



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



Second 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 memory of her mother, Dot Brent on her birthday by Jeff and Lisa Rehm.

Serving Today

Susan J. Crowell

Presiding Minister and Preaching

Kerrie Seymour

Assisting Minister

Jim Parham

Organist and Choir Director

Gospel Reader

Carl Witherspoon

Lector

Ann Berlam

Prayers

John Beckford

Cantors

Lani and Russ Wise

Guitar

Duke Barsody

Communion Assistant

Donna Robinson

Acolyte

Bonnie Whitworth

Children's Worship Opportunity Leaders

Jess Bigby, Melissa Kolb

Nursery

Beth Oswald and Margaret Roth

Praying for Possibilities

Carl Brune

Refreshment Hosts

Mel Truelove and Beth Oswald

Greeters

Mark Allen, Sherry Cochran,
Sharron Goodlett,
Deirdre Hixson, Lani Ludian

Ushers

William Bryant, Jr.,
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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.

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Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory



1 Joy - ous light of heav'n - ly glo - ry, lov - ing glow of God's own
 2 In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the blaz - ing sun of
 3 You who made the heav - en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry danc - ing star of



face, you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on
 dawn, in the light of peace and wis - dom, we can
 night, make us shine with gen - tle jus - tice, let us



ev - 'ry land and race. Now as morn - ing glows a -
 hear your qui - et song. Love that fills the morn with
 each re - flect your light. Might - y God of all cre -



round us, we shall raise our songs to you. God of day - break,
 won - der, love that warms the wea - ry soul, love that bursts all
 a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our way, lov - ing Spir - it



God of shad - ows, come and light our hearts a - new.
 chains a - sun - der, set us free and make us whole.
 of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.

Text: Greek hymn, 3rd cent., para. Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen

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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.

God of wind and womb, God of night questions and morning light, in this Lenten season, we come to you as Nicodemus came to Jesus – with curiosity, with uncertainty, with questions. You are not threatened by our curiosity, not disappointed in our doubt. You meet us in the dark and send your holy wind to blow among us, sharing a love wider than we ever imagined. Blow through us, Holy Spirit. Loosen what has grown rigid. Unravel what fear has tightened. Birth in us a faith that is alive – not brittle certainty, but courageous trust. May we walk this Lenten path, may the questions we carry in the night lead us toward the light of Christ – who meets us where we are and calls us into transformed life; in the name of Jesus name we pray. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

God Speaks to Us Through a Living Word

A READING

Genesis 12:1-4a

A reading from Genesis.

¹YHWH said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your parents’ house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” ⁴So Abram went, as YHWH had told him; and Lot went with him.

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

In the Hebrew Bible, YHWH is the sacred personal name of God, often called the Tetragrammaton (“four letters”). Because of reverence for the divine name, Jewish tradition avoids pronouncing it aloud, substituting titles such as Adonai (“Lord”) or HaShem (“the Name”). The original pronunciation is uncertain; many scholars suggest “Yahweh,” though this remains a scholarly reconstruction. In most English Bibles, YHWH is rendered as “LORD” (in small capitals) to reflect this tradition.



PSALM

Psalm 121

Psalm Refrain

I lift up my eyes to the hills;

my help comes from the Lord.

Psalm Tone

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

God Loves the Whole World

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.

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.

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.

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

GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

A Faith Big Enough for Questions



HYMN OF THE DAY

Please stand as able.

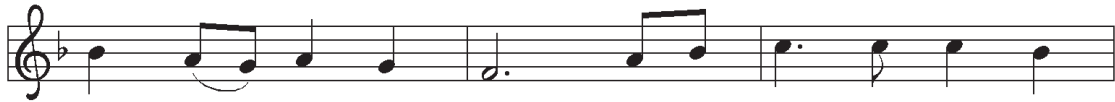
All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Refrain

Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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.

Faithful One, you renew us by grace. As you have inspired faith through the work of church artists, musicians, and hymnwriters throughout the ages, give your church the means to praise your beauty today. Tune our hearts anew that we may sing of your good deeds as we respond with our own for our neighbors and the world. Grant us mercy, O God.

According to your steadfast love.

Living One, you delight in this world. The sun and moon, the wind and the water declare your goodness. When our eyes look to the hills, remind us that you created every hill, valley, and mountaintop. Train our gaze toward the daffodils already blooming without worry of frost or weather. Preserve this earth, and sustain conservationists, scientists, and all who labor in service to creation. Do not let their warnings of climate change fall on deaf ears. Grant us mercy, O God.

According to your steadfast love.



