



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



## **Fifth 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 and in honor of the birthdays of her brother and sister-in law, Roy and Kay Cook by Beth and Charlie Owsald.

## Serving Today

**Jon Heiliger**  
Presiding Minister

**Patrick Preacher**  
Assisting Minister and Preaching

**Jim Parham**  
Organist and Choir Director

**Lector**  
Mary Brown

**Prayers**  
Jonathan Preacher

**Cantor**  
Patrick Morgan

**Guitar**  
Duke Barsody

**Communion Assistant**  
Sadie Zhou

**Acolyte**  
Parker Sherwood

**Children's Worship  
Opportunity Leaders**  
Suzanne Rudisill, Margaret Roth

**Nursery**  
JL Dykes, Beth Oswald

**Praying for Possibilities**  
Pat Morgan

**Refreshment Hosts**  
Carl and Debbie Brune

**Greeters**  
Ken Lanier, Vicki Lanier,  
Suzanne Rudisill, Sarah Weeks

**Ushers**  
Franklin Sease, Calvin Harmon,  
David Potts

**Video**  
Henry Wilcox

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Gregg Alley



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## God Welcomes All

### PRELUDE

### WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

### TEMPLE TALK

*Preparing for GOAL's Nehemiah Action*

### 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.

GATHERING HYMN

God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long  
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's  
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,  
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -  
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants  
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,  
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore  
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.  
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!



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.**

Life-breathing God, as Jesus was at the tomb of Lazarus, so do you stand with us at the edge of every grave. You weep with us when we mourn. You speak life in the shadow places where the world only speaks death. Roll away the stones we place before ourselves and one another. Release us from the weight of fear, injustice, and hardened hearts. Speak life into places bound by despair, that all who are trapped in oppression, exclusion, grief, or broken relationships may rise in dignity and hope. Unbind us, O God! Set us free to walk in the light of your justice and the goodness of your love. In the death-defeating name of Jesus we pray, **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## God Speaks to Us Through a Living Word

Today's reading from Ezekiel introduces us to another name for God, Adonai. This is the plural form of the Hebrew word which means "ruler" or "lord." Referring to God in the plural, as in the "royal we," emphasizes God's exalted sovereignty. Adonai was also used in some Hebrew texts as a substitute for YHWH to allow that scripture passage to be read aloud without speaking that most sacred covenantal name for God, YHWH. In other texts, the vowels for Adonai were inserted into YHWH, which lead early English-speaking translators to use "Jehovah" for YHWH. Today, Ezekiel addresses God as ADONAI YHWH, to express the highest possible veneration for God.

## A READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

A reading from Ezekiel.

<sup>1</sup>The hand of GOD came upon me, and the spirit of YHWH brought me out by and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>God led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>God said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O ADONAI, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then God said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of YHWH. <sup>5</sup>Thus says ADONAI YHWH to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am YHWH."

<sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then God said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the ADONAI YHWH: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as commanded, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup>Then God said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says ADONAI YHWH: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am YHWH when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, YHWH, have spoken and will act, says YHWH."

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**



PSALM

Psalm 130

Psalm Refrain 

Psalm Tone 


<sup>1</sup> Out | of the depths  
I cry to | you, O LORD;  
<sup>2</sup> **O LORD, | hear my voice!**  
**Let your ears be attentive**  
**to the voice of my | supplication.**  
<sup>3</sup> If you were to keep watch | over sins,  
O LORD, | who could stand?  
<sup>4</sup> **Yet with you | is forgiveness,**  
**in order that you | may be feared. R**  
<sup>5</sup> I wait for you, O LORD; | my soul waits;  
in your word | is my hope.  
<sup>6</sup> **My soul waits for the Lord more than**  
**those who keep watch | for the morning,**  
**more than those who keep watch | for the morning.**  
<sup>7</sup> O Israel, wait for the LORD,  
for with the LORD there is | steadfast love;  
with the LORD there is plen- | teous redemption.  
<sup>8</sup> **For the LORD shall | redeem Israel**  
**from | all their sins. R**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*I Know Who I Am*

