



Trinity Lutheran Church
Saturday, March 21, 2026
5th Week of Lent
Jesus Condemned

*Indicates please stand as you are able

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

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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

"Christ, Be Our Light"
vs. 1-3 & 5

ELW #715
Bernadette Farrell

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1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. *Refrain*

5. Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, In this season of contemplation, help us to recognize that you revealed yourself in Jesus, who walked among us and was handed over to be crucified. May we be strengthened by his presence among us today. Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & OFFERING

Pastor Kaari

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 19:1-16A

L: The good news according to John 19

¹ Then Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged. ² And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they dressed him in a purple robe. ³ They kept coming up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and striking him on the face. ⁴ Pilate went out again and said to them, "Look, I am bringing him out to you to let you know that I find no case against him." ⁵ So Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold the man!" ⁶ When the chief priests and the police saw him, they shouted, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and crucify him; I find no case against him." ⁷ The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to that law he ought to die because he has claimed to be the Son of God." ⁸ Now when Pilate heard this, he was more afraid than ever. ⁹ He entered his headquarters again and asked Jesus, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰ Pilate therefore said to him, "Do you refuse to speak to me? Do you not know that I have power to release you and power to crucify you?" ¹¹ Jesus answered him, "You would have no power over me unless it had been given you from above; therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." ¹² From then on Pilate tried to release him, but the Jews cried out, "If you release this man, you are no friend of Caesar. Everyone who claims to be a king sets himself against Caesar." ¹³ When Pilate heard these words, he brought Jesus outside and sat on the judge's bench at a place called The Stone Pavement, or in Hebrew Gabbatha. ¹⁴ Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover, and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, "Here is your King!" ¹⁵ They cried out, "Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!" Pilate asked them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar." ¹⁶ Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

L: The gospel of God.

C: Praise be to God.

SONG OF THE DAY

"Let Streams of Living Justice"

ELW #710

William Whitla & Gustav Holst

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1. Let streams of living justice
flow down upon the earth;
give freedom's light to captives,
let all the poor have worth.

The hungry's hands are pleading,
the workers claim their rights,
the mourners long for laughter,
the blinded seek for sight.

Make liberty a beacon,
strike down the iron pow'r;
abolish ancient vengeance:
proclaim your people's hour.

2. For healing of the nations,
for peace that will not end,
for love that makes us lovers,
God grant us grace to mend.

Weave our varied gifts together;
knit our lives as they are spun;
on your loom of time enroll us
till our thread of life is run.

O great weaver of our fabric,
bind church and world in one;
dye our texture with your radiance,
light our colors with your sun.

3. Your city's built to music;
we are the stones you seek;
your harmony is language;
we are the words you speak.

Our faith we find in service,
our hope in others' dreams,
our love in hand of neighbor;
our homeland brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice;
your way—the path untried;
your truth—the heart of stranger;
your life—the Crucified.

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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Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

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

"Lamb of God"

ELW #336

Twila Paris

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Chorus

O Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God
I love the holy Lamb of God
O wash me in His precious blood
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

1. Your only Son no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God (*refrain*)

2. Your gift of love they crucified
They laughed and scorned Him as He died
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God (*refrain*)

3. I was so lost I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called the Lamb of God (*refrain*)

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

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

Friends & Family

Luke Crosby, relation of Katie & Tasha Barron
Wendy Thomaschow, sister of Amy Jo Martinson
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: Ron Bend
Communion Prep:
Welcome Table Host:
Fellowship Host: Ron Bend
Prayer Writer: Ronda Simmons
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	Music Coord. & Organist
Tessa Espinosa	Chancel Choir Director
Clinton Ellerbe	Saturday Worship Leader
Austin Naylor	Bells of Trinity Director
Brenda Harju	TLC Preschool Director
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Deana Andrist	Office Administrator
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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 23)

12 pm Sermon Discussion-Fireside
6:30 pm (5) NoCo Male Spirituality

Wednesday (March 25)

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 26)

9:30 pm Bible Study-Room Room 2
3 pm Spanish Class-Room 2
6 pm Chapter 2 Readers-Fireside
7 pm Immigration Soc Justice-Zoom

Friday (March 27)

10 am Quilting-Room 2

Saturday (March 28) Palm Weekend Spring Clean Up 9-12

12 pm Sweet Treats
5 pm Saturday Worship

Sunday (March 29) Palm Sunday

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
11:30 am Fellowship

Coming Up:

Holy Week Schedule:

April 2, Maundy Thursday
6:30 pm Service with Foot Washing

April 4, Holy Saturday
5 pm Easter Service

April 3, Good Friday
11-2 Stations of the Cross
6:30 pm 7 Last Words Service

April 5, Easter Sunday
10:30 am Easter Service
11:30 am Easter Brunch

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So, how can you learn more about Trinity?

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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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