

**Trinity Lutheran Church
Saturday, March 29, 2025
Fourth Week of Lent**

*Indicates please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Frederick C Maker

arr. Mark Hayes

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God’s abiding love.

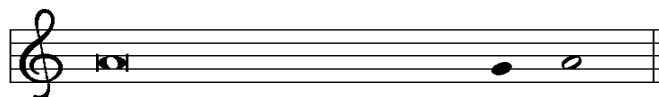
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate One,

C: **you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ, God’s arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God’s house forever.

C: **Amen.**



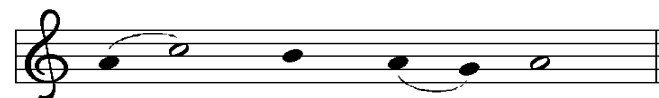
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



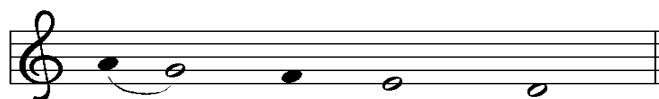
Lord, have mer - cy.



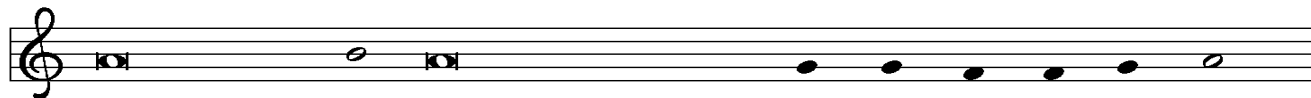
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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




let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



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

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

KID'S SERMON

Pastor Rick

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED

GOSPEL READING

LUKE 15:1-3, 11B-32

L: The Gospel according to Luke chapter 15

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."
³So he told them this parable: ¹¹Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe — the best one — and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. ²⁵Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SONG OF THE DAY

"Lead Me to the Cross"

Graham Kendrick &
Steven Thompson
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1. How can I be free from sin
Lead me to the cross of Jesus
From the guilt the pow'r the pain
Lead me to the cross of Jesus

Bridge 1

There's no other way
No price that I could pay
Simply to the cross I cling
This is all I need
This is all I plead
That His blood was shed for me

2. How can I know peace within
Lead me to the cross of Jesus
Sing a song of joy again
Lead me to the cross of Jesus

Bridge 2

Flowing from above
All-forgiving love
From the Father's heart to me
What a gift of grace
His own righteousness
Clothing me in purity

3. How can I live day by day
Lead me to the cross of Jesus
Following His narrow way
Lead me to the cross of Jesus

LUKE'S CREED

We believe in God, creator, God the Spirit, God revealed in Jesus Christ, who calls us by grace to be renewed in the image of God, that we may be one in divine love for the world, today.

Today is the day God cares for the integrity of creation, wills the healing and wholeness of all life, weeps at the plunder of earth's goodness.

And so shall we.

Today is the day God embraces all hues of humanity, delights in diversity and difference, favors solidarity transforming strangers into friends.

And so shall we.

Today is the day God cries with the masses of starving people, despises the growing disparity between rich and poor, and demands justice for workers in the marketplace.

And so shall we.

Today is the day God deplores violence in our homes and streets, rebukes the world's warring madness, humbles the powerful and lifts up the lowly.

And so shall we.

Today is the day God calls for nations and peoples to live in peace, celebrates where justice and mercy embrace, exults when the wolf grazes with the lamb.

And so shall we.

Today is the day God brings good news to the poor, proclaims release to the captives, gives sight to the blind, and sets the oppressed free.

And so shall we.

Today, and everyday this is the God in whom we believe. Amen.

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PRAYERS

P: God, in your mercy,

C: **receive our prayer.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

OFFERING

MISSION MOMENT

*If you have a monetary offering, please place in the plate as you leave worship today,
or use this code to give electronically.*



OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night...

...gave it to the disciples, saying:

C: **Take and eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**

P: ...gave it for all to drink, saying:

C: **This cup is the new promise in my blood, shed for you and for all people, for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.**

LORD'S PRAYER

ELW pg. 112

Our Father in heaven, holy be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

P: God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, † bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

"Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow"

ELW #327

vs 1 & 4

W: Bernhardt S. Ingemann;

tr. Sabine Baring-Gould

M: Thomas J. Williams, arr. Richard W. Hillert

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1. Through the night of doubt and sorrow,
onward goes the pilgrim band,
singing songs of expectation,
marching to the promised land.

Clear before us through the darkness
gleams and burns the guiding light;
pilgrim clasps the hand of pilgrim
stepping fearless through the night.

4. Onward, therefore, sisters, brothers;
onward, with the cross our aid.

Bear its shame, and fight its battle
till we rest beneath its shade.

Soon shall come the great awak'ning;

soon the rending of the tomb!

Then the scatt'ring of all shadows,
and the end of toil and gloom.

