

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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First Sunday in Lent
Sunday, February 22, 2026

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

All who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins are welcome to join us at the holy communion table to receive the Lord's Body and Blood given and shed *for you*. Gluten-free bread and grape juice are available for special needs. Just let us know as you come forward. Children are welcome to come forward for a special blessing.

To our guests, we are glad you chose Trinity as your place of worship today. We ask everyone to fill out an attendance card found in front of you. Prayer Request Cards are also available there. During the Gathering Hymn, an usher will come by to collect your prayer requests. Lastly, please join us for coffee hour after worship. We want to meet and get to know you!

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Holy Communion Worship

PRELUDE

WELCOME



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

*Congregational responses are in **BOLD** type.*

Please rise as you are able.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION



The service continues with the gathering song.

GATHERING HYMN *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days* (LBW 99)



- 1 O Lord, through-out these for - ty days you prayed and kept the fast;
- 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your faith - ful - ness en - dured;
- 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and fixed your mind a - bove;
- 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and all our earth - ly days,



in - spire re - pen - tance for our sin, and free us from our past.
 lend us your nerve, your skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
 so teach us to de - ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
 that when the fi - nal Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan, b. 1930

Music: CAITHNESS, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1635

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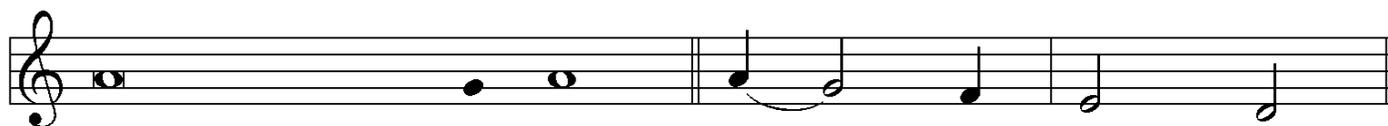
GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

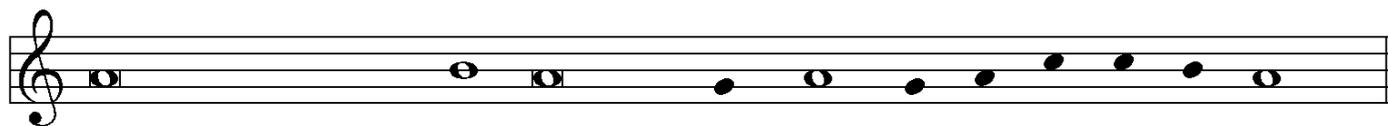
And also with you.



KYRIE



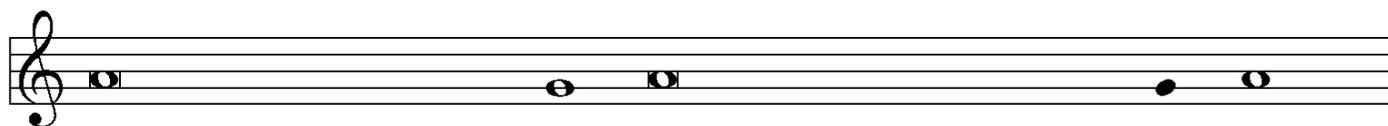
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



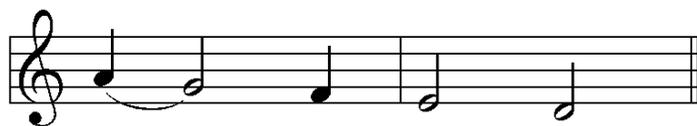
C Lord, have mer - cy.



