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



Third 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 the Glory of God by a member of the Trinity Family.

Serving Today

Susan J. Crowell

Presiding Minister and Preaching

Jess Bigby

Assisting Minister

Jim Parham

Organist and Choir Director

Gospel Reader

Tori Hilbourn

Lector

Andrew McFadyen

Prayers

Mary Mueller

Cantor

Jeff Rehm

Guitar

Duke Barsody

Communion Assistant

Jeff Waddell

Acolytes

Dovie Dykes, Madelyn Fagala

Children's Worship Opportunity Leaders

Lara Wannemacher,
Brittany Lampson

Nursery

Beth Oswald, Melanie Wessinger

Praying for Possibilities

Debbie Brune

Refreshment Hosts

Jeff Waddell, David Londono

Greeters

Mark Allen, Dexter Brecht,
Lura Godfrey, Mark Godfrey,
Jack Heidt

Ushers

William Bryant, Carol Elliott,
Richard Delap, David Potts

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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.

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

Vamos todos al banquete



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



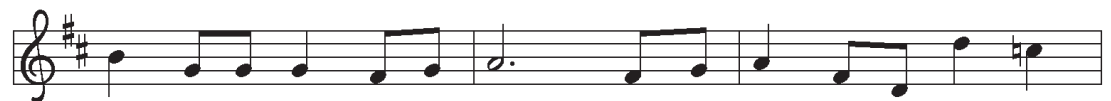
me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie - ne un pues - to yu - na mi - sión.
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -



cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

2 *Dios invita a todos los pobres a esta mesa común por la fe, donde no hay acaparadores y a nadie le falta el conqué. Estribillo*

3 *Dios nos manda a hacer de este mundo una mesa donde haya igualdad, trabajando y luchando juntos, compartiendo la propiedad. Estribillo*

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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.

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.

Boundary-Crossing God, you who met a weary woman at a well at noon, you who ask us for a drink even as you offer us living water – meet us here. Where we are tired, sit beside us. Where we are guarded, speak gently to us. Where we are divided, cross the lines we have drawn. Free us from the wells of fear, wells of exclusion, wells of certainty that leave no room for growth. Give us humility to receive wisdom from the margins. Give us hearts wide enough to believe that your salvation is not scarce, that your love is not tribal, that your grace is not rationed. Quench our thirst and help us become springs of living water to heal a world aching for wholeness; in the name of Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

God Speaks to Us Through a Living Word

A READING

Exodus 17:1-7

A reading from Exodus.

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test YHWH?” ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried out to YHWH, “What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵YHWH said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is YHWH among us or not?”

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 95

Psalm Refrain 

Let us shout for joy to the rock of our sal - va - tion.

Psalm Tone 

- ¹ Come, let us sing | to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.
- ² **Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.**
- ³ For you, LORD, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.
- ⁴ **In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;
the heights of the hills are | also yours.**
- ⁵ The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.
- ⁶ **Come, let us worship | and bow down,
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker. R**
- ⁷ For the LORD is our God, and we are the people
of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand.
Oh, that today you would | hear God's voice!
- ⁸ **"Harden | not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah | in the desert.**
- ⁹ There your ancestors | tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had | seen my works.
- ¹⁰ **Forty years I loathed that gener- | ation, saying,
'The heart of this people goes astray;
they do not | know my ways.'**
- ¹¹ Indeed I swore | in my anger,
'They shall never come | to my rest.'" R

CHILDREN'S SERMON

God's Big Welcome

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 4:5-30, 39-42

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to Jesus, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ The woman said to Jesus, "Most honorable one, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his children and flocks drank from it?" ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Most honorable one, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Most honorable one, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship Abba God neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship God in spirit and truth, for God seeks to be worshipped by such as these. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship God must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" ²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to Jesus, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.



SERMON

From Shame to Shalom

HYMN OF THE DAY

Please stand as able.

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl-wind, as on Pen - te -
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's

cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,

past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;

there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

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.

O God, the church thirsts for unity. When suffering arises, preserve your church. Make the Body of Christ one in your love. End division, isolationist tendencies, and flawed human notions of religion. Give to pastors, deacons, bishops, and all servants of your gospel the endurance that produces character and the hope that will never disappoint. Grant us mercy, O God.

According to your steadfast love.

O God, creation thirsts to be sustained. When the waters run dry, pour out your living water on this earth. Send water to places languishing with drought and grant relief to places damaged by floods. Bring clean drinking water to Haiti, Sub-Saharan Africa, Mississippi, and central California. Grant us mercy, O God.

According to your steadfast love.



O God, the world thirsts for peace. When quarrels ensue, soften our hearts. Quell hostilities between nations and peoples, and reconcile all humans across the lines of race, class, nationality, moral conviction, religion, and all else that divides or oppresses. Teach the US, Israel, and Iran new ways of dealing with conflict. Bring an end to the violence and safeguard the innocent, especially the children, who are being hurt in the midst of these attacks. We pray especially for the families of the people, likely children, killed during the attack last weekend at an Iranian girls' school. Grant us mercy, O God.