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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revised

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Arr. Clinton Ellerbe

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Prayer List

Members

Steve Cobb
Patty Telleen
LouAnn DeLozier
Carol Arnold
Polly Sersen
Kent Garvin
Shirley Garvin
Howard Smith
Cooper Hopkins
Mary Ann Armstrong
Madyson Hopkins

Friends & Family

Valerie Dorr, mother of Deana Andrist
Teresita Neilsen, family of Pat Wiedower
John Roland, father of Rebecca Roland
Susie Kragmeier, daughter of Kate Stieben
Carlos Alers, friend of Sara & Peter Mullarkey
Amy Goodhart, owner of Magpies Boutique & friend of
Ronda Simmons
Greta, sister of Ronda Simmons
Mort Larsen, uncle of Cheryl Dolan
Beth Barnett, daughter of Carolyn & Eric Biedermann
Erin Slocum, daughter of Patty & Don Heyse

To all who gather: We are Reconciling in Christ, which means we strive to ensure the welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions; and to work for racial equity and to commit to anti-racist work.

We welcome believers, seekers, and the curious, regardless of religious background. God makes no distinction based on race; ethnicity; immigration status; economic status; physical, mental, or developmental circumstances; or other life circumstances. God loves and welcomes all people. Therefore, we welcome all people to the life of Christ at Trinity.

From Pastor Rick: This community affirms its welcome by accepting me in this place. Diagnosed with Huntington's (HD), my progressing symptoms and neurodiversity are displayed publicly. The uncontrolled movements (chorea) may limit my functionality, or appear in other ways; yet, it is an opportunity to learn and love alongside one another. HD is part of me, but I am not defined by the diagnosis. As for all of us, I am defined as child of God.

Guests and Visitors: All are invited to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion (gluten free wafers and juice are available). Your offering is your presence in worship. Please fill out a welcome card and place it in the offering plate as you leave. Don't forget your 'Sweet Treat' plate from the welcome desk!

Worship Note: The red hymnal *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) page numbers are found in the front while song numbers are in the back. If you have any questions about worship or Trinity, our clergy or welcome table hosts are happy to help.

Parents and Caregivers: God's children of all ages are welcome in worship. If helpful, please use the Family Break Room outside the worship space or a "Worship Activity Bag" - available near the welcome table. On Sunday, if needed, we offer a fully trained Nursery; staffed by Tiffany K. and Zoe K.

Special needs: Hearing-assistance devices are available during our services. Holy Communion can also be brought to the seats of those who are unable to come forward. Our Welcome Table Hosts can help with any of these special needs.

In Ministry Today

Worship Assistant: Sherry Albertson-Clark
Communion Prep:
Prayer Writer: Deacon Katie
Welcome Table Host:
Fellowship Host: Debbie & Gary Schwartz
Bread Baker: Dan Merz
Flower Arrangement: Volunteers from
St Paul's Episcopal

Trinity's Clergy Leaders:

Deacon Katie Kline & Pastor Rick Reiten

Trinity's Staff:

Carrie Hansen	Music Coord. & Organist
Tessa Espinosa	Chancel Choir Director
Clinton Ellerbe	Saturday Worship Leader
Jill Hunt	Bells of Trinity Director
Brenda Harju	TLC Preschool Director
Brenda Moore	Financial Manager
Deana Andrist	Office Administrator
Amanda Backsen	Director of Communications & Volunteer Coord.
Claire Pickerel	AV Technician
Jennifer Reeve	Shared Children's Minister
Tiffany Klijewski	Nursery Coord.
Zoe Klaman	Shared Nursery Attendant

Staff Emails are available on our website

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR:

Monday (March 31)

12 pm Sermon Discussion
1 pm Financial Review-Fireside
6 pm Hospitality & Evangelism-Zoom

Tuesday (April 1)

7:30 am Men's Breakfast @ The Breakfast Club
5:30 pm Soc/Eco Justice-Room 2
6:15 pm 301FP Soc/Eco Justice

Wednesday (April 2)

Volunteer @ Irish Elementary
5 pm Bells of Trinity-Room 1
6 pm Taize Service
6:30 pm Lenten Soup Supper
7pm TLC Chancel Choir

Thursday (April 3)

9:30 am Bible Study-Room 2

Friday (April 4)

10 am Quilting Group-Room 2

Saturday (April 5) Lent 5

12 pm Sweet Treats-Kitchen
5 pm Worship

Sunday (April 6)

9 am Adult Forum-Room 2
9 am Confirmation-Room 8
9 am Sunday School-Room 3
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Fellowship

Coming Up:

Wednesday, April 9—

Taize Service @ 6pm
Soup Supper @ 6:30 pm

Thursday, April 17—

Maundy Thursday
6:30 pm Foot Washing & Veneration of the Eucharist

Friday, April 18—

Good Friday
11-1 pm Self Guided Stations of the Cross
6:30 pm 7 Last Words & Veneration of the Cross

Saturday, April 19—

5 pm Easter Worship

Sunday, April 20—

10:30 am Easter Worship
11:30 am Easter Brunch

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So, how can you learn more about Trinity?

Visit our website at www.trinitylutheranfc.org

Consider joining us for worship or one of our ministry events.

Contact one of our clergy for a chat.

We believe we are not a complete community, and that God is calling new people to join us and to find their place at Trinity.

We invite you join us on the journey of faith!

Saturdays at 5p.m. (Livestreamed & Recorded for Viewing)

Sundays 10:30 a.m. (Livestreamed & Recorded for Viewing)

Trinity is a welcoming faith community living together in God's love to share the joy of Jesus Christ.

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