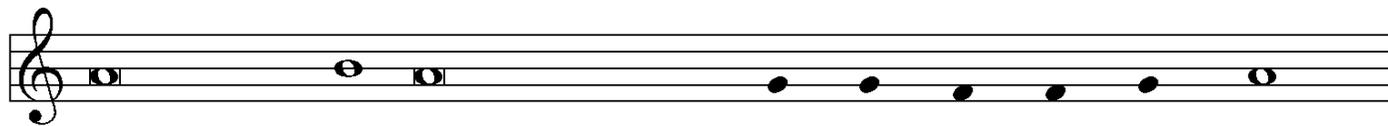
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

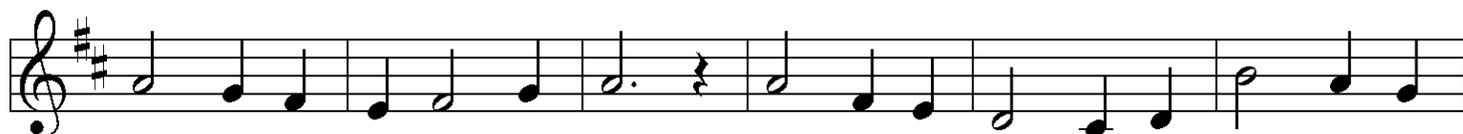
HYMN OF PRAISE



A This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



B Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray

Lord God, you led your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your Church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

WORD

God speaks to us through scripture, preaching, and song.

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 (back cover)

After the reading.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 32

- ¹ Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,
and whose sin is | put away!
- ² **Happy are they to whom the LORD im- | putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there | is no guile!**
- ³ While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,
because of my groaning | all day long.
- ⁴ **For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.**
- ⁵ Then I acknowledged my | sin to you,
and did not con- | ceal my guilt.
- ⁶ **I said, “I will confess my transgressions | to the LORD.”
Then you forgave me the guilt | of my sin.**
- ⁷ Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in | time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they | shall not reach them.
- ⁸ **You are my hiding-place; you preserve | me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts | of deliverance.**
- ⁹ “I will instruct you and teach you in the way that | you should go;
I will guide you | with my eye.
- ¹⁰ **Do not be like horse or mule, which have no | understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will | not stay near
you.”**
- ¹¹ Great are the tribulations | of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust | in the LORD.
- ¹² **Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are | true of heart.**

SECOND LESSON: Romans 5:12-19 (back cover)

After the reading.

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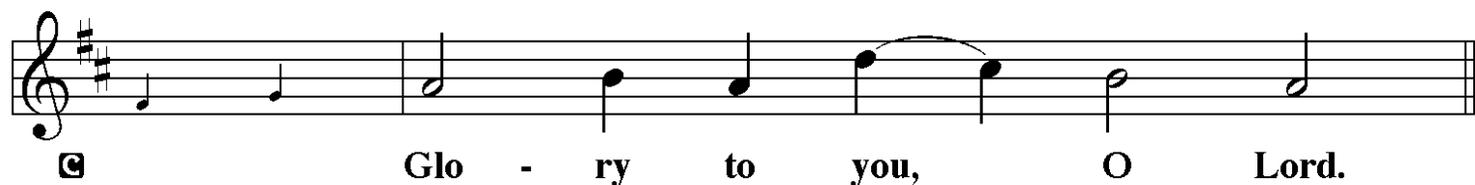
The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



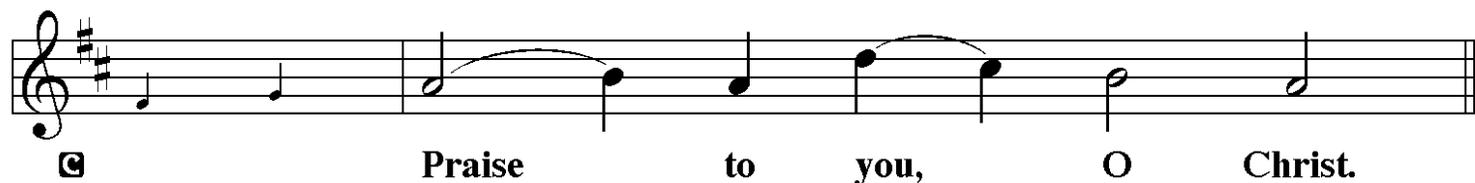
GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11 *(back cover)*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 4th chapter.



After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children's church follows.

SERMON

“What was Lost is Found”

Pastor Eric Griffith

Silence for reflection may follow.

