



“No one
can see the
KINGDOM OF GOD
without
BEING BORN
FROM ABOVE.”

JOHN 3:3, NRSV

March 1, 2026

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Trinity Lutheran Church, LCMS

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10:30am – Kalbach & Stiever

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8:00am – Bev Tibbits

10:30am – Steve Kalbach

Keyboard

Judy Hall

Music Director

Jan Garner



Trinity Lutheran Church

Reverend Bryan O'Connor

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 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 1, 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*

"FAIREST LORD JESUS"

Silesian Folksong

"BENEATH THE CROSS OF JESUS"

by Gerald Peterson Tune: "St. Christopher," by Frederick C. Maker

"WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS?"

by C. E. Walz Tune: Wondrous Love

"THE HOLY PASSIONTIDE NOW BRINGS TO MIND AGAIN"

by J. S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please stand]

OPENING HYMN “GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO THAT HE GAVE”
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1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
 3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
 sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
 sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
 Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P The Lord our God remembers His covenant forever,

C the word that He commanded. For a thousand generations.

P Today, while we hear the great promises of God first given to Abram of old, we recall the promises we have made to others and to God, especially those promises we have broken that have proved our unfaithfulness. Apart from God's mercy and grace our sin cripples even our best intentions and we fail in our love of God and of neighbor. Therefore let us confess our sin and flee for refuge to the only God who promises forgiveness and new life in Jesus Christ, His Son, our Lord.

C Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and give us new life according to Your own word and promise. Amen.

P Upon this, your confession, as an ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Let us pray together...

C **Loving and gracious God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that attack the body and from all evil thoughts that assault and hurt the soul; 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]

PSALM HYMN – “UNTO THE HILLS I LIFT MY EYES”

TUNE: LSB #526

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| 1. Unto the hills I lift my eyes;
From where shall come my aid?
My help comes from the Lord alone,
Who heav'n and earth has made. | 2. God will not let my foot be moved.
My guardian never sleeps,
He slumbers not, His watchful care
Guards and in safety keeps. |
| 3. My faithful keeper is the Lord,
My shelter and my shade;
Beneath the sun, moon, day or night,
I shall not be afraid. | 4. From evil God will keep me safe,
Provide for all I need;
My going out, my coming in,
God will forever lead. |

++THE WORD++

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 12:1-9

L The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had

gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

L This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

EPISTLE READING

Romans 4:1–8, 13–17

L What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: "Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin." . For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

L This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

"LONESOME VALLEY"
Words and Music by: Jay Althouse
The Trinity Choir

(please stand)

GOSPEL READING

John 3:1-17

P The Holy Gospel according to John the 3rd chapter.

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

P Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

[please be seated]



HYMN "LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING"

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1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us
4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in
all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -
spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.
turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee
Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee
heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

SERMON

“You Can’t Have One Without the Other Two”

John 3:1-17

Pastor Bryan O’Connor

[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: “I PRAY YOU, DEAR LORD JESUS” (Tune: LSB #742)

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| 1. I pray You, dear Lord Jesus,
My heart to keep and train
That I Your holy temple
From youth to age remain. | 2. O turn my thoughts forever
From worldly wisdom’s lore;
If I but learn to know You
I shall not want for more. |
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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.

March Birthdays

- 1st - Karen Carlson
- 2nd - Candace Holtham & Susan Coon
- 3rd – Jim Liney & Donna Mallardi
- 5th - Gil Dahnke & Charlotte Bestman
- 6th - Jeannine Schneider

March Anniversaries

- 1st - Kenny & Judy Reeves (35)

[please stand]

COMMUNION LITURGY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts!

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P Thanks and praise be to You, O Father, who sent Your only Son into the world to be a man, born of a woman, to die for us on a cross that was made by us.

C **He came for us. Help us to accept His coming.**

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

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

PEACE OF THE LORD

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

[please be seated]

AGNUS DEI

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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

“HOW GREAT THOU ART”

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1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion And there pro - claim: “My God, how great Thou art!”



