



## Trinity Lutheran Church

Second Week of Lent  
March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

# Trinity Lutheran Church

304 E. Ferris Street

Galesburg, IL 61401

*“the welcome place”*

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## +++GATHERING+++

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God’s desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God’s people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God’s face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who “comes in the name of the Lord.”

**Prelude**..... In the Cross of Christ I Glory.....David Maxwell  
John Leavitt

## Welcome & Announcements - Please Sign Friendship Registry

*The red ELW hymnal and the purple ACS hymnal are in the pew racks*

*(Stand)*

## Confession & Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God’s abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate One,  
**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,**

but our lives do not always reflect you  
 and your love for the world.  
 We do not show others the tender compassion  
 you have shown to us.  
 We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality  
 you grant to all people.  
 We oppress others,  
 even though you have set us free again and again.  
 We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.  
 Transform our lives  
 and guide us again in the way of the cross.  
 Amen.

Beloved in Christ,  
 God's arms are always stretched open wide  
 to welcome the wandering ones home.  
 In ✠ Christ your sins are forgiven.  
 You have a place in God's house forever.  
 Amen.

**Gathering Hymn, ELW (red) #324..... "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"**

### 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

ELW (red) Setting 10, pg. 203



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
 Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
 Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*(Sit)*

**+++WORD+++**

## First reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

<sup>1</sup> After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup> But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup> And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

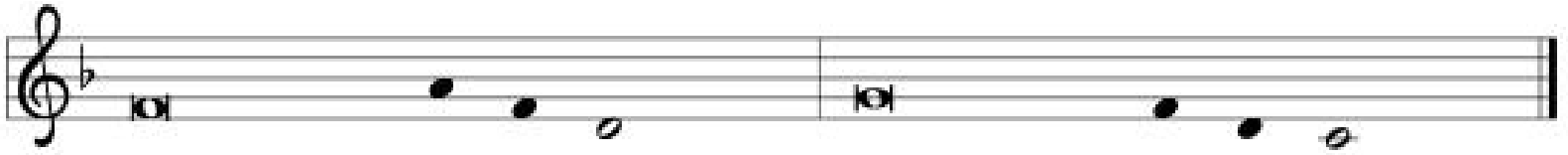
<sup>7</sup> Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." <sup>8</sup> But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" <sup>9</sup> He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." <sup>10</sup> He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. <sup>11</sup> And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup> As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

<sup>17</sup> When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup> On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm: Psalm 27



- <sup>1</sup> The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then I shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- <sup>2</sup> **When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,  
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**
- <sup>3</sup> Though an army encamp against me, my heart I will not fear.  
Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.
- <sup>4</sup> **One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my  
life; to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God in the  
temple.**
- <sup>5</sup> For in the day of trouble God will I give me shelter,  
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high  
up- I on a rock.
- <sup>6</sup> **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies I who  
surround me.**  
**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of  
rejoicing; I will sing and make music I to the Lord.**
- <sup>7</sup> Hear my voice, O Lord, I when I call;  
have mercy on me and I answer me.
- <sup>8</sup> **My heart speaks your message— I “Seek my face.”  
Your face, O Lord, I I will seek.**
- <sup>9</sup> Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- I vant in  
anger.  
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O  
God of I my salvation.
- <sup>10</sup> **Though my father and my moth- I er forsake me,  
the Lord will I take me in.**
- <sup>11</sup> Teach me your I way, O Lord;  
lead me on a level path, because of I my oppressors.
- <sup>12</sup> **Subject me not to the will I of my foes,  
for they rise up against me, false witnesses I breathing  
violence.**

<sup>13</sup> This I believe—that I will see the goodness <sup>l</sup> of the Lord  
in the land <sup>l</sup> of the living!

<sup>14</sup> **Wait for the Lord <sup>l</sup> and be strong.**  
**Take heart and wait <sup>l</sup> for the Lord!**

