

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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Third Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 8, 2026

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

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 *Before the Waters Nourished Earth* (ACS 1049)



1 Be - fore the wa - ters nour - ished earth or night im -
 2 This Love re - mained as time re - vealed the loss of
 3 De - spair, so deep it bears no name, or sor - rows
 4 The Love that called cre - a - tion good all good - ness



ag - ined ³morn - ing, a Love con - ceived the
 E - den's glo - ry and, griev - ing, holds in
 par - a - lyz - ing can - not re - voke Love's
 still is bring - ing. This Love turns death a -



u - ni - verse and rev - eled in its form - ing.
 mem - o - ry each trag - ic hu - man sto - ry.
 faith - ful claim to dwell with - in our dy - ing.
 gain to life and si - lence in - to sing - ing.

Text: Jeannette M. Lindholm, b. 1961

Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish melody

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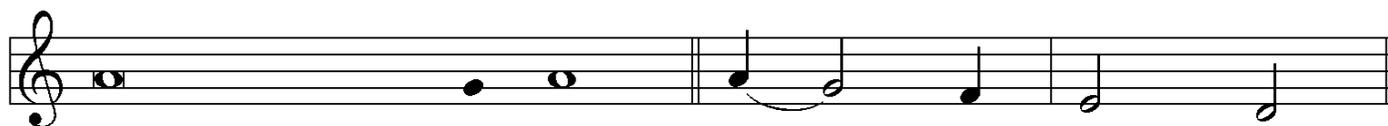
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GREETING

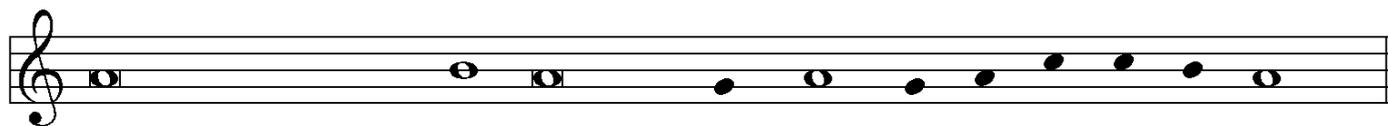
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE



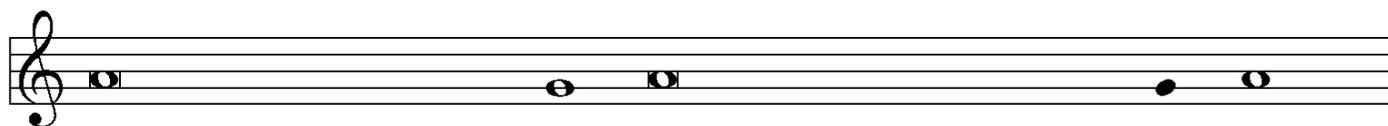
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



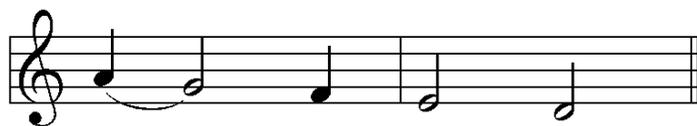
C Lord, have mer - cy.



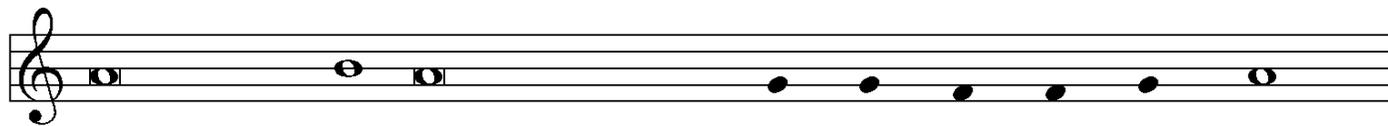
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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

LENTEN HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, who, in bit - ter pains,
 2 Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find;
 3 Blest through end - less a - ges be the pre - cious stream
 4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance plead - ed to the skies;



poured for me the life - blood from his sa - cred veins.
 blest be his com - pas - sion, in - fi - nite - ly kind.
 which from end - less tor - ment did the world re - deem.
 but the blood of Je - sus for our par - don cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting
 wafts its praise on high,
 angel hosts rejoicing
 make their glad reply.

