

## **Trinity Lutheran Church**

Second Sunday in Lent  
February 25, 2024

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
304 E. FERRIS St.  
GALESBURG, IL 61401  
“the welcome place”

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*The second covenant in this year’s Lenten readings is the one made with Abraham and Sarah: God’s promise to make them the ancestors of many, with whom God will remain in everlasting covenant. Paul says this promise comes to all who share Abraham’s faith in the God who brings life into being where there was no life. We receive this baptismal promise of resurrection life in faith. Sarah and Abraham receive new names as a sign of the covenant, and we too get new identities in baptism, as we put on Christ.*

**Prelude** Beneath the Cross of Jesus                      Carl Schalk, Robert Hobby

**Welcome & Friendship Registries-Please sign in**

**+ + + GATHERING + + +**

*(Stand)*

**Invocation**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.  
**Amen.**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Held in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin  
and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbors**

are hungry and cold.  
We speak in ways that silence others.  
We are silent when we should speak up.  
We keep score in our hearts.  
We let hurts grow into hatred.  
For all these things and for sins only you know,  
forgive us, Lord.  
**Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace:  
Out of love for the whole world,  
God draws near to us,  
breaks every snare of sin,  
washes away our wrongs,  
and restores the promise of life through † Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

**Gathering Song**

ELW #338

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

### **Greeting**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

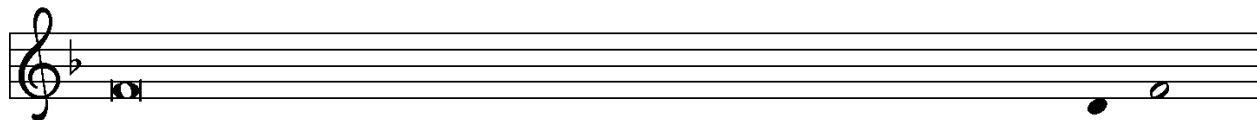
**And also with you.**

# Kyrie

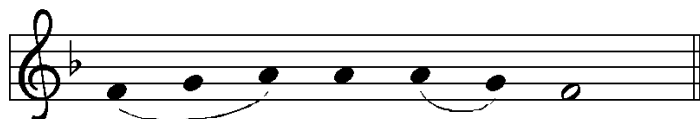
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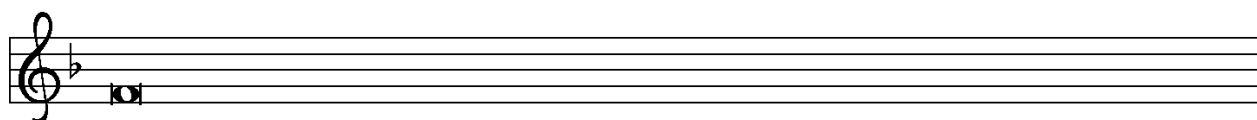
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



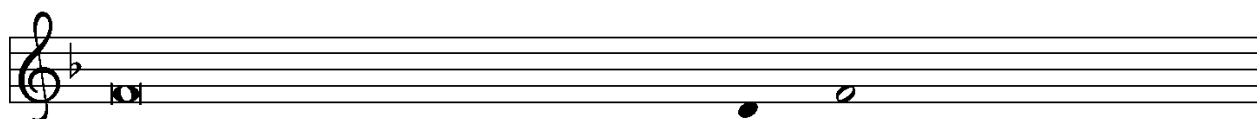
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



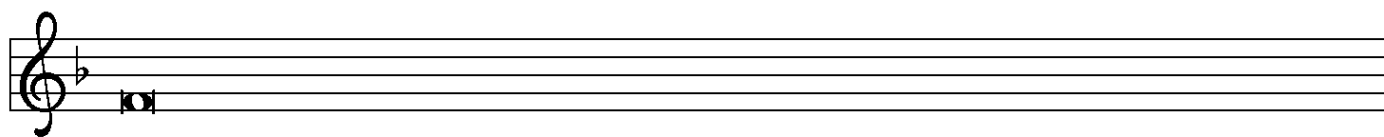
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