## Second Reading: Philippians 3:17—4:1

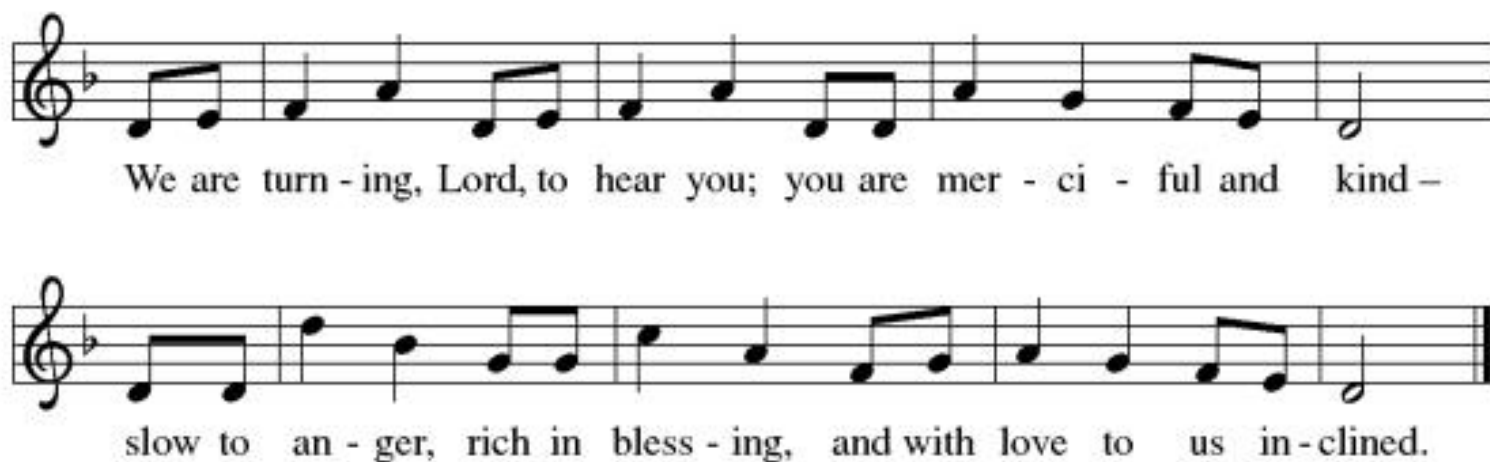
<sup>17</sup> Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup> For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. <sup>19</sup> Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>21</sup> He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. <sup>4:1</sup> Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*(Stand)*

## Lenten Acclamation

ELW (red), Setting 10, pg. 205



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -

slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

## **Gospel: Luke 13:31-35**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” <sup>32</sup> He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. <sup>33</sup> Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ <sup>34</sup> Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup> See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Sit)*

## **Children’s Message**

**Sermon**

Pastor Keith Killinger

*(Stand)*

**Hymn of the Day**, ELW (red) #613..... “Thy Holy Wings”

## **Apostle’s 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**

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, you long to gather your church under your wings. Bless the churches of Jerusalem, and all persecuted churches, that your people may take heart and stand firm as they witness and minister in your name. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Holy God, you give shelter to living things as numerous as the stars. Strengthen the voice of prophets who call humanity to faithful care for the planet, that they would not be silenced but heeded as your messengers. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Holy God, you raised up leaders like Abram, Sarai, and Paul to show your people what it means to rely on your promises. Guide today's leaders to work for justice and safeguard the world for future generations. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Holy God, you are the stronghold of our life. Care tenderly for those who are ill in body or mind, and for people living in fear or need, especially Jenna, Juan, Marsha, Terry, Robert, Rose, Gaye, Harold, Dorothy, and Brenda. May all know they are not alone. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Holy God, you offer us citizenship in heaven. Unite communities of faith who are divided over earthly things, that following the way



of your Son, they may set aside grudges and serve their neighbors with generosity and love. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Holy God, you are our light and our salvation. We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us, especially Allen, brother of Dale Grupe. Help us to trust in you as they did and to live according to their example. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

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

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**

### **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(you may offer each other a sign of peace)*

### **+++MEAL+++**

**Offering Music**.....Jesus Walked This .....Thomas Keesecker  
Lonesome Valley

*(Stand)*

### **Offering Prayer**

Gracious Provider,  
you set your immense treasures among us,  
opening your heart to the world.  
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,  
deepen our commitment to sharing those  
treasures with others,  
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.  
**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 (red), Setting 10, pg. 207



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy God,

our living Water and our merciful Guide,  
together with rivers and seas, wells and springs  
we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert,  
and provided them water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water,  
who joined us in our desert,

pouring out his life for the world.  
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.  
Remembering, therefore,  
his life, death, and resurrection,  
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.  
Pour out your Spirit on this holy food  
and on all gathered for this feast:  
wash away our sin,  
that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.  
Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.  
**Amen**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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**

All who are hungry, come!  
The feast of grace is spread.