Please rise as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY *God, Whose Almighty Word (LBW 400)*



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
 2 Lord, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
 heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
 wis - dom, love, might! Bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray,
 in - ly blind: oh, now to hu - man - kind let there be light!
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide,

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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 THE PEOPLE

Let us lift our hearts and voices to the Lord in prayer, that he would be merciful to his people.

Kneel/Stand

A brief silence.

After each portion of the prayers:

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Into your hands, gracious Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Please be seated.

The congregation may be seated as the offering is gathered, and the table is prepared.

THE OFFERING

Please rise as you are able.

OFFERTORY



- 1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
- 2 The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea - sure.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.
 What once was com - mon, dail - y food be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, b. 1957
 Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune
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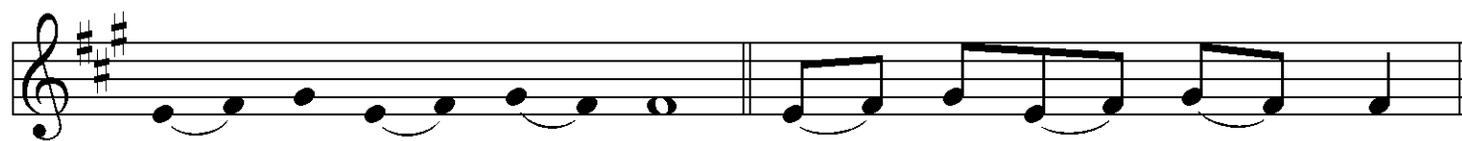
OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful Father,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



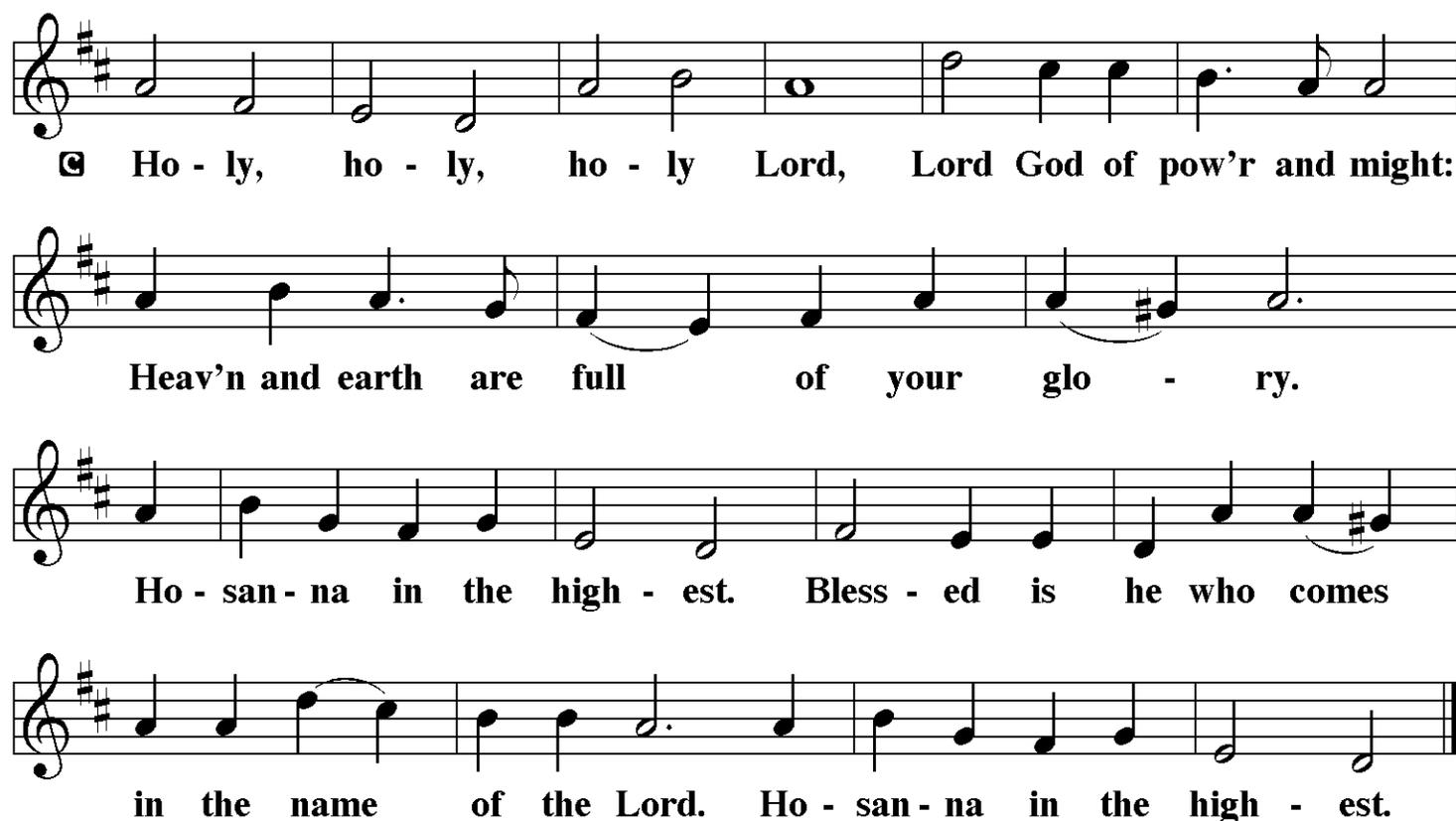
C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup
 we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty
 of the Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is
 yours, al - might - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men