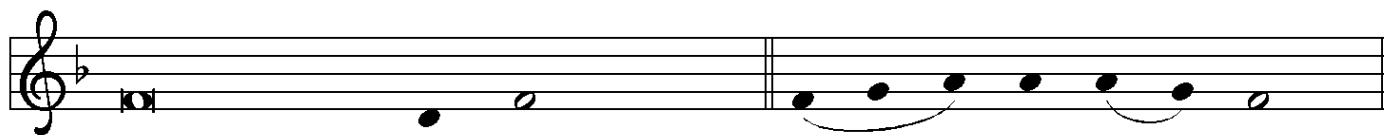
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



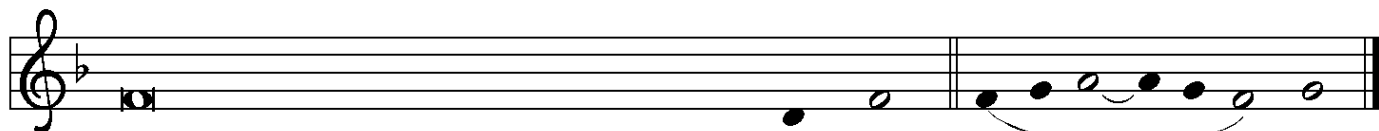
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

## **Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

God, your Son Jesus Christ bore the cross for our salvation and was raised from the dead for the redemption of the world. Give us the courage to take up our cross and follow him, that through his grace we may accept the cost of faithful discipleship and receive the joy of everlasting life with Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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*(Sit)*

**First Reading:** Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**



For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, 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. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

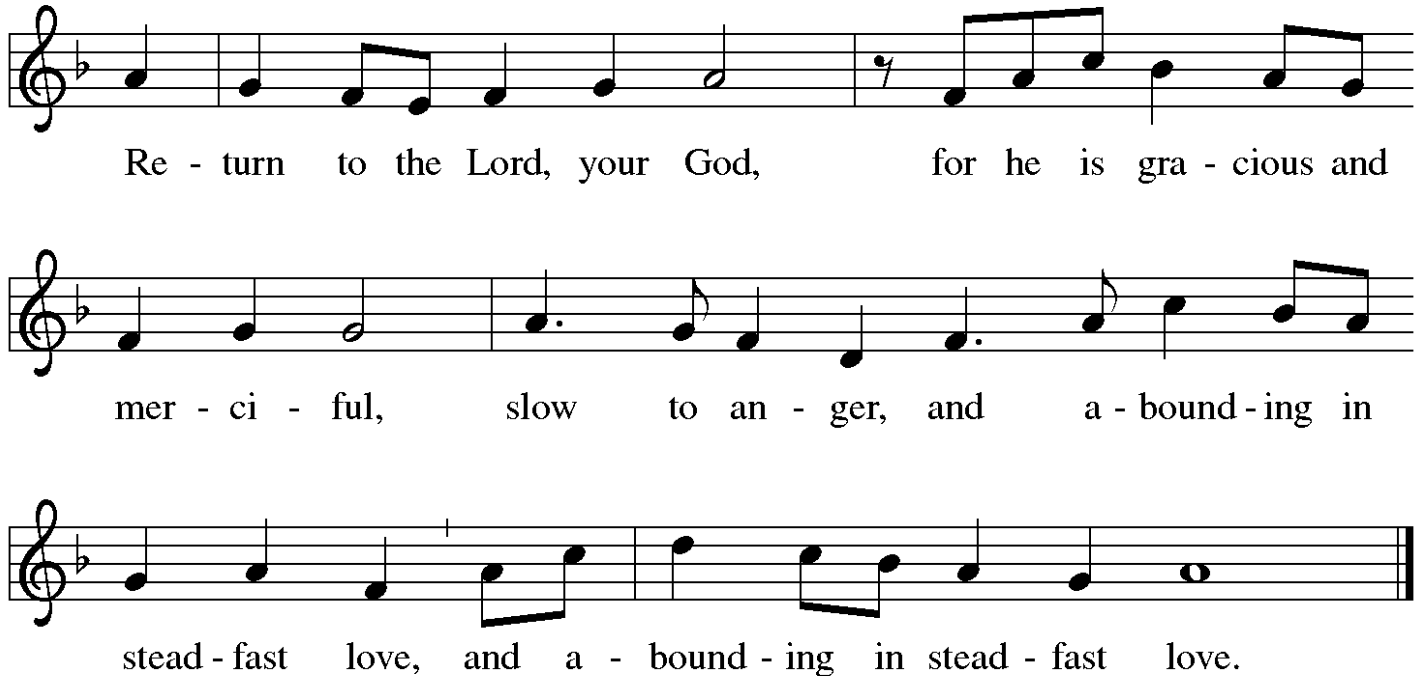
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**Thanks be to God.**