*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)*

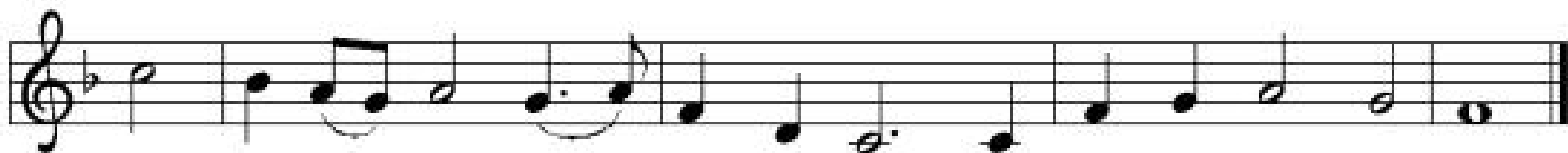
## Distribution of Communion

Lamb of God

ELW (red), Setting 10, pg. 208



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

*Communion Music.....Children of the Heavenly Father.....Mark Sedio*

**Post Communion Hymn** ACS (purple) #967.... “This is Christ’s Body”

*(Stand)*

## Prayer After Communion

Generous Host,

you have shared your feast with us and made us new.

Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,  
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,  
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**+++SENDING+++**

## Blessing

God our tender parent,

God the crucified one,

God the reconciling Spirit,

✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn** ELW (red) #768..... “Lead Me, Guide Me”

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude.....Beneath the Cross of Jesus.....Robert Hobby

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

## Today's radio broadcast was sponsored by

John & Margaret Thulin *in honor of the Trinity friends*

## Worship Participants

Audio: Grant Robinson

Video: Sarah Brakenbury

Ushers: Harold Watters, Melissa & Roger Robinson

Communion Setup: Nick Elders

Assisting Minister: Julie Wiegand

Reader: Marilyn Gehring

Wine Servers: Nick Elders, Hillary Hoffman

Coffee Fellowship: Roberta & Keith Majors, Melissa & Roger Williamson

Acolyte: Carol Brown

Closing Duties: Hillary Hoffman

Pastor: Keith Killinger

Organist: Bette Mohr

## Announcements

**Coffee Fellowship** is immediately after service

**Pastor Carrie will be on vacation Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.** We would like to thank guest pastor Keith Killinger for serving this Sunday.

**Interactive Stations of the Cross** are up & available in the Martha Room. There are booklets available with instructions to guide you through each station.

**We are collecting for our Soles4Souls Drive** through 3/23. Please bring gently worn shoes, in pairs or not, and leave them in the donation bin located in the Narthex.

**We are collecting donations for College Care Packages**

We have a few students away at school who have more than earned some treats and encouragement. Care packages will be assembled at Trinity and then shipped out. All are welcome to donate the following:

- individually packaged food/snack items
- A short note/card of inspiration & encouragement

Please contact the office by March 15th with your student’s current address and information. We don’t anyone to miss out!

**Prayer List:** If you or loved ones need prayers, please fill out the salmon-colored form located on the bulletin table in the Narthex, and return it to the Office mailbox or drop it in the offering plate.

| <b><u>Name</u></b>                                   | <b><u>Prayer</u></b>                     |
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| Jenna  | Prayers for health & wellness            |
| Juan & Marsha Medina                                 | Prayers for comfort                      |
| Terry  | Prayers for peace & strength             |
| Robert Sherman                                       | Prayers for healing & recovery           |
| Rose   | Prayers for strength & healing           |
| Friends & Family of Allen<br>(brother of Dale Grupe) | Prayers for peace                        |
| Gaye Burek   | Prayers for healing, strength, and peace |
| Harold & Dorothy Ziehr                               | Prayers for healing & strength           |
| Brenda Patterson                                     | Prayers for healing                      |

**This Week at Trinity**

|                             |                |                                     |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Sun, Mar 16 <sup>th</sup>   | 10:30 am       | Coffee Fellowship                   |
|                             | 10:45 am       | Sunday School                       |
|                             | 5:30 – 7:00 pm | PRISMS                              |
| Tue, Mar. 18 <sup>th</sup>  | 7:00 pm        | Committee Meetings                  |
| Wed, Mar 19 <sup>th</sup>   | 6:30 pm        | Choir practice                      |
| Thurs, Mar 20 <sup>th</sup> | 12:00 pm       | Potluck                             |
|                             | 1:00 pm        | Well-Bring Group                    |
| Fri, Mar. 21 <sup>st</sup>  | 12:00 pm       | Tidings Article Submission          |
|                             |                | Deadline                            |
| Sat, Mar. 22 <sup>nd</sup>  | 5:00 pm        | <b><u>Grace</u></b> evening worship |

Rev. Dr. Carrie Carnes, Pastor, Out-of-office: Friday  
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Hours 8:30 am – 12:30 pm, Monday-Friday  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays; Worship 5:00 pm; Holy Communion  
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**  
At Trinity Lutheran Church, we believe God's grace is extended to everyone. Members of Trinity Lutheran Church are freed by the Gospel to seek reconciliation and wholeness. We welcome people of 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.