THE 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.



LAMB OF GOD

The communion assistants may now come forward.



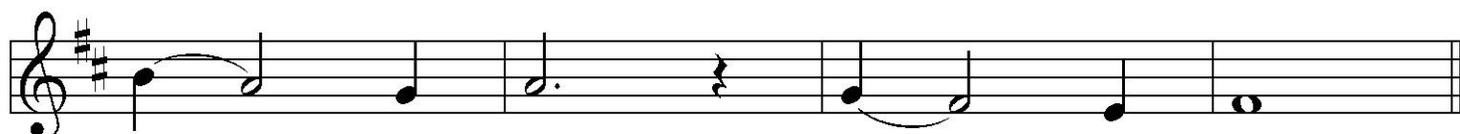
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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.

The congregation may be seated and is invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

Come and eat at God's table.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

As the ministers distribute the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say: **Amen***



COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: LBW 309, 306, 200

COMMUNION BLESSING

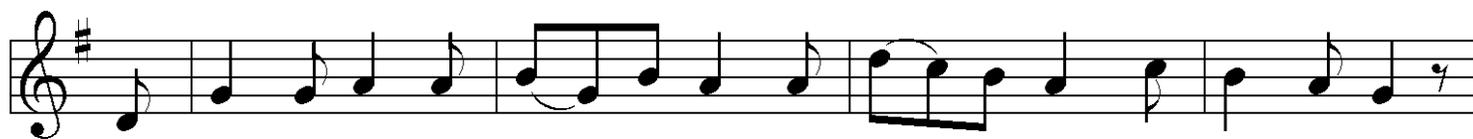
Stand.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Silence for reflection

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen**

The flame carried by the Acolyte reminds us that Christ leads us into mission. You are invited to turn and focus on this light as it moves us toward our calling in the world.

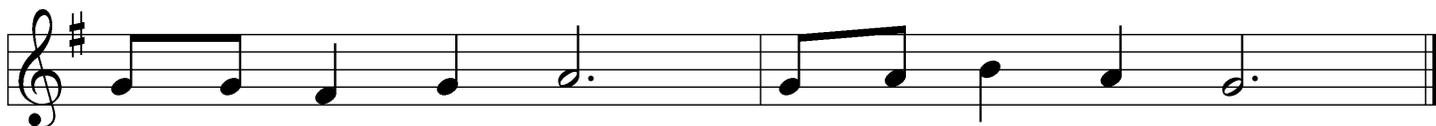
SENDING HYMN *Jesus, Still Lead On* (LBW 341)



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al - though the
 2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
 3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions
 4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
 fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
 come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
 still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to our Fa - ther's land.
 safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
 show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
 till we safe - ly stand in our Fa - ther's land.