*(Stand)*

## Lenten Acclamation

ELW Setting 3 p.142



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

## Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

The holy gospel according to Mark.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of



Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The gospel of the Lord,  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Sit)*

## **Children’s Message**

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes

*(Stand)*

**Hymn of the Day** ELW #808 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

## **Apostles Creed**

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

(Sit)

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

We turn to you for meaning, holy God. Nurture in your children the gifts of the Spirit poured out in baptism and let the mind of Christ guide the church. Give wisdom and discernment to our bishops, pastors, deacons, teachers, and leaders. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We turn to you for renewal. Save lives and ecosystems threatened by pollution and a changing climate. Cleanse the earth's waters and restore the soil. Preserve rainforests, deserts, and wildlife, that generations to come may cherish your creation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We turn to you for justice. Uphold the worth and dignity of every person, especially any who experience hatred and rejection because of gender, ability, sexual orientation, color, ethnicity, or religion. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We turn to you for healing. Send compassionate helpers to any who suffer because of war and violence. Shelter unhoused people, befriend those who are lonely, bring hope to any in despair, and console the bereaved, heal those in need especially Bev, Kelly, Juan, Kate, and Jenna. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We turn to you for purpose. Remind us of your faithfulness to this congregation. Increase our trust in your guidance and keep us

near the cross. Grant that our acts of service will express Christ's sacrificial love. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We turn to you for peace. We honor the saints who lived in service to others especially Elizabeth Fedde, deaconess, whom we commemorate today. Inspire us by their example until you gather us into your kingdom. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

We offer you these prayers as well as those we name to you aloud and in our hearts.

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

**+ + + MEAL + + +**

### **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**Offering Music**    A Ring A Round            Jack Grove                            *Bell Choir*

*(Stand)*

### **Offering Prayer**

Jesus, you are the bread of life  
and the host of this meal.

Bless these gifts that we have gathered  
that all people may know your goodness.

Feed us not only with this holy food  
but with hunger for justice and peace.

We pray this in your name.

**Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW Setting 3 p.144



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed  
one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us.*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed 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**

Bread for the journey.  
A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

All are welcome to receive communion at Trinity Lutheran Church. If you wish to receive you may come forward as dismissed by the usher and will be given a wafer in the center aisle. Then you may take a small cup from the tray. Red wine is along the outside, and white grape juice is located in the center of the tray. Gluten free bread is also available. Place empty cups in the bowls located at the side aisle as you return to your pew. If you prefer to receive a blessing rather than communion, you may indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest as you come forward

*(Sit)*  
**Distribution of Communion Lamb of God** ELW Setting 3 p.146

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

*Thomas Keesecker*

**Post Communion Hymn**    ELW #186    **Create In Me a Clean Heart**



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right



spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take



not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the joy of



your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

*(Stand)*

**Prayer After Communion**

Generous God,  
at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.  
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread,  
now make us one loaf to feed the world;  
in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

**Amen.**

**Blessing**

Beloved,  
we are God's own people,

holy, washed, renewed.  
God bless you and keep you,  
shower you with mercy,  
fill you with courage,  
and ✝ give you peace.  
**Amen.**

