

AGAIN IT IS WRITTEN,

'YOU SHALL

NOT

PUT THE LORD

YOUR GOD

TO THE TEST.'

MATTHEW 4:7, ESV

February 22, 2026

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Trinity Lutheran Church, LCMS

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Jan Garner



Trinity Lutheran Church

Reverend Jack Mackowiak

Our Mission



“To share the good news of Jesus Christ”



Our Vision STATEMENT

“To serve as God guides us to bring people closer to Jesus Christ through worship, Bible studies, prayer and fellowship”

WELCOME!!!

A warm joyous welcome to all who gather to bear witness to the life of Jesus, our King of Kings!

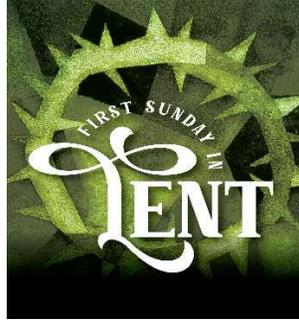
OUR RITE OF FRIENDSHIP:

Members and guests: Please register your attendance in the red pad located at the end of each row. **We ask our guests to please print your complete address and phone number.** When it reaches the other end of the row, pass it back. Upon its return note the other names; you may meet a new friend in Christ today.

Please turn off your cell phone.

If you desire a hearing assistance unit, speak with an usher.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



**THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
February 22, 2026**

Welcome! We believe The Lord's Supper is a gracious gift instituted by Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins and as a means of receiving God's grace. We believe that in the holy supper, the true body and blood of the Savior, along with the bread and wine, comes to us. We are encouraged by Jesus to commune frequently, and God tells us through St. Paul that we must examine ourselves in preparation for a worthy reception of the sacrament. This includes a confession of our sins, a proclamation of our faith, and a determination to lead a godlier life in the future. If you also acknowledge your sinfulness and your need for a Savior and recognize Christ's physical presence in the bread and wine, we invite you to join us at the Lord's table. Please enjoy our worship service!

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC: *Judy Hall*

"ART THOU WITH ME?" by Johann S. Bach

"LARGO" by George F. Handel

"O LAMB OF GOD" by W. A. Mozart

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Sisters in Christ*

"A CHILD OF THE KING" – Text: Harriet E. Buell/Tune: John B. Sumner

"WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER" – Text: Horatio G Spafford/Tune: Phillip P. Bliss

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please stand]

OPENING HYMN "HAPPY THE MAN"
Tune: LSB #733

1. Happy the man to whom his God
No more imputes his sin,
But, washed in the Redeemer's blood,
Has made his garments clean.
2. Happy beyond expression he
Whose debts are thus discharged.
And from the guilty bondage free,
He feels his soul enlarged.
3. Whose spirit hates deceit and lies;
Whose words are all sincere;
He guards his heart, he shields his eyes
To keep his conscience clear.
4. While I my inward guilt suppressed,
No peace was I to find;
Guilt's burden burned within my breast
And racked my tortured mind.
5. Then I confessed my troubling thoughts
My secret sins revealed;
Your pardoning grace forgave my faults,
My pardon mercy sealed.

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** We are blessed! God gives us a fresh start every day.
C **God forgives us. We can be truly honest with God.**

- P** When we keep our sins to ourselves, we waste away.
C **Our strength dries up and the heaviness is oppressive.**

- P** But when we admit our sin to God, the pressure releases.
C **So we will pray to God; we will confess our need and God will forgive us.**

- P** God will be our shelter and our protector.
C **Loving God, we come before You, admitting our sin and asking You to forgive us. You are a God who keeps Your promises. You are a God who has come among us in Jesus Christ. He is the One who takes away the sin of the world.**

- P** We were once separated from God and one another. Now we live in a new relationship in Christ. As His ordained servant, I announce God's full and free grace to you. Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Let us pray together...

