

**March 15, 2026**

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Trinity Lutheran Church, LCMS

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8:00am – Bryce Buuck

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**Communion Assistants**

8:00am – Bailey & Munden

10:30am – Stevens & Stieber

**Lectors**

8:00am – Arlene Stackhouse

10:30am – Ada Jarmosevich

**Keyboard**

Judy Hall

**Music Director**

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!**

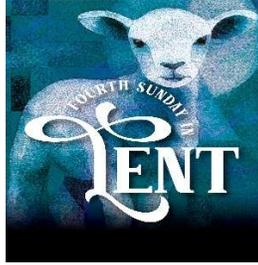
**OUR RITE OF FRIENDSHIP:**

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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 15, 2026

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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!

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**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC:** *Joan Egeland*

**"JESUS PAID IT ALL"** John T. Grape , Arr. Victor Labenske

**"JESUS LOVES ME"** William B Bradbury, Arr. Victor Labenske

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** *Sisters in Christ*

**"LEAD ME TO CALVARY"**

Text: Jennie H. Hussey/Tune: William J. Kirkpatrick

**"I THEN SHALL LIVE"**

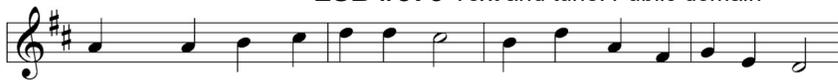
Text: Gloria Gaithers; Tune: Jean Sibelius

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**[Please stand]**

## OPENING HYMN "CHRIST, WHOSE GLORY FILLS THE SKIES"

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1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,  
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn Un - ac - com - pa - nied by Thee;  
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;



Sun of righ-teous-ness, a-rise; Tri-umph o'er the shades of night.  
Joy-less is the day's re-turn Till Thy mer-cy's beams I see,  
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di-vine, Scat-ter all my un - be - lief;



Day-spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.  
Till they in - ward light im-part, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
More and more Thy - self dis-play, Shin - ing to the per - fect day.

### INVOCATION

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

**C** Amen.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** Having gathered to hear God's Word and receive the light of salvation and wisdom, we must first confess that, on our own, we take part in the unfruitful works of darkness because of our sins. Apart from Christ we are blind to both God's wrath and His mercy and grace for sinners. Come near to Him now so that He may have mercy on us and give us the light of His forgiveness and life.

**C** **Out of the darkness of our sin and our weariness we call to You, O Lord. We desire to see the light of Your grace and receive the enlightenment of Your truth. We plead for the forgiveness of our sin. Lift our eyes to see Your salvation for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**P** The Lord opens the eyes of the blind and lifts up those who are bowed down. It is my privilege and delight to announce the grace of God to all of 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** Almighty God, because You know that we of ourselves have no strength to obey Your commands, that we walk as the blind if You do not guide, that we are in darkness if You do not give us light, keep our hearts and minds from all evil thoughts, our tongues from evil words, our hands and feet from evil actions, and defend our bodies from all harm and danger, that we may serve You in faith and walk as children of light; 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

### “WITH FEARFUL VOICE I CRY TO GOD”

*Tune: LW 417*

1. With fearful voice I cry to God  
For mercy and for peace.  
I tell my troubles to the Lord  
And ask for His release.  
He knows my ways  
The path I walk  
Lies well within His gaze.
2. My enemies are out for me;  
A hidden trap they've set.  
No one is watching over me,  
I see no refuge yet.  
I cry to You,  
O Lord, my God,  
Who can my soul rescue!
3. When I am low, when dangers press,  
Deliver me, I pray.  
I long to feel Your sweet caress;  
I long to know Your way  
That I may praise  
Your holy name  
And Your sufficient grace!

**++THE WORD++**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

***Isaiah 42:14-21***

**L** For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, "You are our gods." Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see! Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD? He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear. The LORD was pleased, for his righteousness' sake, to magnify his law and make it glorious.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord

**C** **Thanks be to God**

**EPISTLE READING**

***Ephesians 5:8-14***

**L** For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says, "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord

**C** **Thanks be to God**

**ANTHEM**

**"PRAISE YOU"**

Text & Tune: Elizabeth Goodine

*Sisters In Christ*

**(please stand)**

**GOSPEL READING**

***John 9:1-7,13-17,34-39***

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John the 9th chapter.

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

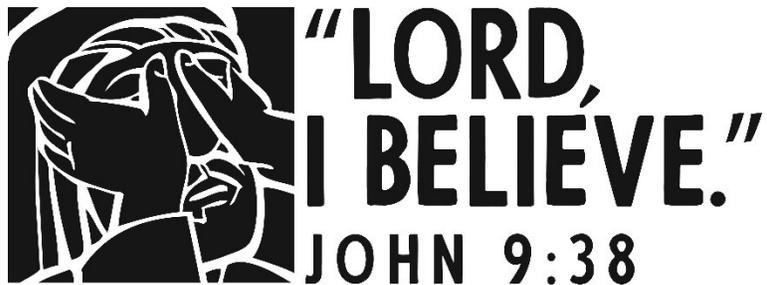
**P** As [Jesus] passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered,

“It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” Having said these things, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. . . . They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” . . . They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out. Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

**[please be seated]**



HYMN

“I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT”

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1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
I want to look at Je - sus.  
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.  
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,  
When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.  
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.