**Sending Song**

ELW #813

Faith of Our Fathers

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share your bread.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** Faith of Our Fathers

Charles Callahan

***As you leave, please take a moment and greet one another.***

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**Worship Participants**

**Audio:** Norm Tippy

**Video:** Bill Sime

**Ushers:** Layton & Nancy Sandall, Linda Tippey

**Communion Setup:** Jen Robinson

**Assisting Minister:** Jen Robinson

**Reader:** Grant Robinson

**Wine Servers:** Sandra Gray & Julie Wiegand

**Acolyte:** Henry Gray

**Closing Duties:** Grant Robinson

**Coffee Fellowship:** Hilma McDorman, Jean Hier

**Organist:** Bette Mohr

**Director of Choirs:** James Hutchings

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes



## This Week at Trinity

<b>Sun, Feb 25</b>	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Coffee Fellowship in Fellowship Hall
	10:45 am	Intergenerational Study in Martha Rm
	11:00 am	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	4:00 pm	NAACP Gospel Festival
	6:00 pm	Dinner and Glow Tag @ 1 <sup>st</sup> Pres.
<b>Mon, Feb 26</b>	10:00 am	Brews & Views @ Carriage House
<b>Tues, Feb 27</b>	9:00 am	Tie that Binds
<b>Wed, Feb 28</b>	12 noon	Lenten Service in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 pm	Choir
<b>Thurs, Feb 29</b>	9:00 am	Tidings Label & Seal
<b>Sat, Mar 2</b>	5:00 pm	Spoken Eucharist in Chapel
<b>Sun, Mar 3</b>	6:00 pm	PRISMS Youth Group Movie Night w/ First Presbyterian Youth Group

## Other Announcements

**Intergenerational Study:** Each Sunday in Lent we will have an intergenerational study in the Martha Room at 10:45 am. The study will focus on the ways that History and Hope intersect in the lives of Abraham, Hagar, Sarah, Ishmael, and Isaac. The resource comes from the Northern Illinois Synod.

**Midweek Lenten Worship:** We will be exploring the lives of Abraham, Hagar, Sarah, Ishmael, and Isaac and the way that Hope and History meet in their story. **This brief worship service will be held in the fellowship hall at noon on Wednesdays**, and all are encouraged to

bring a lunch so that we may eat together in fellowship following the service.

**Prayer Requests:** If you or a loved one needs prayer please complete the salmon-colored sheet in the cups on the table in the Narthex and turn it into the communion plate.

**Current Prayer List:**

<b>Bev Powell</b>	Prayers for healing & recovery
<b>Kelly Yarde</b> (the Yardes daughter in law)	Prayers for healing & recovery
<b>Kate Kolstee</b> (great step niece of Annie Maier)	Prayers for healing, comfort, & answers
<b>Jenna</b> (niece of Erin Crawford)	Prayers for healing & health

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes, Pastor, Out-of-office: Friday

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Hours 8:00 am- 1:00 pm, Monday-Friday

Saturday Worship at 5:00 pm; Holy Communion (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month)

Sunday Worship at 9:30 am; Holy Communion Sunday Radio Ministry at 9:30 am on WRAM – 1330 AM, Facebook

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**Vision Statement**

**Developing Disciples – Connecting to Christ**

**Mission Statement**

**Led by the Spirit, we receive Christ’s love, share God’s forgiving grace, and reach out to welcome, encourage and serve all.**

**Welcome Statement**

Members of Trinity Lutheran Church are freed by the Gospel to seek reconciliation and wholeness in a world that is frequently an unloving place. We extend welcome to all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, whether believer, doubter, or seeker. In Christ’s love we invite you, so that led by the power of the Holy Spirit we will join together to strive for racial equity, justice, peace and love in all the earth.

**Our Guiding Principles**

1. Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior.
2. We faithfully worship through Word and Sacrament.
3. We invite and welcome everyone.
4. We engage all generations in education and ministry.
5. We serve local and global communities.