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 11:1-45

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John the eleventh chapter.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, Lazarus whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather, it is for God's glory, so that God's Only Begotten Child may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup> Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, <sup>6</sup> after having heard that Lazarus was ill, Jesus stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

<sup>7</sup> Then after this Jesus said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup> The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble because they see the light of this world. <sup>10</sup> But those who walk at night stumble because the light is not in them." <sup>11</sup> After saying this, Jesus told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." <sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, "Lord, if Lazarus has fallen asleep, he will be all right." <sup>13</sup> Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. <sup>15</sup> For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup> Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

<sup>17</sup> When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, God's Only Begotten Child, the one coming into the world."

<sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup> When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup> Jesus said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup> Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said,



“See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

<sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Abba, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” <sup>43</sup> When Jesus had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

<sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews, therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

*Death Ends in Life*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Please stand as able.*

**Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land**

*Refrain – All*

Je - sus is a rock in a wea - ry land, a wea - ry land, a  
wea - ry land; my Je - sus is a rock in a  
wea - ry land, a shel - ter in the time of storm.

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1 No one can do like Je - sus, not a  
 2 When Je - sus was on earth, . . . . . the . .  
 3 Yon - der comes my Sav - ior, him . .



mum-bling word he said; he went walk - ing down to Laz -  
 flesh was ver - y weak; . . he took a towel and gird -  
 whom I love so well; . . he has the palm of vic -



- a - rus' grave, and he raised him from the dead.  
 ed him - self and he washed his dis - ci - ples' feet.  
 - to - ry and the keys of death and hell.

*Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: WEARY LAND, African American spiritual

## APOSTLE'S CREED

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.

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 God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for the Church. Grant life and peace to all who gather in your name. Breathe into us so that we may share your message of forgiveness, hope, and love. Awaken your Church to the new things you are doing, the new life you are creating, and freshness of your unending grace for all people. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We pray for creation. Renew landscapes that have dried up, prosper the work of those who restore homes and habitats after natural disasters and bring hope to all those impacted by the recent swath of tornadoes. Sustain places where biodiversity thrives, especially Falls Park, Conestee Nature Preserve, and the Cleveland Park Pollinator Garden. Enliven each of us to care more fully for your creation. Grant us mercy, O God.

**According to your steadfast love.**

We pray for the nations. Unbind leaders trapped by fear to act boldly for justice, free all who live in places of war and violence, and guide refugees and asylum seekers to safety. Soften and break the hearts of leaders who seem to thirst for war. Bring them down from their ivory towers and into the streets where people are being murdered by state sanctioned violence. Forgive us in our complacency. Grant us mercy, O God.

**According to your steadfast love.**

We pray for all people in need. Take away the stone of poverty that weighs down so many. Make a way for Greenville to support those whose income does not allow them to afford the ever-climbing cost of living in this city we call home. Console any who weep and heal all who are sick, especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts ... Grant us mercy, O God.

**According to your steadfast love.**

We pray for this assembly. Ready the hearts and spirits of all preparing to be baptized, teaching us all new ways to live into our baptismal promises. Encourage teachers and leaders who guide this community in the exploration of our faith. Continue opening our minds and hearts to the newness of life with you and in your gospel. Deepen our wonder at the mystery of your resurrection and life. Grant us mercy, O God.

**According to your steadfast love.**

We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith. Give us faith to trust in your power to redeem and save, and bring us up from our graves to life 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.**

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.

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.

## 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.*

## God Invites Us to the Table

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.

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

### *River of Freedom*

Text and Music by Larry Shackley

There's a river of freedom flowing' to the ocean.

There's a river of freedom rolling' to the sea.

And when I reach that shore,

I ain't gonna wear these chains no more,

I'm gonna cross that mighty river and be free.

Gonna sing with all my brothers by that river.

