become more aware.  
Open us to growth, reshape us through compassion, and lead us into deeper,  
more loving connection with you, with our neighbors, and with ourselves.  
Amen.**

God loves you, every one of you, with a fierce, protective, urgent love  
and forgives your every little and big offense and misdeed.  
Strive to walk the path of love.  
And when you fall short,  
you are forgiven and restored and redeemed  
In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

In the confession we admit the ways we have not lived as we were created to live, both individually, and corporately, and ask for forgiveness. The pastor declares to us the wonderful grace of God's promise of forgiveness, reconciliation, and the absolute remission of guilt.

## Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the  
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,  
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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## 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.**



CANTICLE OF PRAISE

You Are Holy  
*Du är helig*

1\*

Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more

än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.

Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here

väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2

Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,

du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!

Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!

ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

\* May be sung in canon.

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The prayer of the day covers the wide variety of human longing and responsibilities of the church and humanity.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord is with you.  
**and also with you.**

Holy One of all times and all places, in the wilderness, you teach us sacred limits. You show us that “no” can be a faithful word. No to systems that trade people for profit. No to narratives that measure worth by control or accumulation. No to despair that whispers we are alone in the desert. Strengthen us to trust the limits that give life – Sabbath rest, shared bread, mutual care, and moments in stillness and silence. Teach us to honor bodies, consent, justice, and compassion as holy ground. In our hunger, be our bread. In our vulnerability, be our shelter. In our resistance, be our courage. Lead us through these forty days not toward triumph through domination, but toward resurrection through love; in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## God Speaks to Us Through a Living Word

### A READING

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

A reading from Genesis.

<sup>15</sup>YHWH Elohim took Adam and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. <sup>16</sup>And YHWH Elohim commanded Adam, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup>but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

3: <sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that YHWH Elohim had made. The serpent said to the woman, “Did Elohim say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” <sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but Elohim said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, <sup>5</sup>for Elohim knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like Elohim, knowing good and evil.” <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to the man who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Hebrew scriptures employ a rich diversity of names for God. In fact, biblical scholars list nine different names for God used in the Old Testament.

In today’s reading from Genesis, we see the most frequently used name, *Elohim*.

As a plural noun form, this was commonly used by Israel’s polytheistic neighbors to refer to a plurality of gods, but the authors of the Hebrew scriptures paired this plural noun with singular verb forms to communicate that there is only one God. Often used alone, in our reading from Genesis today, we encounter *Elohim* paired with YHWH, the effect being to intensify the holiness and stature of God.



PSALM

Psalm 32

Psalm Refrain

Mer-cy em - brac - es those who trust in the Lord.

Psalm Tone

The Psalm is a hymn or poem. The psalms cover the whole range of the relationship between God and God's people. The Book of Psalms, while a "book" of the Bible, consists of 150 hymns intended to be sung.

- <sup>1</sup> Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,  
and whose sin is | put away!
- <sup>2</sup> **Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!**
- <sup>3</sup> While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,  
because of my groaning | all day long.
- <sup>4</sup> **For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;  
my moisture was dried up  
as in the | heat of summer. R**
- <sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and did not con- | ceal my guilt.  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."  
Then you forgave me the guilt | of my sin.
- <sup>6</sup> **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers  
to you in | time of trouble;  
when the great waters overflow,  
they | shall not reach them.**
- <sup>7</sup> You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.
- <sup>8</sup> **"I will instruct you and teach you  
in the way that | you should go;  
I will guide you | with my eye. R**
- <sup>9</sup> Do not be like horse or mule,  
which have no | understanding;  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will | not stay near you."
- <sup>10</sup> **Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;  
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.**
- <sup>11</sup> Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD;  
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart. **R**

Accompanied by Child Protection trained adults, children are invited to leave worship after the children's sermon to go hear the scripture read in ways more appropriate for their age. Using lectionary stories heard in worship each Sunday, the children not only hear scripture, but enjoy a related activity such as a game, craft, or music. Children return to worship during the sharing of the peace and in time to participate in the celebration of Holy Communion.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*When "No" Is a Good Word*

During worship, there is always a reading from a Gospel. We stand to indicate the importance we place on Jesus' words and actions.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Please stand as able.*



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



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

## GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew the fourth chapter.

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil.

