



Trinity Lutheran Church  
Saturday, February 28, 2026  
2nd Week of Lent  
Jesus Washes Feet

\*Indicates please stand as you are able

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*“At the Cross”*

Ralph E Hudson

arr. Lloyd Larson

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**GATHER**

**\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS\***

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

P: God of Justice,  
God of Compassion,  
God of Sacred and Scandalous ways,  
We have so much still to learn.

By your grace, we have come to know love more deeply –

C: **its mess, its complexity, its stubborn and tender truths transform us more each day.**

P: Through fires that refine and valleys of death, you have guided us.

C: **You draw us into the heart of Wisdom,**

P: Saving us from the lies of destruction.

C: **Turning us towards hope that liberates.**

P: But still, O God, we struggle to trust in you..

And so, when we are afraid. Or hurt. Or weary...

We betray the very One who brought us thus far.

C: **We confess, we still shame Jesus, when he turns over tables.**

P: We confess, we still condemn Jesus, when he breaks the rules to which we are loyal.

C: **We confess, while Jesus is torn from the arms of his mother by ICE,**

P: killed by his own lovers – so afraid of desiring trans women,

C: **and sitting lonely on the street with no family to welcome them home,**

P: our loyalties are often elsewhere.

C: **Our priorities are not your own.**

P: Search our hearts, O God, and see if there is any fear within us.

C: **Meet us there with your good news that sets the captives free.**

P: Forgive us from the harm we have done as we seek to harm no more.

(pause in silent prayer)

P: Beloveds, God does not abandon us to the systems that destroy.

C: **God does not bind us to our regrets.**

P: Or forever hold us to what we once believed.  
C: **God says, come and follow!**  
P: Know forgiveness and sin no more.  
C: **Love abounds. And Justice shall be manifest!**  
P: Wherever new life is desired,  
C: **may the peace of Christ be welcomed among us.**  
P: Thanks be to God who leads us on paths of resurrection.

*'Enfleshed'*

**\*GATHERING SONG\***

*"O, The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"*

Samuel Trevor Francis  
& Thomas John Williams  
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1. O the deep deep love of Jesus  
Vast unmeasured boundless free  
Rolling as a mighty ocean  
In its fullness over me  
Underneath me all around me  
Is the current of Thy love  
Leading onward leading homeward  
To my glorious rest above
2. O the deep deep love of Jesus  
Spread His praise from shore to shore  
How He loveth ever loveth  
Changeth never nevermore  
How He watches o'er His loved ones  
Died to call them all His own  
How for them He intercedeth  
Watches over them from the throne
3. O the deep deep love of Jesus  
Love of every love the best  
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing  
'Tis a haven sweet of rest  
O the deep deep love of Jesus  
'Tis a heaven of heavens to me  
And it lifts me up to glory  
For it lifts me up to Thee

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY\***

**Holy Lord God, Jesus washed the disciples' feet as a sign of service and compassion. Show us how to live and love in service and with compassion, for the sake of all your children. Amen.**

**WORD**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & OFFERING**

**Pastor Kaari**

**GOSPEL READING**

**JOHN 13:1-17**

The good news according to John 13

<sup>1</sup> Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup> The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper <sup>3</sup> Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup> got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup> Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup> He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup> Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup> Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup> Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." <sup>11</sup> For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean." <sup>12</sup> After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup> Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup> If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

**L:** The gospel of God.

**C:** **Praise be to God.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Kaari**

**SONG OF THE DAY**

*"Day by Day"*

Isaac Wardell & Lowana Wallace  
©Hymns from The Porter's Gate, Porter's Gate Pub  
CCLI #7097859

1. Server, you remind us of our Savior's bowl and towel  
Teacher, you are raising up a child to be kind  
Lawyer, give us hope that justice one day will surround us

Chorus 1

May God's kingdom come  
On earth, His will be done

2. Farmer, you are working for a table full of bounty  
Painter, with each color you are teaching us to see  
Nurse, yours are the healing hands that touch the poor and broken

Chorus 2

May God's kingdom come  
On earth, His will be done  
Lord, be close to us  
Lord, have mercy on us  
Lord, please put Your hand on us  
Day by day

3. Carpenter, you frame a house for those who need protection  
Laborer, you lift a heavy burden for the weak  
Leaders, build a city that all children may rejoice in

Chorus 2

May God's kingdom come  
On earth, His will be done  
Lord, be close to us  
Lord, have mercy on us  
Lord, please put Your hand on us  
Day by day

**\*CREED\***

**We believe in you, O God, who spoke all life into being, author of heaven and earth, architect of time, quilter of the cosmos. You shape our bodies from the dust of the ground, and by your breath we are given life.**

**We believe in you, O God, who became incarnate in Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh, truly divine and truly human. You lived among us to reveal your justice, died among us to break the bonds of sin and death, and were raised among us to bring abundant life.**

**We believe in you, O God, who transforms us by the Holy Spirit, draws us into community, moves us to action, and inspires us to hope against hope. You breathe new life into a fallen world and equip us to proclaim the good news of resurrecting love. All thanks and praise to you, O God, our beginning and our end. Amen.**

From siblings in Christ at *Reconciling Works*, 2026.

**\*PRAYERS\***

P: Hear us, O God.