6 Lift we then our voices,
 swell the mighty flood;
 louder still and louder
 praise the precious blood.

Text: Italian, 18th cent.; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878

Music: WEM IN LEIDENSTAGEN, Friedrich Filitz, 1804–1876

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray

Eternal Lord, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, so that we become instruments of your redeeming love; 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: Exodus 17:1-7 (not printed)

After the reading.

Word of God. Word of Life. --- **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 95

¹ Come, let us sing | to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

² **Let us come before his presence | with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to | him with psalms.**

³ For the LORD | is a great God,
and a great King a- | bove all gods.

⁴ **In his hand are the caverns | of the earth,
and the heights of the hills | are his also.**

⁵ The sea is his, | for he made it,
and his hands have molded | the dry land.

⁶ **Come, let us bow down and | bend the knee,
and kneel before the | LORD our Maker.**

⁷ For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep | of his
hand.

Oh, that today you would hearken | to his voice!

⁸ **Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did | in the wilderness,
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they | tempted me.**

⁹ They put me | to the test,
though they had | seen my works.

¹⁰ **Forty years long I detested that genera- | tion and said,**

“This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not | know my ways.”

¹¹ So I swore | in my wrath,

“They shall not enter in- | to my rest.”

SECOND LESSON: Romans 5:1-11 (not printed)

After the reading.

Word of God. Word of Life. --- **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



☐ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: John 4:5-42 *(back cover)*

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



☐ Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

P The Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children's church follows.

SERMON**“God’s Work is Daily Bread”**

Pastor Eric Griffith

*Silence for reflection may follow.**Please rise as you are able.***HYMN OF THE DAY *Just As I Am, without One Plea* (LBW 296) vs. 1-4**

- 1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
- 2 Just as I am, and wait - ing not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
- 3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a con - flict, man - y a doubt,
- 4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es, heal - ing of the mind,



and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 fight-ings and fears with - in, with - out,
 yea, all I need in thee to find,

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871

Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868



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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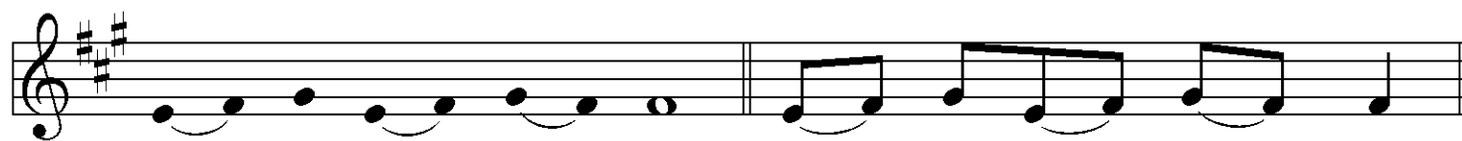
OFFERING PRAYER

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.