<sup>2</sup> Jesus fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came and said to him, "If you are God's Only Begotten, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup> But Jesus answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took Jesus to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> saying to him, "If you are God's Only Begotten, throw yourself down, for it is written,

'God will command the angels concerning you,'

and 'On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the devil, "Again it is written, 'Do not put God Most High to the test.'"

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, <sup>9</sup> and said to Jesus, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'You shall worship and serve God alone!

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left Jesus, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

*Sacred Limits and Holy Boundaries*



HYMN OF THE DAY

Please stand as able.

Spirit of Gentleness

*Refrain*

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness

call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,

stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,  
2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,  
3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,  
4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;

and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

*Refrain*

"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."  
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

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In the Apostles' Creed, we respond to the proclamation of God's Word by confessing the faith that has been handed down through generations of Christians. We "believe" (from the Latin *credere*, meaning "to put one's heart into") as an act of trust in the story of God's creating love, redeeming work in Jesus Christ, and life-giving presence through the Holy Spirit. We say "I believe" not as an isolated individual, but as one held within the faith of the whole church, the Body of Christ, which supports and strengthens us when our own faith feels fragile. When it is not capitalized, the word "catholic" means universal—affirming that this faith belongs to the whole people of God, in all times and places.

The Prayers of Intercession are always responsive, because everyone gives voice to the supplications. We include prayers for others throughout the world, in our Synod, and those connected to our congregation.

## APOSTLE'S 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

Reconciled by our Holy Parent's endless mercy and held in the embracing presence of Christ, we pray through the Holy Spirit for the world, the Church, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

God of all grace, grant faith to your church. Give to all the baptized the will to resist temptation and to worship and serve you alone. Guide your church through wilderness times by the gift of your love. Grant the Body of Christ a clear sense of mission for the sake your saving gospel and the world. Grant us mercy, O God.

**According to your steadfast love.**

God of all creation, tend this earth. When human greed and carelessness threaten this planet and the life it contains, lead us by your Spirit into ways of reverence, awe, and gentleness. Grant leaders the wisdom to balance their economic desires with environmental care. Gift them with the fortitude needed to care for this world beyond short-term gain. We pray especially for communities already being harmed by pollution. Grant us mercy, O God.

**According to your steadfast love.**



God of all nations, preserve us from trouble. Surround all living in places of violence with the constancy of your love and give resilience to all who work for peace. Bring an end to the wars that continue to rage year after year. Grant courage to those who challenge broken systems, especially around issues of racism, Transphobia, and oppression of any kind. We pray that South Carolina legislators will pass bill H.4270 which will remove some eviction records from public view, allowing people to start afresh after times of hardship. Grant us mercy, O God.

**According to your steadfast love.**

God of all healing, mend our wounds. Bring wholeness to all who are sick, console all who groan in grief, and send companions to all who are lonely or isolated. Support all who find themselves on the margins of church, society, and even their family. Remind us that a walk through the wilderness is not walked alone, as you are always with us, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts. Grant us mercy, O God.

**According to your steadfast love.**

God of all people, provide for our community. For any among us who hunger for bread, bring nourishment. For any among us who hunger for truth, speak your life-giving word. Sustain and inspire the ministries this community holds dear, especially the stewardship of our children and youth. Grant us mercy, O God.

**According to your steadfast love.**

God of all life, bring us to you. We give thanks for the witness of those who have died in faith, especially Reverend Jesse Jackson, Fannie Lou Hamer, and other Civil Rights leaders who fought the good fight and now rest in you. Grant us mercy, O God.

**According to your steadfast love.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.  
**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.*

The Peace has been exchanged in worship since the time of the first Christians. It is a profound act to offer the miraculous peace of God to one another before we join in communion with God and each other.

## God Invites Us to the Table

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

#### *Jesus Calls Us*

Music: Joy Patterson; Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-95

Shannon Whitworth, soloist; Jenna Mast, clarinet; John Beckford, percussion

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea,  
day by day his clear voice sounding,  
saying, "Christian, follow me":

Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."

Jesus calls us! By your mercy,  
Savior, may we hear your call,  
give our hearts to your obedience,  
serve and love you best of all.

The Offertory is when we bring our gifts of bread, wine, money, and our very selves to present to

God as our initial act of thanksgiving.