C **God, help us to struggle against the evil that tempts us to give in to our immediate desires. Help us to recognize empty promises and misplaced priorities. Give us Your wisdom to discern right from wrong and good from evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

[Please be seated]

++THE WORD++

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 3:1-21

L Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten

of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. And the Lord God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

L This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

EPISTLE READING

Romans 5:12-19

L Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

L This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

"WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS"

Words: Appalachian folk hymn

By Sisters in Christ

(please stand)

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 4th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you,' and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone." Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.' "Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

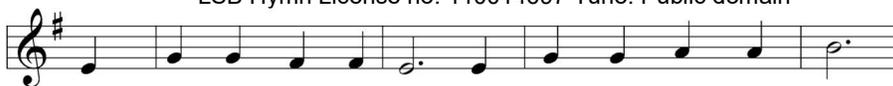
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

[please be seated]

HYMN "O CHRIST, YOU WALKED THE ROAD"

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1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.
2 No bread of earth a-lone Can fill our hun-g'ring hearts.
3 No blind-ing sign we ask, No won-der from a-bove.
4 When lures of eas-y gain With prom-ise bright-ly shine,
5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wan-d'ring feet must go.



You faced with us temp-ta-tion's pow'r And fought our an-cient foe.
Lord, help us seek Your liv-ing Word, The food Your grace im-parts.
Lord, help us place our trust a-lone In Your un-swer-ving love.
Lord, help us seek Your king-dom first; Our wills with Yours a-lign.
Stay with us through temp-ta-tion's hour To fight our an-cient foe.

SERMON

“The Gravity of Giving In” *Matthew 4:1-11*
Pastor Jack Mackowiak

[please stand]

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

[Please be seated]

OFFERING

HYMN: “ON MY HEART IMPRINT YOUR IMAGE”
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On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life’s rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-raise;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope’s foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole church of God and for all people according to their needs.
(after each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy, **C** Hear our prayer.

February Birthdays

22nd - Ann Titus & Shari Lee Gross

23rd - J DeCarlo

24th - Janet Sanner & Chuck Lehota

25th - Rick Carlson & Lori Luepnitz

26th - Julia Mack & Ruth Ann Schultz

27th - Diane Thomas

28th - Edna Moore, Paula Zumaris, and

John Meissner

(29th) Howard Coon

February Anniversaries

Dick and Mary Merklng - 70th

[please stand]

COMMUNION LITURGY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

C He is present with us in bread and wine.

P This is the feast of victory, the meal of freedom and forgiveness.

C We gather at the Lord's table to be renewed, refreshed, and restored.

P Therefore come and receive Christ's true body and blood as we rejoice in our common salvation!

C We remember His death; we live by His presence; we wait for His coming.

P Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF OUR LORD

[please be seated]

AGNUS DEI - (tune: LSB #451)

Lamb of God, have mercy on us, Lamb of God, to You we pray.
Lamb of God, have mercy on us, Lamb of God, to You we pray.
All the world's sin You have taken, You have borne the awful load;
Grant us peace, have mercy on us, grant us peace, O Lamb of God.

NOTE: *If you have a physical condition that would prohibit you from taking wine in the Lord's Supper, a few individual cups of white grape juice, instead of wine, are placed in the center of each communion tray for you. For those with a gluten allergy we now provide gluten-free wafers. Please help yourself to the gluten-free wafers located in the center of the tray.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“CHRIST, THE LIFE OF ALL THE LIVING”

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1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
2 Thou, ah! Thou, hast tak - en on Thee Bonds and stripes, a
3 Thou hast borne the smit - ing on - ly That my wounds might
4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur-round Thee, Treat - ing Thee with



death, our foe, Who, Thy - self for me once giv - ing
cru - el rod; Pain and scorn were heaped up - on Thee,
all be whole; Thou hast suf - fered, sad and lone - ly,
shame - ful scorn And with pierc - ing thorns they crowned Thee.



To the dark - est depths of woe: Through Thy suf - f' rings,
O Thou sin - less Son of God! Thus didst Thou my
Rest to give my wea - ry soul; Yea, the curse of
All dis - grace Thou, Lord, hast borne, That as Thine Thou



death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
soul de - liv - er From the bonds of sin for - ev - er.
God en - dur - ing, Bless - ing un - to me se - cur - ing.
might - est own me And with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks shall be, Dear - est Je - sus, un - to Thee.
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5. Thou hast suffered men to bruise Thee,
That from pain I might be free;
Falsely did Thy foes accuse Thee:
Thence I gain security;
Comfortless Thy soul did languish
Me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
6. Thou hast suffered great affliction
And hast borne it patiently,
Even death by crucifixion,
Fully to atone for me;
Thou didst choose to be tormented
That my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.
7. Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden,
I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry,
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

“BY GRACE I’M SAVED”

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1 By grace I’m saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct
3 By grace God’s Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,



Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must
Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our
That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav’n - ly throne.
God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

5. By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation’s furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father’s heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?
6. By grace! On this I’ll rest when dying;
In Jesus’ promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart’s condition,
I also know my Savior’s voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.