Gonna sing with all my sisters on that strand.

All our loved ones will be waiting' and everyone will be celebrating',  
singing' to the music of that heavenly band.

There no trouble can ever find me.

Devil never gonna take me back and bind me.

Never will allow his wicked lies to bind me.

When I feel that river washing' over me.

There's a river of freedom flowing' to the ocean.

There's a river of freedom rolling' to the sea.

And when I reach that shore,

I ain't gonna wear these chains no more,

I'm gonna cross that mighty river and be free.

Won't you come along and join me by the river?

Won't you come along and take me by the hand?

Can't you feel it in your soul?

Don't you long to see that old Jordan roll?

Won't you come along with me to the promised land?

River of freedom gonna lead us to the promised land.





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.

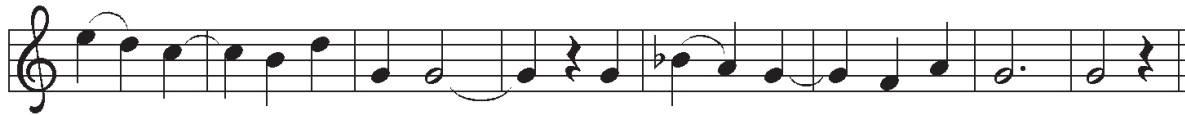
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

### I Am the Bread of Life

Leader or All



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who  
2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my  
3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the  
4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . .  
5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve that . . .



come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -  
flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you  
flesh of the Son of Man . . . and . . .  
I . . . am the life. . . . If you be -  
you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
eat . . . of this bread, and you shall . . live for -  
drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his  
lieve . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . though you  
Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . have . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."  
ev - er, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
blood, you shall not have life with - in you."  
die, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
come in - to . . . the . . . world. . . .

Refrain

All

“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day.”

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## What Wondrous Love Is This

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
 2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when  
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this  
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink-ing down  
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my  
 be-neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side his crown for my  
 who is the great I AM, while mil-lions join the theme, I will  
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?  
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.  
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.  
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.  
 Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914–1997, alt.  
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## Shine, Jesus Shine

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*Refrain*

Shine, Je-sus, shine, — fill this land with the Fa-ther's glo-ry;  
 blaze, Spir - it, blaze, — set our hearts on fire.  
 Flow, riv-er, flow, — flood the na - tions with grace and mer-cy;  
 send forth your Word, — Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the  
 2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis-  
 dark-ness, shin-ing; Je-sus, light of the world, shine up-on — us,  
 play your like-ness, ev - er chang-ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,  
 set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
 mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

*Refrain*

Shine on — me, shine on — me:  
 Shine on — me, shine on — me:

## I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936  
 Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835  
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## Bread of Life from Heaven

*Refrain*

Bread of life from heav - en, your blood and bod - y giv - en,

we eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing  
2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your  
3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -  
4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your  
5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this



thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be  
hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the  
self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is  
home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly  
bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with



*Refrain*

sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.  
liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.  
food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.  
One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.  
ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952  
Music: ARGENTINE SANTO | BREAK NOW THE BREAD, Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas  
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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

Do not allow yourselves to be bound by the deadly systems of this world. Instead, speak life in the face of death. Pray for peace at the tombs of war. Unbind your neighbors with words of love. Now go in peace to believe the good news.  
**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

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**Hospital Patients:** Roger Brown (David Foster's husband), Discharged  
Linda Morgan, Discharged

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

- **Sunday, March 29**—Disciples Persevere, Jon and Renee Heiliger

**GOAL Justice and Nehemiah Action.** Please join members and friends of Trinity along with members of 30 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 Greenville located at 847 Cleveland Street, Greenville. Please reach out to Cathy O'Neill at [cathycate51@gmail.com](mailto:cathycate51@gmail.com) with questions.

**Trinity Children** (K5 – 5th grade) will gather today following worship. The group will enjoy lunch together and visit stations to help prepare for Easter.