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

“DEAR CHRISTIANS, ONE AND ALL, REJOICE”

LSB #556 Text and tune: Public domain



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, With ex - ul - ta - tion
 2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; Death brood-ed dark - ly
 3 My own good works all came to naught, No grace or mer - it
 4 But God had seen my wretch-ed state Be - fore the world's foun -



spring - ing, And with u - nit - ed heart and voice And ho - ly
 o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; In sin my
 gain - ing; Free will a - gainst God's judg - ment fought, Dead to all
 da - tion, And mind - ful of His mer - cies great, He planned for



rap - ture sing - ing, Pro - claim the won - ders God has done, How
 moth - er bore me. But dai - ly deep - er still I fell; My
 good re - main - ing. My fears in - creased till sheer de - spair Left
 my sal - va - tion. He turned to me a fa - ther's heart; He



His right arm the vic - t'ry won. What price our ran - som cost Him!
 life be - came a liv - ing hell, So firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.
 on - ly death to be my share; The pangs of hell I suf - fered.
 did not choose the eas - y part But gave His dear - est trea - sure.

5 God said to His beloved Son:
 “It’s time to have compassion.
 Then go, bright jewel of My crown,
 And bring to all salvation.
 From sin and sorrow set them free;
 Slay bitter death for them that they
 May live with You forever.”

6 The Son obeyed His Father’s will,
 Was born of virgin mother;
 And God’s good pleasure to fulfill,
 He came to be my brother.
 His royal pow’r disguised He bore;
 A servant’s form, like mine, He wore
 To lead the devil captive.

7 To me He said: “Stay close to Me,
 I am your rock and castle.
 Your ransom I Myself will be;
 For you I strive and wrestle.
 For I am yours, and you are Mine,
 And where I am you may remain;
 The foe shall not divide us.

8 “Though he will shed My precious blood,
 Me of My life bereaving,
 All this I suffer for your good;
 Be steadfast and believing.
 Life will from death the vict’ry win;
 My innocence shall bear your sin,
 And you are blest forever.

9 “Now to My Father I depart,
From earth to heav’n ascending,
And, heav’nly wisdom to impart,
The Holy Spirit sending;
In trouble He will comfort you
And teach you always to be true
And into truth shall guide you.

10 “What I on earth have done and taught
Guide all your life and teaching;
So shall the kingdom’s work be wrought
And honored in your preaching.
But watch lest foes with base alloy
The heav’nly treasure should destroy;
This final word I leave you.”

[please stand]

PRAYER

P Let us pray...Gracious Lord, once You called Abraham to be Your servant and promised he would become the father of many. He received Your promise by faith and was counted righteous in Your sight through Your gift of grace. We have received Your promise through baptism when we were born anew by water and the Spirit to be Your children. We have also received with thanksgiving the body and blood of Your Son, given us for the forgiveness of sins. Help us receive this gift by faith and live it out in faithfulness and obedience all the days of our live; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN “TO ABRAHAM THE LORD SAID, “GO” TUNE: LSB #522

1. To Abraham the Lord said, “Go;
Take your kin to the land I show;
My promise now I give to you;
A nation great shall come from few.”
2. So Abram went as God had said
To Canaan land with joy ahead;
And there an altar built to Him
Who taught his heart to hope and dream.
3. Of Abraham, what shall we say?
Was it by works he made his way;
Or was he justified by grace
And counted righteous by his faith?
4. Since Abram’s hope, just like our own,
Rests not on works but grace alone;
Give up the boast, to faith we cling
And prove we’re Abraham’s offspring.



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 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)

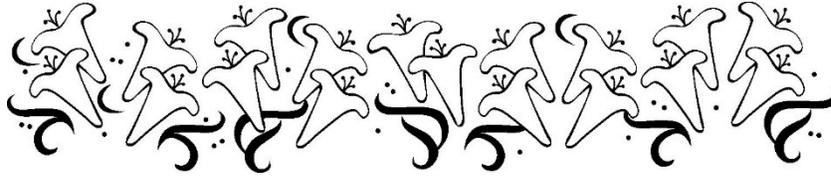


Places of the Passion

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.

EASTER LILIES



**Please consider ordering an Easter Lily to enhance our Chancel area for Easter! Use this form to submit your request.
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For questions, contact Candace Holtham or call the church office.

Orders are due on or before Sunday, March 22