

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Break Forth Into Joy”
Carrie Hansen

JS Bach

In Service Today:

Bishop Meghan Johnston Aelabouni

Pastor Rick Reiten

Pastor Kaari Nieuwlandt

Musicians: Carrie Hansen, Walter Nieuwlandt & Rev. Dr. Joe Natwick

Communion Assistants: Nyla Anderson & Liz Johnson

Welcome Table: Ru Orchard



Pastor Kaari Nieuwlandt
Trinity Lutheran Church
March 1, 2026 3 pm



Gathering

PRELUDE

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”
Carrie Hansen

Henry van Dyke &
Ludwig von Beethoven
Arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, The fountain of living water, The rock who gave us birth, Our light and our salvation.

C: **Amen.**

L: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

C: **Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.**

L: Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

C: **At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.**

L: Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

ELW #631

Charles Wesley & Rowland Prichard

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION MUSIC- *“The Kingdom of Jesus”* Jon Guerra & Isaac Wardell
Walter Nieuwlandt & Rev. Dr. Joe Natwick

“Benedictus” Nicholas Chambers
Walter Nieuwlandt & Rev. Dr. Joe Natwick

POST-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

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ’s body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

INTRODUCE VISITING CLERGY AND GROUP PHOTO

BLESSING

P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, † bless you now and always.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Canticle of the Turning”

ELW #723

Rory Cooney, Irish Traditional
Carrie Hansen, piano & Walter Nieuwlandt, guitar

L: People of God, I present to you Pastor Kaari, your associate pastor. Let us welcome Pastor Kaari in the name of Christ.

The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.

The service continues with the prayers of intercession. Prayers are included for the newly installed pastor, all ministries in the church, and all Christians in their vocations.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: God with us,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

PROPER PREFACE

L: The Lord be with You.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

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

L: 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

GREETING

L: May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love, mercy, and justice of God, and wisdom of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. Inspire all pastors to proclaim your word diligently and your people to receive it willingly, that finally we may receive the crown of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

FIRST READING

HABAKKUK 2: 1-3

¹ I will stand at my watchpost and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ² Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³ For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

PSALM

139: 1-18

¹ O LORD, you have searched me and known me. ² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. ³ You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. ⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. ⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. ⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. ⁷ Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? ⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, ¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and night wraps itself around me," ¹² even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you. ¹³ For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. ¹⁷ How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! ¹⁸ I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

SECOND READING**ROMANS 6: 1-14**

¹ What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

GOSPEL READING**LUKE 1: 67-79**

⁶⁷ Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied: ⁶⁸ "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. ⁶⁹ He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his child David, ⁷⁰ as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, ⁷¹ that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. ⁷² Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and has remembered his holy covenant, ⁷³ the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us ⁷⁴ that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness in his presence all our days. ⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, ⁷⁷ to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. ⁷⁸ Because of the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, ⁷⁹ to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON**BISHOP MEGHAN JOHNSTON AELABOUNI**

They proceed to the place of the word. A representative of the congregation says:

L: You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.

C: **We welcome you to this community and will come alongside you as you proclaim the Word.**

ALL SING

"I'm Going On a Journey"

ELW #446

Verse 2

I'm becoming this day a saint of God.
It really doesn't matter what roads I trod.
Wherever I go, God's been there, too.
God's love has touched me and will carry me through.

They proceed to the place of the meal. A representative of the congregation says:

L: You have been called to be among us to preside at the Lord's supper.

C: **We welcome you to this community and will come alongside you as you break the bread and bless the cup.**

ALL SING

"I'm Going On a Journey"

ELW #446

Verse 3

There are other saints who have said amen.
They'll keep me faithful to my journey's end.
Along the way I want to be
the kind of person that God set free.

They proceed to the door. A representative of the congregation says:

L: You have been called to be among us to send us out in mission, into our homes, our workplaces, our schools, our communities and the world.

C: **We welcome you to this community and will come alongside you as we all go out into the world.**

ALL SING

"I'm Going On a Journey"

ELW #446

Verse 1

I'm going on a journey, and I'm starting today.
My head is wet, and I'm on my way.
Christ's mark is on me; it's on you, too;
it says he loves me, and he loves you, too!

The presiding minister may address the assembly with these or similar words.

B: Pastor Kaari, the office of Associate Pastor is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

The newly installed pastor may kneel as the presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

B: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

C: Amen.

The pastor stands. The following procession to the places of the word and sacraments may be used.

The presiding minister escorts the pastor to the place of baptism. A representative of the congregation says:

L: You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.

C: **We welcome you to this community and will come alongside you as you baptize in obedience to our Lord.**

ALL SING "I'm Going On a Journey" ELW #446

Verse 1

I'm going on a journey, and I'm starting today.

My head is wet, and I'm on my way.

Christ's mark is on me; it's on you, too;
it says he loves me, and he loves you, too!

HYMN OF THE DAY "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

ELW #712
Albert Bayly

Installation

PRESENTATION

The assembly stands. The pastor being installed and a representative of the calling body come before the presiding minister and the assembly.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

B: Having been authorized by the church to install Pastor Kaari Nieuwlandt, our co-worker in the gospel, as Associate Pastor, I now ask for certification of this call.

A representative of the calling body addresses the presiding minister.

L: After prayerful deliberation, we, of Trinity Lutheran Church, have called Pastor Kaari Nieuwlandt to serve as a minister of word and sacrament in the position of Associate Pastor. I present Pastor Kaari and this letter certifying the call.

The representative gives the presiding minister the letter certifying that the call has been received and accepted.

The representative moves aside, and the assembly is seated.

ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

The presiding minister addresses the minister of word and sacrament.

A reading from John: Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (John 20:21-23)

A reading from Matthew: Jesus said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (*Matthew 28:18-20*)

A reading from First Timothy: Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers. (*1 Timothy 4:12-16*)

The presiding minister addresses questions to the minister of word and sacrament.

B: Pastor Kaari, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

B: Will you preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran church? Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

B: Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

B: Trusting in God’s care, will you love, serve, and pray for God’s people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

B: Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God’s love may be known in all that you do?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

B: Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

C: **Amen.**

The assembly stands.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

B: People of God, will you receive Pastor Kaari as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard Pastor Kaari as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

C: **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

B: Will you pray for Pastor Kaari? Will you help and honor Pastor Kaari in carrying out this ministry? In all things, will you strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

C: **We will, and we ask God to help us.**

The presiding minister addresses the minister of word and sacrament.