PRAYER AFTER WORSHIP

Let us pray.

Almighty God,

grant that the word we have heard this day with our ears may be grafted onto our hearts through Your grace, that they may produce in us the fruit of a good life, to the praise and honor of your name, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

What are we called to do?

We are called by the Holy Spirit to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and God's love through word and deed.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

Trinity Lutheran Church strives to be a church where all can experience the love of Christ, find community, grow in relationship with God, and serve others with love and compassion.

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PRAYERS FOR THOSE GRIEVING

Family and Friends of Joby Watson
Family and Friends of Norma Gushliak

PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Kathy Olson, Hunter Grossklaus, Janet Linscott, Jordan Bergeron, Claudette Woodland, Zeny Brown, Ollie Goldammer, LaVonne Heitmann, DeeLee Mendenhall, Connie Riddle, Teresa Carmack, Donita Hansen, Samuel Poleson, Donna Piraino, Deborah Daulton, Dennis Riddle, Rebecca Matchey, Carole Lemire.

PRAYERS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS

Brian Garner: (brother of Mona Gish)
Israel Holden: (friend of Rebecca Matchey)
Linda Stolte & Jeanette Totten: (Aunts of Carmen Petersen)

Ricky Shope: (requested by Carmen Petersen)
Melody and Ivan Thompson of Good Hope
Brook Henze: (daughter of Kim Cushman)
Nadia Skorobogatova: (Elena & Oksana's mom)
Eugeniy Skorobogatov: (Elena & Oksana's dad)
Chuck Riddle: (son of Dennis & Connie Riddle)
Tamra Mead: (granddaughter of Anita Schneider)
Stacey Stamper: (friend of Bob Bergeron)
Neeraj and Nijhar and family: (missionaries)
John Jasinski: (son of Ed Jasinski)
Rick Basaraba: (friend of Bob Bergeron)

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

Marine Sergeant Wayne Fetterman: (Grandson of Ed Jasinski)
Sergeant First Class Matt Spears: (Son of Sandra Spears)

*TO HAVE YOUR REQUEST INCLUDED ON THIS PRAYER LIST OR PRAYER CHAIN, PLEASE CONTACT
EDY MATCHEY.*

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS
OF THE CONGREGATION.

TODAY	9:00 a.m.	Worship w. Communion <i>First Sunday in Lent</i>
	10:15 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	<i>after worship</i> 10:45 a.m.	Youth Fusion Confirmation Class
TUESDAY	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Eric
	3:00 p.m.	Salvation Army Community Dinner
WEDNESDAY	5:30 p.m.	Soup & Bread Supper Lenten Service
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	LWR Women's Group
	1:00 p.m.	Bethel Bible Study – 17
	2:00 p.m.	MOWS Meeting <i>FS-hall</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Bethel Bible Study - 17
<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>		
March 1 st	9:00 a.m.	Worship w. Communion <i>Second Sunday in Lent</i>
	10:15 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	10:45 a.m.	Confirmation Class

MEETING SCHEDULE

LWR Quilting Date:

February 26th at 9:30 am.

Choir Practice:

February 25th following
Soup & Bread Supper.



**BIBLE STUDY WITH
PASTOR ERIC
Every Tuesday
at 8 am.**



LUTHERHAVEN SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship requests for Camp Lutherhaven need to be received by March 1st, 2026.

Fran Harris

Trinity Scholarship Committee



CHURCH STAFF

PASTOR

Eric Griffith

CONGREGATION PRESIDENT

Denise Walk

VICE PRESIDENT

Arlan Matchey

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Nora Fairchild

ORGANIST

Mary Neuman

CUSTODIAN

Jake Fairchild

SERVING TODAY

CANTOR

Martha Hendry and/or Rebecca Matchey

GREETER

Lee Brown and friends

ACOLYTE

Vera Andrews

READER

Hunter Grossklaus

ALTAR CARE

Jessie Erickson

USHERS

Elena Olson / Bill Roper / Kurt Erickson

COMMUNION SET UP

Kim Cushman

COMMUNION SERVERS

Fran Harris and Kim Cushman

CHILDRENS CHURCH GUIDE

Brittany Swanson

PEW SUPPLIES

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SUNDAY, February 22, 2026

Prayer Chain & Prayer List: If you have a prayer request to share with the congregation, please contact *Edy Matchey*.