**C: Sung Response:**           **Lord, listen to your children praying,**  
  **Lord, send your Spirit in this place;**  
  **Lord, listen to your children praying,**  
**send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

**\*PEACE\***

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**OFFERING**

*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: Come to our gathering and receive our offerings. Be with us in this place and listen to our stories. Sit beside each one of us and be warmed by the fire. See our dancing and listen to our singing. Teach us new steps, new tunes, and new words.

**C: Amen.**

**MEAL**

**\*A COMMUNION PRAYER (MARY REMEMBERS HER SON) \***

P: Five bullets and a hundred lashes on my son's body;  
I greet you still, *The Lord be with you.*

**C: And also with you.**

P: Five bullets and a hundred more they stopped his heart and cancelled my own,  
I bid you still, *lift up your hearts*.

C: **We lift them up to God.**

P: Five times and hundred more I ask God if it is still right to give God thanks and praise.

They asked him, "Are you who they say you are?" He told the truth. Upon him the anger of Rome and their obsession with their peace and their order rained from their whips and fired from their guns. They have killed my son.

For they have forgotten the God who has breathed upon us the breath of Life; they have forgotten the One who gave life when they took his life away.

On the night that my son was to be given up for betrayal, desertion and death, he took bread from the plate gave it to me and said,

C: **"Take this and eat."**

P: And then he gave me something to drink and said,

C: **"Take this and drink."**

P: Breathe upon these gifts now, O God, your breath of life so we may remember again how to live.

For as often as you eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we will remember Jesus and all the sons who have been taken away from their mothers. We will remember the daughters who have been snatched from their homes. We will remember.

C: **Amen.**

#### **\*LORD'S PRAYER\***

ELW pg. 112

**Creator God, 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**

*"Eat This Bread"*

**ELW #472**

W: Taizé Community

M: Jacques Berthier

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#### **\*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\***

May these gifts that we have received sustain us and sustain the people in their struggle. May these gifts give us courage to stand in solidarity with those who have been persecuted. May these gifts bless us with strength to fight, so that peace may be actualized in our communities. Amen.

**SENDING**

**\*BLESSING\***

L: Oh God, may we receive your blessing, through sharing your blessings beyond borders. May we receive gifts, from those who carry nothing. May we recognize you, in people we don't know. And may we all find a safe home and peace in you, who had no place to lay your head.

C: **Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG\***

*"The Servant Song"*

**ELW #659**

Richard Gillard; arr. Betty Pulkingham

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1. Will you let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.
  
2. We are pilgrims on a journey,  
we are trav'lers on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.
  
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.
  
4. I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.

5. Will you let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.

**\*SENDING\***

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*POSTLUDE\***

To watch a recorded service, go to <https://www.youtube.com/@trinitylutheranFC>  
Or visit our website and click on "To view recorded services click HERE!"

# Prayer List

## Members

Jill Rose  
Pastor Paul Schairer  
Mary Ann Armstrong  
Marilyn Hartig  
Polly Sersen  
Tim Anderson  
Eric Biedermann  
Jean Purath  
Mary Ann Miller  
Barb Klaman  
Shirley Garvin  
Madyson Hopkins

## Friends & Family

Mourning for Rev. Jesse Jackson  
Tae, family of Clinton Ellerbe  
Amy Oduor, daughter of Clinton Ellerbe  
Joe Burt, brother-in-law of Clinton Ellerbe  
Deborah Stinnett, friend of Dan Merz  
Steve Eulberg, friend of Jim & Margaret Frye  
Jules Webb, daughter of Martha Webb  
Marilu Ritzman, friend of Rob & Aida Schmidt  
Douglas Hardie, friend of Rob & Aida Schmidt  
Jennifer & Dale Barnett, friends of Marilyn Morrissey  
Susie Kragmeier, daughter of Kate Stieben  
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 gluten free bread and wine of Holy Communion (juice is also 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:**  
**Communion Prep:**  
**Welcome Table Host:**  
**Fellowship Host:**  
**Prayer Writer:** Jo Anne Gearhart  
**Bread Baker:** Dan Merz  
**Flower Arrangement:** Volunteers from  
St Paul's Episcopal

### Trinity's Clergy Leader:

Pastor Rick Reiten & Pastor Kaari Nieuwlandt

### Trinity's Staff:

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

*\*Staff Emails are available on our website\**

### Coming Up:

**Wednesdays, Mar 11, 18 & 25**  
6 pm Lenten Service & 6:30 pm Soup Suppers

**Saturday, March 28**  
**Spring Clean Up 9-12**

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR:

#### **Monday (March 2)**

9:30 am Trinity Readers-Fireside  
12 pm Sermon Discussion-Fireside  
6:30 pm (5) NoCo Male Spirituality

#### **Tuesday (March 3)**

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

#### **Wednesday (March 4)**

5:15 pm Bells of Trinity-Room1  
6 pm Lenten Taize Service  
6:30 Lenten Soup Supper  
6:45 pm Chancel Choir-Choir Room

#### **Thursday (March 5)**

9:30 pm Bible Study-Room Room 2  
11 am 301FP Clergy Meeting

#### **Friday (March 6)**

10 am Quilting-Room 2

#### **Saturday (March 7)**

5 pm Saturday Worship—  
Welcome New Members!

#### **Sunday (March 8) 3rd Week of Lent** **Daylight Savings Begins!**

9 am Adult Forum-Room 2  
9 am Confirmation-Room 8  
9 am Sunday School-Room 3  
9 am Youth Group-Room 6  
10:30 am Worship—Welcome New Members!  
11:30 am Congregational Meeting

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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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