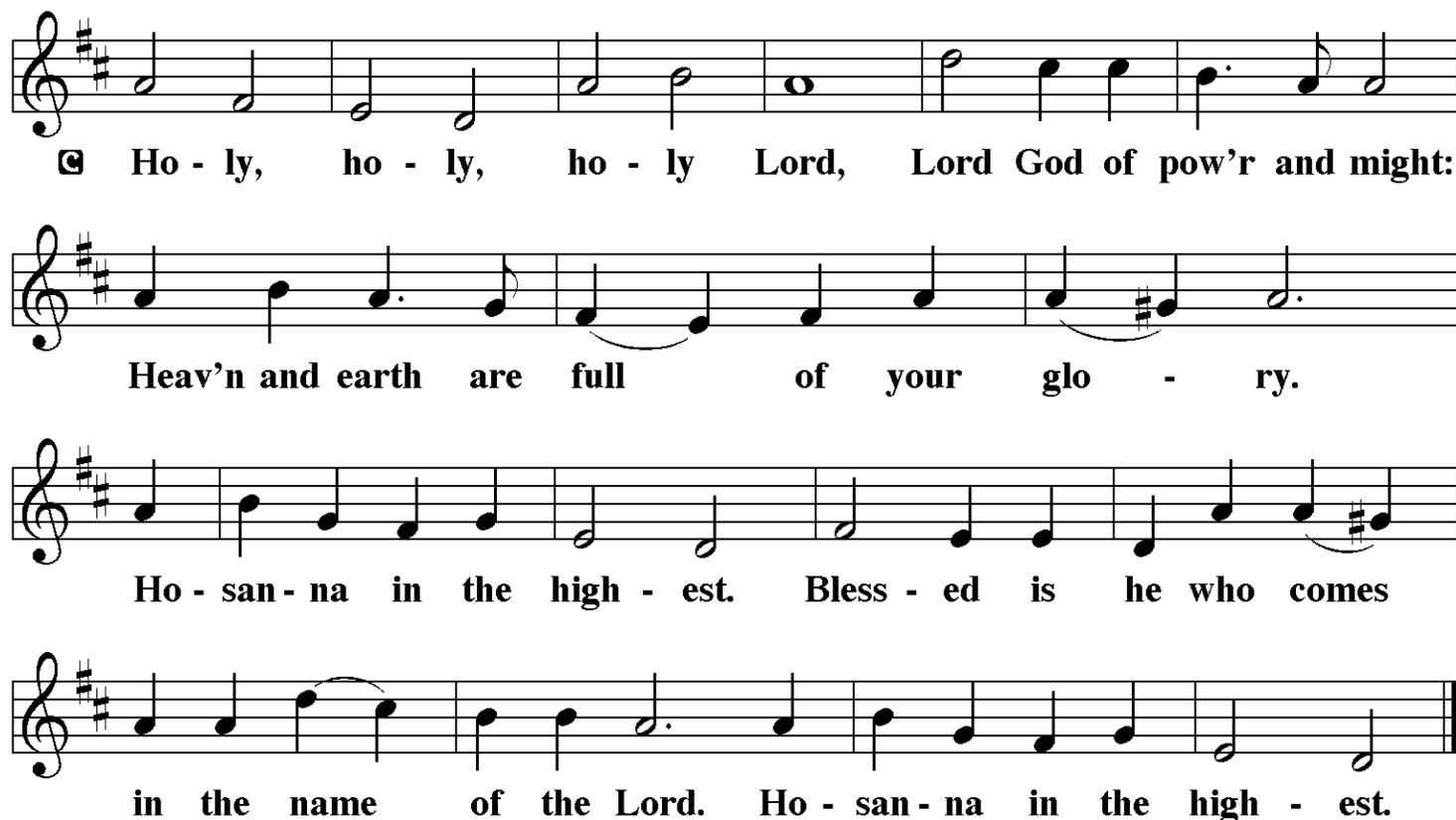
C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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:

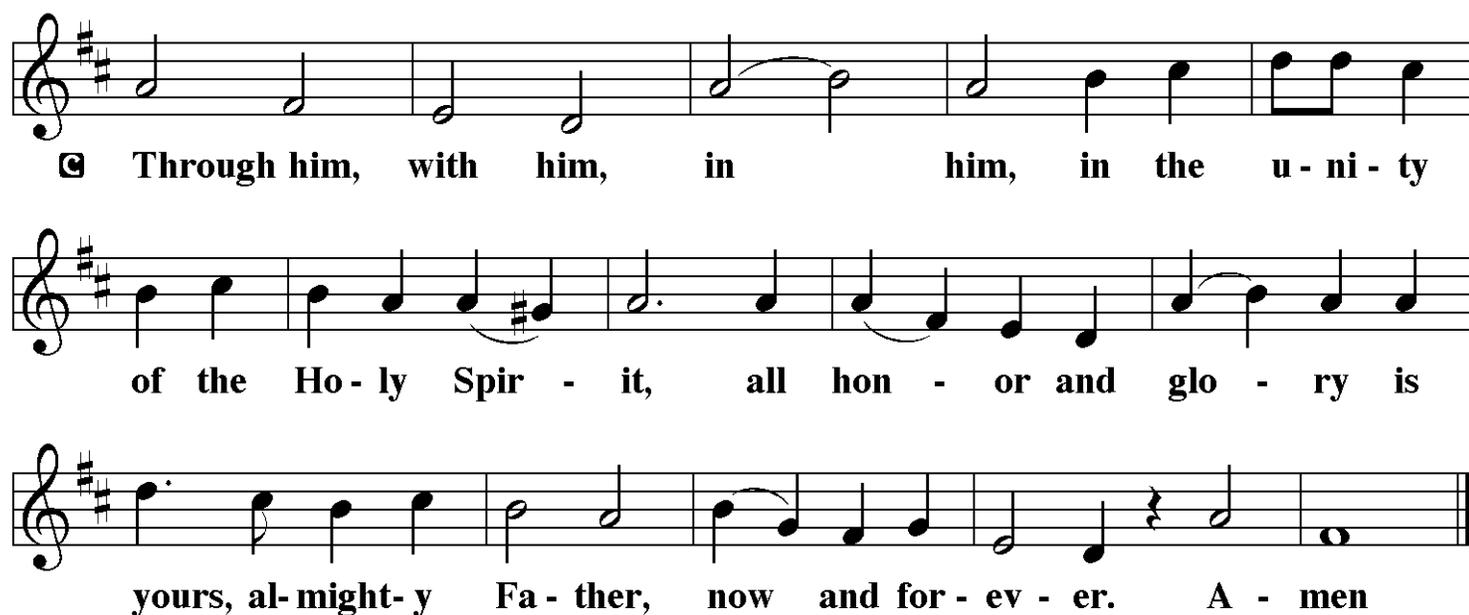
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