Ruling One, you bless us to be a blessing. In a world wounded by war, breathe your peace. We pray for your mercy in Ukraine, in Israel and Gaza, in Sudan, in Myanmar, and in every place where fear and violence have the loudest voice. Soften the hearts of all who govern and all who command armies; turn them toward courage that seeks reconciliation and wisdom that protects the vulnerable. We pray also for refugees and immigrants seeking safety in Greenville, for military families who carry quiet burdens, for peacemakers, advocates, and aid workers. Make us a people who welcome, who listen, who act for justice, and who refuse the easy language of division. Teach us to practice the peace we pray for. Grant us mercy, O God.

According to your steadfast love.

Compassionate One, you send your Son to save. Declare your word of acceptance to any who feel condemned and lift up any brought low by hatred and exclusion. Remind this world that when Jesus said God loves the world, that meant the entire world, no exceptions. Tend to all who are struggling with illness or loss, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Grant us mercy, O God.

According to your steadfast love.

Guiding One, you watch over our going out and coming in. Bless newcomers and new members in this congregation. Accompany all who seek to renew their faith, find community, and work for the world of which you dream. Grant us mercy, O God.

According to your steadfast love.

Faithful and Still-Speaking One, you gather us by grace and not by sameness. You call us not because we are of one mind, but because we are held in one love. As we meet to discern a call to Patrick as Pastor for Queer Ministry and Belonging, steady our hearts. Quiet our fears. Deepen our listening. Where there is anxiety, plant trust. Where there is difference, sow curiosity. Remind us that your Spirit moves by mercy, courage, and truth. Make us a people wide enough for your welcome, brave enough for your justice, and tender enough for your beloveds. Accompany Patrick, Jonathan, and Grayson as they continue discerning the purpose you have dreamed for their life of service to you, your people, and your gospel mission. Grant us mercy, O God.

According to your steadfast love.

Eternal One, you neither slumber nor sleep. Be our keeper in life and in death. Thank you for our beloved who have died, and for your promise which saves this whole world by your love. 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.

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.

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, by scanning the QR code, or texting TLCGIVE to 73256.



Please be seated.

God Invites Us to the Table

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

And Can It Be

Music: Dan Forrest; Text: Charles Wesley

And can it be, and can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?
And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be That Thou, my God, should die for me?

He left his Father's throne above, So free, so infinite his grace;
Emptied himself of all but love, And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; For, O my God, it found out me.
And can it be, and can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head, And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

Amazing love, how can it be that thou my God shouldst die for me.
Amazing love, how can it be? Amen.



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.



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 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.

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

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.

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.



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 to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me
with your free Spir - it. Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God,
and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.

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Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.



Borning Cry



1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
3 "In the mid-dle a-ges of your life, not too old, no lon-ger young,



I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un-fold.
you were raised to praise the liv-ing Lord, to whom you now be-long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be-gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve-ning gent-ly clos-es in and you shut your wea-ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers-es rhyme from dusk till ris-ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al-ways been, with just one more sur-prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un-fold."

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We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;
2 In the wa - ter and the wit - ness, in the break - ing of the bread,
3 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,
glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread - ful death like his,
God has made a new be - gin - ning from the ash - es of our past;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, glo - ry now re - sounds a - gain



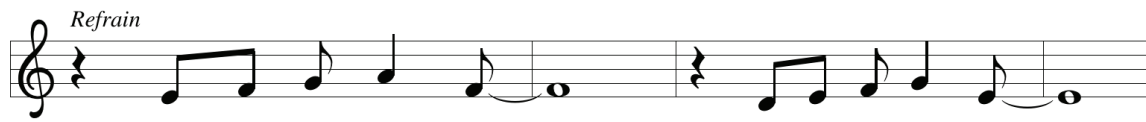
we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.
in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

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Change My Heart, O God



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

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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 now into the holy mystery of this Lenten season.
Go into the night places of this world trusting that God is already there –
not to condemn, not to judge –
but to love, to heal, to make all things new.
As the wind blows where it will, may you be carried by it –
curious, courageous, and compassionate,
until the questions you carry lead you into Christ's light.
Thanks be to God.

The congregation is invited to be seated for the called meeting of the Congregation.

*Following the meeting, everyone is invited to gather
in the corner of the Gym for refreshments and fellowship.*

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

As the Trinity community meets today to make a decision about extending a call to Patrick to serve as Pastor of Queer Ministry and Belonging, he is worshipping at Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, where he was baptized on All Saints Sunday in 2013.

The Congregation Council has called a **meeting of the congregation** today 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 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

Queer-led Worship will take place Thursday, March 5 in the Sanctuary at 6:30 pm. Please consider joining in this time of song, prayer, and reflection. New Queer leaders are always welcome, but one does not need to be Queer to attend. Please reach out to Patrick Preacher with any questions.