Sunday Worship Prayer Requests: Please call 208/743-4414 and leave us a message or send an Email tlclewiston@gmail.com.

Restroom: In the Narthex (back of the church) by the front doors.

Large Print Worship Folders and Children's Busy Bags: Available in the Narthex. (See an usher.)

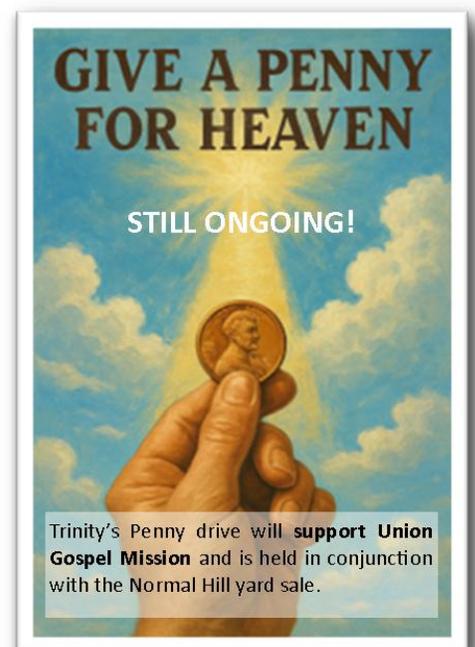
NALC Newsletter: The latest NALC Newsletter is available at thenalc.org.

LCMC Newsletter: <https://lcmc-nw.com/northwest-district-newsletter>. The national site is www.lcmc.net.

Community Food Bank: *Thank you* for donating non-perishable foods, to benefit our food bank and people in need! Please keep contributing as there is need. Your donations may be placed in the northeast corner of the sanctuary. Thank you, *Lee Brown*.

Portals of Prayer: Portals of prayer (through the month of March) are available in the narthex, fellowship hall and at the copy machine in the west wing. If you would like a copy of this devotional, please call the church office at (208.743.4414) and we will see that you get one.

**Please join us after worship for
coffee hour! We look forward
to visiting with everyone!**



UPCOMING

2026 Wednesday Evening Soup & Bread Lenten Suppers



Bread Lenten Suppers

Lenten Schedule

February 25

March 4, 11, 18 and 25

We will gather at 5:30pm with the meal beginning at 5:45pm.



Lenten Supper sign-up sheets are in the narthex.



HARDCOPIES IN FS-HALL

or register @ NW DISTRICT WEBSITE

<https://lcmc-nw.com/lcmc-northwest-district-gathering/>

SAVE THE DATES!

We hope to see you for the 2026

LCMC NW DISTRICT

Annual LCMC Northwest District Gathering April 23-26, 2026.

Camp Lutherhaven | Coeur d'Alene, ID

The **2026 LCMC ANNUAL**

Annual LCMC National Gathering

October 4-7, 2026

Lutheran Church of Hope | West Des Moines, IA

REGISTER NOW

**LCMC
NORTHWEST
GATHERING**

**LCMC
ANNUAL
CONVENTION**

ONGOING



Bible Study with Pastor Eric
Every Tuesday | 8:00 a.m.
More sessions may be added based on interest.

**AN INVITATION TO
READ AND PONDER
SCRIPTURE WITH
PASTOR ERIC**

You are invited to join us.