*Refrain*  
In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

**SERMON**

*“The Gravity of Prejudice”*  
*John 9:1-41*  
*Pastor Jack Mackowiak*

[please stand]

**CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLE’S CREED**

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

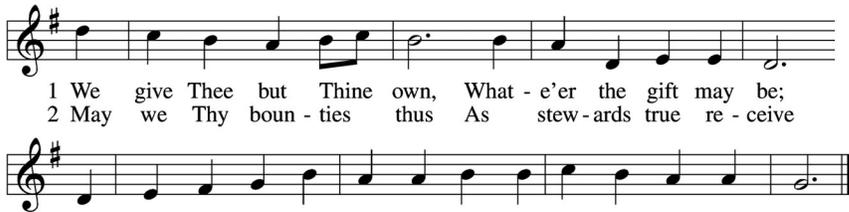
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the 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: “WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN”**

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1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive

All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

**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

15<sup>th</sup> - Denise Anderson & Beverly Coombe  
16<sup>th</sup> - Nancy Brown  
17<sup>th</sup> - Rose Vanacore & Shari Lackey  
19<sup>th</sup> - Audrey Stencel  
20<sup>th</sup> - Sharon Rohweder  
21<sup>st</sup> - Dick Blalock

### March Anniversaries

18 - Skip & Debbie Sattler (54)

**[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 to Your, O Father, who sent Your Son into the world to be a man, born of a woman, to die for us on a cross made by us.

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

**P** He walked among us, a man, on our earth, in our world of conflict, and commanded us to remember His death, His death that gives us life; and to wait for Him until He comes again in glory.

**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 (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

### “ARISE AND SHINE IN SPLENDOR”

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1 A - rise and shine in splen - dor; Let night to day sur -  
2 See earth in dark - ness ly - ing, The hea - then na - tions  
3 The world's re - mot - est rac - es, Up - on whose wea - ry  
4 Lift up your eyes in won - der— See, na - tions gath - er  
5 Your heart will leap for glad - ness When from the realms of



ren - der. Your light is draw - ing near. A - bove, the  
dy - ing In hope - less gloom and night. To you the  
fac - es The sun looks from the sky, Shall run with  
yon - der From sin to be set free. The world has  
sad - ness They come from near and far. Your eyes will



day is beam - ing, In match - less beau - ty  
Lord of heav - en— Your life, your hope— has  
zeal un - tir - ing, With joy Your light de -  
heard Your sto - ry; Her sons come to Your  
wake from slum - ber As peo - ple with - out



gleam - ing; The glo - ry of the Lord is here.  
 giv - en Great glo - ry, hon - or, and de - light.  
 sir - ing That breaks up - on them from on high.  
 glo - ry; Her daugh - ters haste Your light to see.  
 num - ber Re - joice to see the Morn - ing Star.

**“COME UNTO ME, YE WEARY”**

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1 “Come un - to Me, ye wea - ry, And I will give you rest.”  
 2 “Come un - to Me, ye wan - d’rers, And I will give you light.”  
 3 “Come un - to Me, ye faint - ing, And I will give you life.”  
 4 “And who - so - ev - er com - eth, I will not cast him out.”



O bless - ed voice of Je - sus, Which comes to hearts op - pressed!  
 O lov - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to cheer the night!  
 O cheer - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to aid our strife!  
 O pa - tient love of Je - sus, Which drives a - way our doubt,



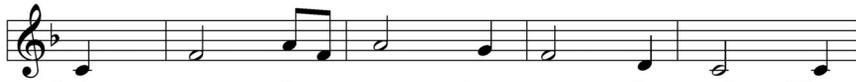
It tells of ben - e - dic - tion, Of par - don, grace, and peace,  
 Our hearts were filled with sad - ness, And we had lost our way;  
 The foe is stern and ea - ger, The fight is fierce and long;  
 Which, though we be un - wor - thy Of love so great and free,



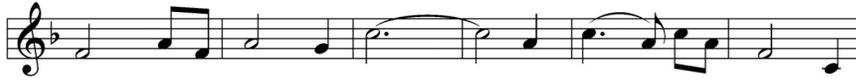
Of joy that hath no end - ing, Of love that can - not cease.  
 But Thou hast brought us glad - ness And songs at break of day.  
 But Thou hast made us might - y And strong - er than the strong.  
 In - vites us ver - y sin - ners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

**“AMAZING GRACE”**

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1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
 have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
 mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
 safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
 then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

[please stand]

**PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray... We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son, but sent Him into the world to offer His life as a ransom for many. With that same body and blood once sacrificed on the tree, You have fed and nourished us that we may be delivered from sin, death and the power of the devil. Increase our joy that we may continually serve You, boldly confessing Your name in all we do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**CLOSING HYMN "PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS"**

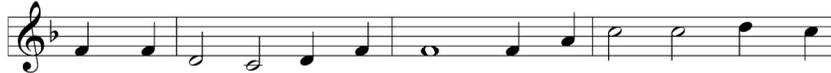
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1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet  
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered



at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,  
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons  
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious



Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the  
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool  
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and



Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing  
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this  
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us



storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.  
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.



*Thanks*

for Joining us Today!





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 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)

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Maundy Thursday

*The Last Supper: A Place of Forgiveness  
(Luke 22:14-23)*

Good Friday

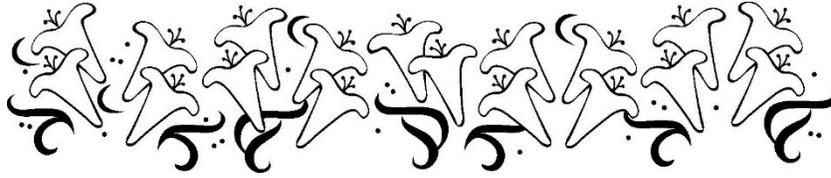
*Golgotha: A Place of Praise  
(Luke 23:44-56)*

Easter

*The Empty Tomb: A Place of Remembering  
(Luke 24:1-11)*



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For questions, contact Candace Holtham or call the church office.  
**Orders are due on or before Sunday, March 22****