This collection is a visible reminder that our whole lives are God's, and a part of what God has given us we give back in thanksgiving for all that we have and all that we are. Financial

contributions can be placed in the offering plates during worship, mailed to the church, or given

electronically by going to our website [trinitylutheran.ws](http://trinitylutheran.ws), by scanning the QR code, or texting TLCGIVE to 73256.





OFFERING HYMN

Please stand as able.

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The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

*The Feast Is Ready*



1 The trum - pets sound, the an - gels sing,  
2 Ta - bles are la - den with good things;  
3 The hun - gry heart he sat - is - fies,



the\_\_ feast is read - y to be - gin.  
oh,\_\_ taste the peace and joy he brings.  
of - fers the poor his par - a - dise.



The gates of heav'n are o - pen wide,  
He'll fill you up with love di - vine:  
Now hear all heav'n and earth ap - plaud



and\_\_ Je - sus wel - comes you in - side.  
he'll\_\_ turn your wa - ter in - to wine.  
the\_\_ a - maz - ing good - ness of the Lord.



Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de-light.



Come and rev - el in heav - en's love and light.



Take your place at the ta - ble of the King



The\_\_ feast is read - y to be - gin;



the\_\_ feast is read - y to be - gin.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God,

**We offer these gifts in gratitude for life, love, and the joy you give us. Use our offerings for the work of care, compassion, justice, and radical welcome. Shape us into a generous people, giving freely and loving without asking for anything in return, and always, always trusting, not in human scarcity, but in your abundance.**

**Amen.**

## THE 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.

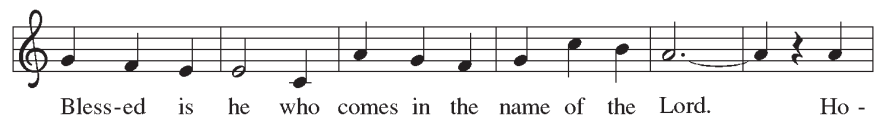
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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:

The Sanctus (holy, holy, holy) recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, overwhelmed by the presence of God in the sanctuary, and these words were sung by the people as Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The Sanctus reminds us that this is an offering of the whole creation, which joins in singing these praises.





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

Come to the table.  
All are welcome to feast on God's goodness and mercy.  
**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.*

The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus gave to his followers when they asked him to teach them to pray. It links our daily bread to the spiritual food we receive in Communion.

In an effort to further embrace Trinity's mission of welcome, affirmation, and hospitality, both wine and grape juice are available in the split chalice.

## Lamb of God



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.



## Create in Me a Clean Heart

*Offering Song*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

# Guide My Feet

1 Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race.  
2 Hold my hand, Lord, while I run this race.  
3 Stand by me, Lord, while I run this race.  
4 Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race.

Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race.  
Hold my hand, Lord, while I run this race.  
Stand by me, Lord, while I run this race.  
Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race.

Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this  
Hold my hand, Lord, while I run this race,  
Stand by me, Lord, while I run this race,  
Guide my feet, Lord, while I run this race,

for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Music: Do Lord  
Text: African American Spiritual



## Thy Holy Wings



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,  
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast  
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.  
where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.  
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,  
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,  
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.  
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.  
and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite  
Music: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune  
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# Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

*Jésus, je voudrais te chanter*

1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*  
 1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;  
 2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
 3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,  
 4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;

*Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,*  
 I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:  
 May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.  
 to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.  
 but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.

*car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:*  
 you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.  
 May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
 For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.  
 And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,

*Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.*  
 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.  
 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.  
 we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

Text: Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community; tr. Stephen Somerville, b. 1931  
 Music: LES PETITES SOEURS, Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community  
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## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

*Please stand as able.*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of limitless love,  
We thank you for this table –  
for bread broken and cup shared,  
for grace we can taste and hold.  
Send us now as bearers of your reconciling love –  
to mend what is broken, challenge what is cruel,  
to cherish every person as kin,  
and to live as if another's sorrow and joy  
were our very own, through Jesus, our sibling and savior.

**Amen.**

After Communion,  
we give thanks for  
being part of the  
communion of God's  
life and for being fed  
so that we may go  
out to feed and serve  
others in our world.

# God Sends Us to Love and Serve the World

## BLESSING

May the grace of the Creator,  
the love of Christ the Liberator,  
and the courage of the Holy Spirit, our sustainer,  
✠ rest upon you and rise within you. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

### The Glory of These Forty Days      Text: 320 Tune: 389

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

cel - e - brate with songs of praise; for  
turn in faith and prayer to you. Our

Christ, through whom all things were made, him -  
spir - its strength-en with your grace, and

self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
give us joy to see your face.