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.



C 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.



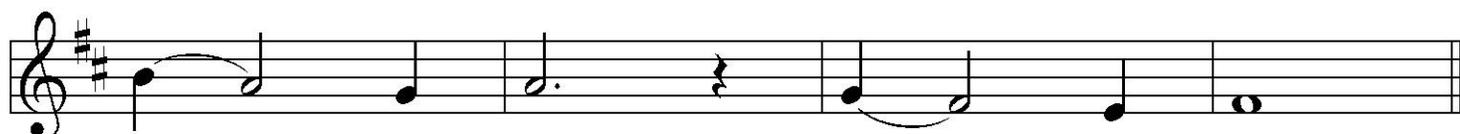
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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 222, 327, 356

COMMUNION BLESSING

Stand.

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

LENTEN POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Sung to the tone of LBW 501

Cup of Blessing That We Share

- | | |
|--|---|
| <p>1 Cup of blessing that we share,
does it not his grace declare?
Is it not the blood of Christ,
who for us was sacrificed?
As one body, we are fed;
Christ we share, one cup, one
bread.</p> | <p>2 Is it not one bread we break?
Of his body all partake.
Casting out distrust and fear,
let us love with hearts sincere.
One by God's design are we;
let us live in unity.</p> |
|--|---|

Text: Bernard Mischke, b. 1926, alt.
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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.

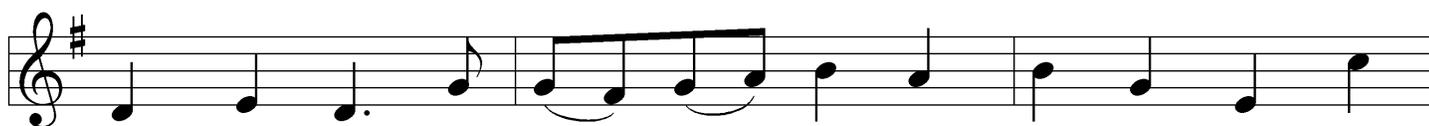
BLESSING

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.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

SENDING HYMN *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* (LBW 343)



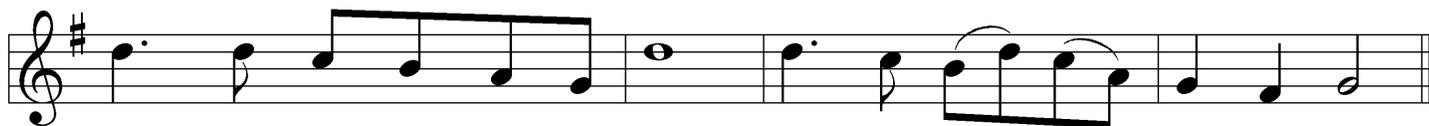
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me with your
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on



pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es,



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

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
Family and Friends of Carolyn Stamy
Family and Friends of Deborah Daulton

PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

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

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>Third Sunday in Lent</i>
	10:15 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	<i>after worship</i>	Youth Fusion
	10:45 a.m.	Confirmation Class
TUESDAY	8:00 a.m.	Bible Study with Pastor Eric
	5:30 p.m.	Church Council
WEDNESDAY	5:30 p.m.	Soup & Bread Supper Lenten Service
	<i>after worship</i>	Choir Practice
THURSDAY	9:30 a.m.	LWR Group
	1:00 p.m.	Bethel Bible Study – 20
	7:00 p.m.	Bethel Bible Study – 20
<u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>		
March 15 th	9:00 a.m.	Worship w. Communion <i>Fourth Sunday in Lent</i> <i>Monthly B-Day Cake</i>
	10:15 a.m.	Coffee Hour
	10:45 a.m.	Confirmation Class

MEETING SCHEDULE

Church Council:

March 10th at 5:30 pm.