**Support Group for Women in Challenging Relationships.** Are you feeling exhausted, unseen, or that no matter how much you give in a relationship, it's never enough? You are not alone. This group, led by Jerry Wesley, Trinity's Coordinator for Mental Health Wellness, is a safe, judgment-free space where participants can share with others who understand, find encouragement, practical ideas, hope, and build genuine connections with women walking a similar path. The next meeting of this group is today from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm on the first floor of the Education Building. Childcare is provided.

**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](mailto:sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws) with questions or to register for the event.

**Easter Egg Hunt.** All children are invited to the Trinity Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4, at 10:00 am in the Multipurpose Room for games, activities, and special Easter snacks. After some introduction children will go outside to hunt for eggs. Adult volunteers are needed to help. Reach out to Angie McCormack at [ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws](mailto:ahmccormack@trinitylutheran.ws) or 864-630-4026 for more information.

**Decorating for Easter.** In preparation for the celebration of the resurrection on Easter Sunday, the Sanctuary and the cross on the front lawn will be decorated on Holy Saturday, April 4 at 10:00 am. If interested in being a part of this fun, communal event, please reach out to Jaime Fivecoat at 864-630-0473.

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**March 22, 2026**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:sjcrowell@trinitylutheran.ws).

**Ronald McDonald House Collection.** Serving neighbors outside the Trinity walls and into the greater Greenville community is central to Trinity's mission. With that in mind, Trinity will be collecting items for Greenville chapter of the Ronald McDonald House located near Prisma's Greenville Memorial Hospital. Collection will take place throughout the month of April. Please consider donating any of the following: laundry pods, travel sized toiletry items (shampoo, condition, bar soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant), juice boxes (no apple), individual snack size chips, individual popcorn bags, and disposable utensils. These items may be brought to worship or dropped off at the Church Office. Please notify a staff member that your donation is for Ronald McDonald House so it can go to the right place. This collection is not replacing Trinity's Second Sunday Food Drive on April 12. Please contact Patrick Preacher via text with any questions. 864.483.2590.

**Farm Fun Day at Bowers Farm!** A day at the farm is just what everyone needs during these stressful times! The Young-ish Adult group extends an invitation to the entire congregation to attend Farm Day Fun at The Bowers Farm on May 9th from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Sarah Bowers, a daughter of Trinity and Deacon in the ELCA runs the farm with her husband and daughter. The day will include a guided tour with Sarah explaining the farm's journey to organic farming, games, time to interact with the farm animals and a community lunch. Each guest/family group is responsible for bringing their own picnic lunch. Trinity will provide bottled water and juice. Attendees are responsible for their own transportation. Carpooling is encouraged! At least 15 people must register for this event to take place. Please register with Lara Wannemacher via email ([LaraWannemacher@gmail.com](mailto:LaraWannemacher@gmail.com)) or Patrick Preacher via text (864.483.2590). Please register by April 30. The Bowers Farm is located in Pomaria, SC in a beautiful rural setting. More information about the farm can be found at [www.bowersfarmsc.com](http://www.bowersfarmsc.com).

# Week at a Glance

TODAY	MON, MAR 23	WED, MAR 25	FRI, MAR 27	SUN, MAR 29
<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> Trinity Children</p> <p><b>11:30 am</b> Women's Support Group</p>	<p><b>Easter Lily Orders Due</b></p>	<p><b>7:00 pm</b> Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>10:00 am</b> Mahjong Group in Parlor</p>	<p><b>PALM SUNDAY</b></p> <p><b>9:00 am</b> Adult Faith Exploration</p> <p><b>10:00 am</b> Worship in the Gym and Live-stream, Refreshments and Fellowship to follow</p> <p><b>11:30 am</b> Trinity Youth</p> <p><b>11:30 am</b> Women's Support Group</p>

## Together @ TRINITY

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**Caring for God's Creation**

**Activities by age group**

A variety of sandwiches will be served for lunch.

**Sunday, April 26 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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.*