Peace,
Rev. Eric

SOMETHING **NEW**

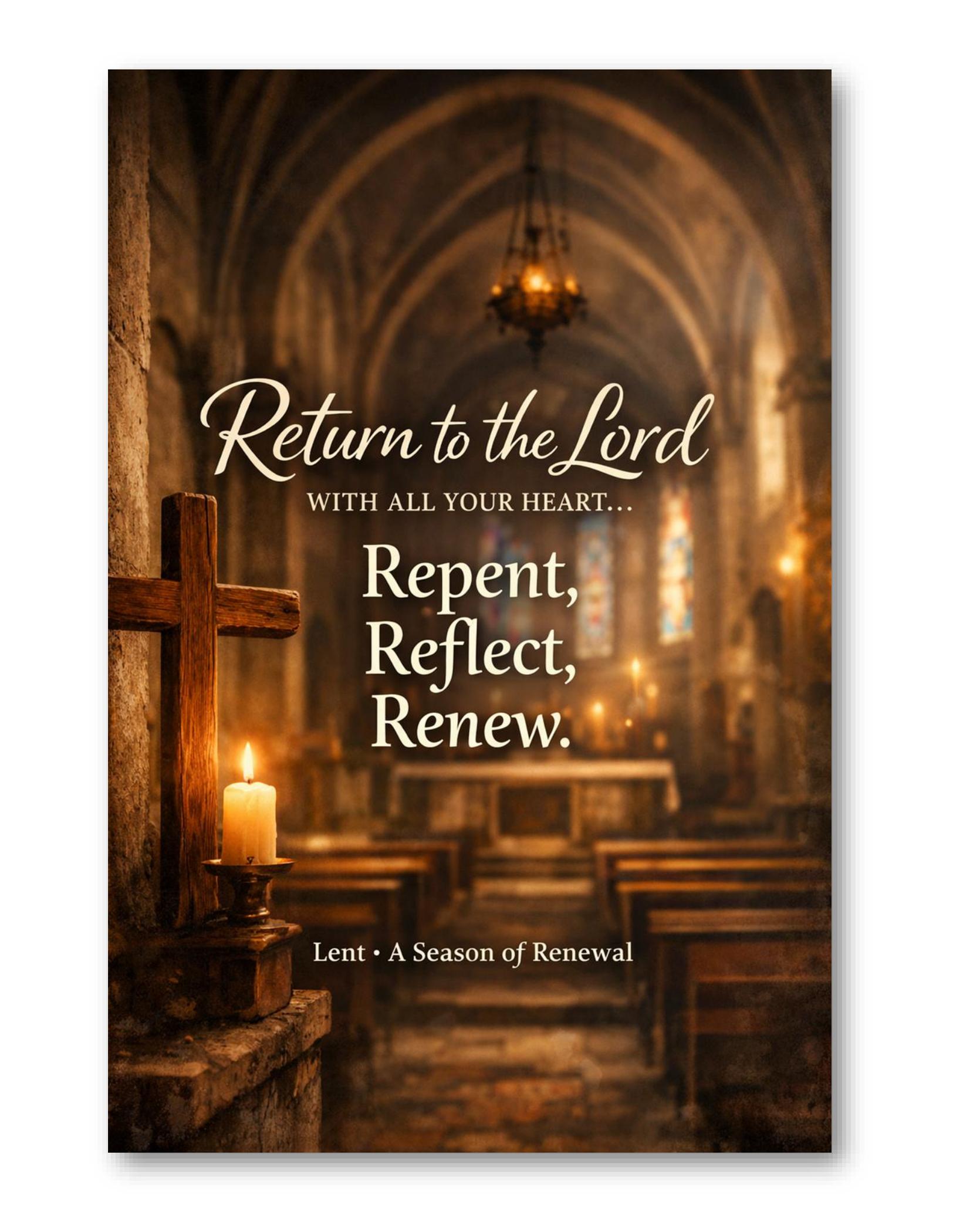
BIRTHDAY CAKES

3rd Sunday of each month

Trinity marks birthdays the right way — with cake!
Each 3rd Sunday of the month, we celebrate all member birthdays with a shared birthday cake.
Cakes may be sponsored, or you may contribute through your crumbs money.
Join us as we honor our members — because every birthday deserves cake and celebration!



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Return to the Lord

WITH ALL YOUR HEART...

Repent,
Reflect,
Renew.

Lent • A Season of Renewal