**DISMISSAL**

Beloved Community,  
Go with courage to honor sacred limits.  
Let your “no” be faithful.  
Let your limits be holy.  
Let your hunger lead you toward community, not domination.  
Go in peace,  
Walk gently within God’s good boundaries,  
and serve Love alone.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Following worship everyone is invited to gather for refreshments and fellowship in the back corner of the gym.*

Having heard the Gospel and having been fed at communion, the final act of our common worship is the Dismissal. It is not an afterthought, but an integral part of the service. Jesus’ final action on earth was to send his followers into the world to make disciples, baptizing and teaching them to obey all he had commanded. And so we are sent out into the world to proclaim the Good News and be Christ’s hands and feet on earth.



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# Activities & Opportunities



February 22, 2026

The Congregation Council has called a **meeting of the congregation** on Sunday, March 1 at 11:30 am in the Gym for the purpose of acting on the unanimous recommendation of the Congregation Council that Patrick Preacher be called as the Pastor for Queer Ministry and Belonging at Trinity Lutheran Church. Complete information including the job description, along with biographical information about Patrick has been mailed to the congregation. Light refreshments will be served in the back corner of the Gym following the meeting.

**Adult Faith Exploration.** continues to meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in Rooms 12 and 13. A new series is beginning this month for Lent. The series is called *Qualities of Discipleship*. Please refer to the schedule below for weekly topics and leaders.

- **Sunday, March 1**—Disciples Take Risks, Jon and Renee Heiliger
- **Sunday, March 8**— Disciples Learn to Have Faith, Jerry Wesley
- **Sunday, March 15**—Disciples Take Time to Learn from Jesus, Jon and Renee Heiliger
- **Sunday, March 22**—Disciples Work Together, Jon and Renee Heiliger
- **Sunday, March 29**—Disciples Persevere, Jon and Renee Heiliger

**Festival of Queer Books.** Trinity will host its Second Annual Festival of Queer Books on Saturday, February 28 from 10:00 am – Noon. Last year, Trinity distributed over 800 books to a wide array of community members. All are welcome to attend. Those who would like to volunteer at the event should contact Patrick Preacher via text, 864-483-2590.

**Greenville Organized for Accountable Leadership.** GOAL justice will gather on Thursday, March 12 at 6:30 pm for a rally at Israel Metropolitan CME, 307 North Calhoun Street. The event will include information for the upcoming Nehemiah Action event in April. Questions may be directed to Cathy O’Neill at [cathycate51@gmail.com](mailto:cathycate51@gmail.com).

**Together@Trinity.** Join the Trinity community for our next Together@Trinity event on March 8. The group will meet after worship in the Multipurpose Room to celebrate baptism. Activities will be available for all ages. A variety of soups will be served for lunch. A nursery will also be available.

**Young-ish Adults** will enjoy an evening out Thursday, Feb 26 for a night of socializing and comedy. The group will meet at Coffee Underground at 6:00 pm (late arrivals are welcome) to share snacks or treats prior to the 7:30 improv show at the Alchemy Comedy Club. Group members may consider taking the stage themselves. Tickets are \$10. Please visit <https://tinyurl.com/youngishadults> to purchase a ticket for February 26. Reach out to Lara at [Larawannemacher@gmail.com](mailto:Larawannemacher@gmail.com) with questions.

## Week at a Glance

TODAY	WED, FEB 25	THURS, FEB 26	FRI, FEB 27	SAT, FEB 28	SUN, MAR 1
<p><b>9:00 am</b> Adult Faith Exploration</p> <p><b>10:00 am</b> Worship in Gym</p>	<p><b>7:15 pm</b> Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>6:00 pm</b> Young-ish Adult Group</p>	<p><b>10:00 am</b> Mahjong Group in Parlor</p>	<p><b>10:00 am</b> Festival of Queer Books</p>	<p><b>9:00 am</b> Adult Faith Exploration</p> <p><b>10:00 am</b> Worship in the Sanctuary and Live-stream, Refreshments and Fellowship to follow</p> <p><b>11:30 am</b> Called Meeting of the Congregation</p>