According to your steadfast love.

O God, we thirst for your healing. When your people cry out, satisfy their needs. Send water and food to all who need nourishment. Grant welcome to all who are excluded, especially the Queer, oppressed, and downtrodden. Bring an end to the hateful legislation this country continues to roll out against your beloved Transgender children. Show your mercy to any in need of your healing, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Grant us mercy, O God.

According to your steadfast love.

O God, we thirst for joy. As we gather to worship, send us your Spirit. Renew our hearts through the joyful music we make. Bless the work of our church musicians who continue to show up weekly to lead us in your song. Grant us mercy, O God.

According to your steadfast love.

O God, we thirst for liberation. As International Women's Day is celebrated today, we give you thanks for all the female identifying leaders who have forged new paths when they were told the way was blocked. Grant us a renewed vision of the world in which all people are treated with dignity, worth, and respect, regardless of gender. We thank you especially for the female identifying people who lead in this place. Grant us mercy, O God.

According to your steadfast love.

O God, we thirst for life in you. When death draws near, we rejoice in the promise of life. We remember all who have entered eternal rest, and we pray that you bring us the hope of sharing in your glory. 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

O Come Everyone That Thirsteth
Music and text: Felix Mendelssohn

O come, everyone that thirsteth,
O come to the waters,
O come unto the Lord.
O hear, and your souls shall live forever,
come to the Lord!

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.





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 INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table.
All are welcome.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

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.

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.



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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I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing - place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - 'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

MUSICAL OFFERING

Come to the Water of Life
Music and text: Ray Makeever

Adult Choir

All who are thirsty for mercy, all who are thirsty for love;
all who are thirsty for love, for mercy, come: come to the Water of life.

All who are thirsty for healing, all who are thirsty for touch;
all who are thirsty for touch, for healing, come: come to the Water of life.

All who are thirsty for beauty, all who are thirsty for truth;
all who are thirsty for truth, for beauty, come: come to the Water of life.

All who are thirsty for justice, all who are thirsty for peace;
all who are thirsty for peace, for justice, come: come to the Water of life.



God of Justice, Love, and Mercy

1 God of jus-tice, love, and mer-cy pour your wis-dom on our souls.
2 God of jus-tice, love, and mer-cy with com - pas-sion let us care.
3 God of jus-tice, love, and mer-cy send us out and make us bold.

By your all - sus-tain - ing pow - er keep our spir - its strong and whole.
As we come in hum-ble weak-ness, may your strength be ours to share.
As we strive for your high cal - ling, let our hands your mer - cies hold.

Lift our eyes to see your vi - sion, of a world in ur - gent need.
Press our hearts to know the strug - gle of the ones we can - not see.
You have blessed us with a - bun-dance, gifts to share with those in need.

Grant us cou - rage, then to fol - low bring - ing com-fort with each deed.
Dear - est sib - lings, all who suf - fer may your kind-ness set us free.
Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it may we fol - low as you lead.

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your
prais - ses. — I'm so glad you're in — my life;
I'm so glad you came to save us. Your came from heav-en to earth
— to show the way, — from the earth — to the cross,
— my debt to pay, — from the cross — to the grave,
— from the grave to the sky; — Lord, I lift your name on high.

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to
3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our



life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -
 feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
 chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you
 mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -

parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
 head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
 turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
 way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt.
 Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

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 to the wells of this world,
to the spaces where barriers have stood for too long.
Do not be afraid to cross lines, to listen deeply, to tell the truth about your own
thirst.
Go in peace to become living water...
for the thirsty, for the weary, for the world.
Thanks be to God.

*Following worship everyone is invited to gather
on the front lawn 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

Hospital Patients: Linda Morgan, Pelham Medical Center Room 423
Missie Coneybeer, Prisma Patewood

Patrick Preacher is away today on vacation.

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

- **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

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.

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.

GOAL Justice and Nehemiah Action. Please join members and friends of Trinity along with members of faith communities across Greenville County as the group gathers to speak truth to power at GOAL's Nehemiah Action. The event is Thursday, April 9, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm at First Baptist Church located at 847 Cleveland Street, Greenville. Please reach out to Cathy O'Neill at cathycate51@gmail.com with any questions.

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 JJ. Ellis. Contact Bob Schirmer at 419-348-6508, rwschirmer@gmail.com or Don Todd at 803-517-8109, dkttodd47@gmail.com with questions or comments.

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.

March 8, 2026

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 9	WED, MAR 11	THURS, MAR 12	FRI, MAR 13	SUN, MAR 15
<p>9:00 am Adult Faith Exploration</p> <p>9:30 am Second Sunday Food Drive</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>		<p>7:00 am Men's Reflection and Fellowship Group</p> <p>7:00 pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>10:00 am Spiritual Disciplines Class</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 Gym and Live-stream, Refreshments and Fellowship to follow</p> <p>11:30 am History Reading Group</p> <p>11:30 am Trinity Young-ish Adult Group</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.

TODAY 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.