[please stand]

PRAYER

P Let us pray...Blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to us in this holy Sacrament. Keep us in Your faith and favor that we may live in You even as You live in us. May Your body and blood preserve us in the true faith to life everlasting. Hear us for the sake of Your name.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God our heavenly Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with You always.

C Amen.

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN

“ABIDE, O DEAREST JESUS”

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1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, A - mong us with Your grace
2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, A - mong us with Your Word,
3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness A - mong us, pre - cious Light;
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings A - mong us, boun - teous Lord;



That Sa - tan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.
And thus now and here - af - ter True peace and joy af - ford.
Your truth di - rect and keep us From er - ror's gloom - y night.
Let us in grace and wis - dom Grow dai - ly through Your Word.

5. Abide with Your protection
Among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us
And overcome at length.

6. Abide, O faithful Savior,
Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us
To reach our home above.





Places of the Passion

Join us each Wednesday during Lent as we follow the Passion according to St. Luke. The scenes of Lent are familiar. The upper room, the garden of Gethsemane, the halls of Pontius Pilate, and the hills of Golgotha, these are the places we remember when we meditate on our Lord's passion. Yet when Jesus enters a place, He never leaves it as He found it. The most troubling places of our lives become the most amazing places of God's grace when Jesus visits them.

Our focus will not be on the physical locations of our Lord's passion but on the spiritual wonders of His work: the places where He demonstrates His strength in the midst of our weakness, His timeless love in the midst of our temporal darkness. Each week, participants will enter the Places of the Passion only to discover settings of devotion, occasions to pause during Lent and remember God's love for a fallen world.



Our services will begin at 4:00 p.m. followed by a fellowship meal beginning Midweek 2 through Midweek 6 (*no meal on Ash Wednesday and during Holy Week*)

- ❖ Midweek 2: The Upper Room: A Place of Hope (Luke 22:14-38)
- ❖ Midweek 3: Gethsemane: A Place of Strength (Luke 22:39-46)
- ❖ Midweek 4: The Betrayal: A Place of Eternal Love (Luke 22:47-53)
- ❖ Midweek 5: The Courtyard: A Place of Renewal (Luke 22:54-62)
- ❖ Midweek 6: The Trial: A Place of God's Will (Luke 22:63-23:25)
- ❖ Passion Sunday: The Passion: A Place of Seeking and Saving (Luke 23:26-49)
- ❖ Maundy Thursday: The Last Supper: A Place of Forgiveness (Luke 22:14-23)
- ❖ Good Friday: Golgotha: A Place of Praise (Luke 23:44-56)
- ❖ Easter: The Empty Tomb: A Place of Remembering (Luke 24:1-11)

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Christianity is the only religion of the world to insist that reconciliation with the creator cannot ever be accomplished by our performance. Only through the revelation of a Savior, who would be the substitute sacrifice for all our wrongdoing and make us right with God, can we finally overcome our sense of separation from the Almighty.

This is a gift and promise of life that we rejoice in and share with Christians around the world. We share with all Christians the desire that everyone would come to know Jesus and experience a life under “new management” – the grace and purpose of God.

Trinity is a member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. We enjoy a blessed confessional heritage of Biblical Christianity with over 65 million Lutherans around the world and over 7 million Lutherans in the U.S. alone. What we know and believe comes only from the Bible, which is God’s inspired Word. While the Bible is certainly our guide for holy living, the primary purpose of the Bible is to reveal Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

We believe every Sunday at Trinity Lutheran Church is a “little Easter”, a celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. We celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper every Sunday in all worship services. We believe the forgiveness and strength of faith we are promised through receiving the very body and blood of Christ is so greatly needed by all of God’s people, for we are truly a community of wounded healers. For a Christian Church to be anything else than a place of common fellowship and unity and a source of strength for our fragile faith is to fail its God-ordained purpose and intent.

We would like to be of service to you in any way we can. Feel free to call the church office if you wish to find out more about the church or have more personal needs of a spiritual nature.