LWR Quilting Dates:

March 12th, 19th and 26th
at 9:30 am.

Choir Practice:

March 11th, 18th and 25th
following Soup & Bread
Supper.

YOUTH Group Meetings

March 22

after church services

If you have questions
please call **Rebecca
Matchey**

208.305.0215

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



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

Kacie Carcas

READER

Carmen Petersen

ALTAR CARE

Jessie Erickson

USHERS

Barry Erickson / Jim Kress / Mike Lindauer

COMMUNION SET UP

Kim Cushman

COMMUNION SERVERS

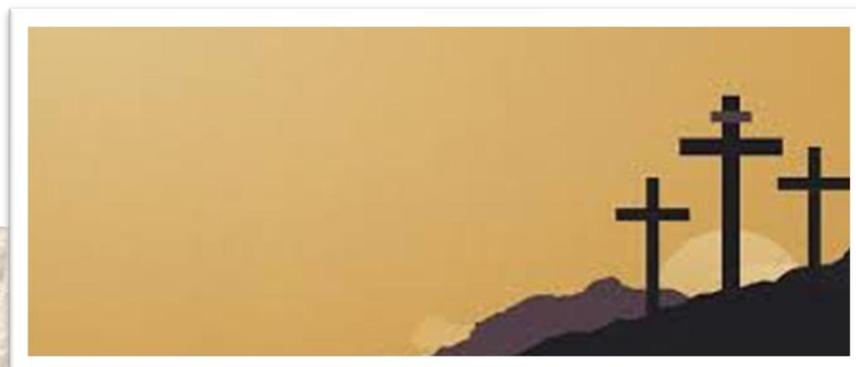
Carmen Petersen & Kim Cushman

CHILDRENS CHURCH GUIDE

Brittany Swanson

PEW SUPPLIES

Rebecca Matchey & Youth Group



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SUNDAY, March 8, 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.)

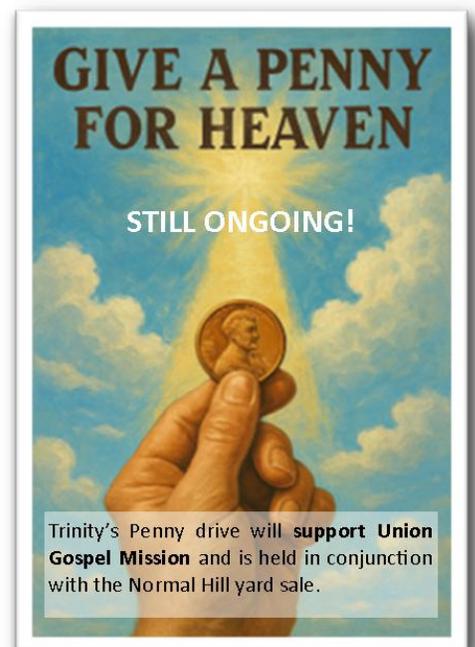
NALC Newsletter: The latest NALC Newsletter is available at thenalc.org.

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. The new issue (April through June) will be set out on March 20th. If you would like a copy of this devotional please call the church office (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!**



ONGOING

2026 Wednesday Evening Soup & Bread Lenten Suppers

Lenten Schedule

March ■ 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.



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

UPCOMING

I will sponsor ___ Tulips
at \$15.00 per 6 inch tulip pot.

Donor
Name: _____

Please return this form
with your payment to the
Church Office, or place it in
the offering plate before

Phone: _____

Given in () Honor/ () Memory of: _____

WE NEED TO RECEIVE YOUR ORDER BY MARCH 20TH 2026.



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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LENTEN DISCIPLES

FASTING



To deprive ourselves from good and bad things that are keeping us from devoting our hearts to Christ. It can deepen our awareness of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross.



ALMSGIVING

To love others as Jesus loved us; to live our profession of faith not just through our words, but also through our actions to those around us each day.

PRAYING



To help us be close to Christ and in constant dialogue with Him. We take time away from distractions to turn our focus back to Jesus throughout our day.