A Class on Spiritual Disciplines in Lent. A small group will gather on Thursday, March 12 at 10:00 am in rooms 12 and 13 to learn more about and practice several spiritual disciplines designed to encourage, soothe, uplift, comfort, and connect to the vastness of God's love and grace for all God's beloveds. This gathering will be facilitated by Renee Heiliger and Pastor Susan Crowell and is the third session in the series that began in January. Both previous and new participants are encouraged to attend. To register for this learning experience, reach out to Pastor Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws.

Young-ish Adults will gather Sunday, March 15 after the 10:00 am service by the Playground Doors to head downtown for lunch. The group will share a "dutch treat" lunch at Society located at 18 East Coffee Street. Dependent upon weather, the group will walk together or meet at the restaurant. The menu is available online. Please reach out to Lara Wannemacher at larawannemacher@gmail.com to RSVP or with any questions.

The **Trinity Lutheran History Reading Group** will meet on Sunday, March 15 at 11:30 am in the Parlor to discuss *The Cause: the American revolution and its discontents, 1773-1783* by Joseph J. Ellis. Contact Bob Schirmer at 419-348-6508, rwschirmer@gmail.com or Don Todd at 803-517-8109, dk todd47@gmail.com with questions or comments.

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Trinity Children (K5 – 5th grade) will gather on Sunday, March 22 following worship. The group will enjoy lunch together and visit stations to help prepare for Easter. To volunteer to help or for more information, contact Angie McCormack at 864-630-4026.

Trinity Youth (6th – 12th grade) will meet on Sunday, March 29, following worship. The group will enjoy lunch together. Following lunch, the group will work on a service project and prepare for the Easter season with an educational activity and more. To volunteer to help or for more information, contact Angie McCormack at 864-630-4026

Book Discussion Group. Please join Pastor Crowell for a discussion of *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans on Thursday, April 16 at 10:00 am in Rooms 12 and 13. The book tells the story of Sybil Van Antwerp, a 73-year-old retired attorney who makes sense of the world by writing letters to friends, family, and famous figures, and explores topics of life, love, regret, relationships, healing, and the gift of ordinary moments. Reach out to Pastor Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws with questions or to register for the event.

New Member Class. Are you interested in learning more about Trinity? More about what it means to be a Lutheran? To be a part of a progressive, inclusive Christian community? Are you considering becoming a member of the beloved community at Trinity? Pastor Crowell and Patrick Preacher will teach a two-part class on Lutheran Faith and Theology on Sundays, April 19 and April 26 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. These gatherings will be held after worship and will include lunch in the Multipurpose Room followed by an hour-long class for youth and adults. Childcare will be provided. Please reach out to Pastor Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws to register for these sessions and to share any dietary restrictions.

New Members Joining. Trinity will receive new members on Sunday, May 3 during worship at 10:00 am in the Gym. If interested in joining this community of faith on this date, please reach out to Pastor Crowell at sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws.

Week at a Glance

TODAY	MON, MAR 2	WED, MAR 4	THURS, MAR 5	FRI, MAR 6	SUN, MAR 8
<p>9:00 am Adult Faith Exploration</p> <p>10:00 am Worship in Gym</p> <p>11:30 am Called Meeting of the Congregation</p>	<p>6:00 pm Fiber Arts Group</p>	<p>7:00 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>6:30 pm Queer-Led Worship</p>	<p>10:00 am Mahjong Group in Parlor</p>	<p>9:00 am Adult Faith Exploration</p> <p>10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary and Live-stream, Refreshments and Fellowship to follow</p> <p>11:30 am Together@Trinity</p> <p>1:30 pm Congregation Council</p>

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Faith Exploration for all ages



Celebrating our Baptism!
Activities by age group



A variety of hot soups will be served for lunch.

Sunday, March 8 following worship

EASTER LILIES

Please place your order by:

March 23



Lilies will be used to decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday. If interested in giving a lily in honor or memory of someone, complete the form below no later than Monday, March 23. The cost of the lilies is \$15.00 each. Lilies may be picked up immediately following the 10:00 am service on Easter Sunday, April 5, or on Tuesday, April 7 through Friday, April 10 between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm. Any remaining lilies will be shared with friends at Towers East.



SCAN TO PAY

Enclosed is \$15.00 for each lily given. The Online Giving link on the homepage of the website may also be used.

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Given by: _____

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER

at
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Thursday, April 2

Maundy Thursday
Worship at 6:15 pm
Sanctuary

Friday, April 3

Good Friday
Worship at 6:15 pm
Sanctuary

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday/Resurrection of our Lord
Worship at 8:00 am and 10:00 am
Sanctuary

Nursery provided at all four services.