



# TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

*A congregation of the ELCA*



Third Sunday of Lent  
*Sunday, March 23, 2025*

*In-the-Sanctuary and Livestreamed Worship*

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### WELCOME, ADULTS AND CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

*Thank you for worshipping with Trinity Lutheran today! Blessings to you and your family. Special welcome to visitors and guests. It is good to worship together. Please consider introducing yourself to a reasonably friendly face or two, as humans need the company of others and seek to connect.*

*This is the third Sunday of Lent. Lent is a time of renewal. The forty days (excludes Sundays) of Lent echo the amount of time Jesus was tempted in the wilderness. During these somewhat more solemn weeks, we focus on the death and resurrection of Jesus—and in turn focus on our own death and resurrection found in baptism. We who have been baptized into Christ have died to sin and are righteous saints of God. At the same time, we know that we struggle daily with sin as we seek to follow Jesus. This is the wonderful Lutheran understanding of sinner and saint. The liturgical color is purple.*

### A few notes on the service today—

- *The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God’s invitation to attentiveness: “Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.” The landowner’s ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener’s readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!*
- *Most of the service is printed in your bulletin. Please participate as you are able. The **bold** print within this bulletin indicates “**all read**”. This bulletin is produced in fairly large print so all can participate fully.*
- *Hearing assist devices are available upon request. See the techs in our tech room by 8:45am, please.*
- *Asterisk (\*) indicates all stand if you are comfortable participating in this way. You are welcome to be seated for the entire service, or to stand for select opportunities as marked with the asterisk.*
- *Children of all ages are always welcome to worship with Trinity. There are bulletins for children, too.*
- *If you or a loved one is struggling with depression or other emotional issues, there is help. Contact the Central Minnesota Mental Health Clinic here in Monticello; 1.800.635.8008 or 320.253.5555.*
- *All are invited to enjoy conversation, coffee, and treats in the fellowship hall after worship.*
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Pianist	Harry Walsh
Scripture Reader	Tom Anderson
Worship Tech	Preston Cruiser
Asst. Tech	Cory Kosloske
Ushers	Judy Harn, Gary Nelson, Tom & Linda Anderson
Greeter	Bev Ubl

## WELCOME

## \*OPENING SONG

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

ELW 756 v. 1-3

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the  
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -  
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os  
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its  
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and  
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and  
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we  
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we  
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we  
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

## **\*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.**

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Let us pray.*

**Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE READING    Isaiah 55:1-9**

- <sup>1</sup> Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;  
and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
- <sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.
- <sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.
- <sup>4</sup> See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.
- <sup>5</sup> See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.
- <sup>6</sup> Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;
- <sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
- <sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
- <sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSIVE Psalm 63:1-8

- <sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
- <sup>2</sup> **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,  
that I might behold your power and your glory.**
- <sup>3</sup> For your steadfast love is better than life itself;  
my lips shall give you praise.
- <sup>4</sup> **So will I bless you as long as I live  
and lift up my hands in your name.**
- <sup>5</sup> My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- <sup>6</sup> **when I remember you upon my bed,  
and meditate on you in the night watches.**
- <sup>7</sup> For you have been my helper,  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- <sup>8</sup> **My whole being clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### *Lenten Acclamation*

### Setting Ten



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 13:1-9**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

<sup>2</sup>[Jesus] asked them,

“Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

<sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable:

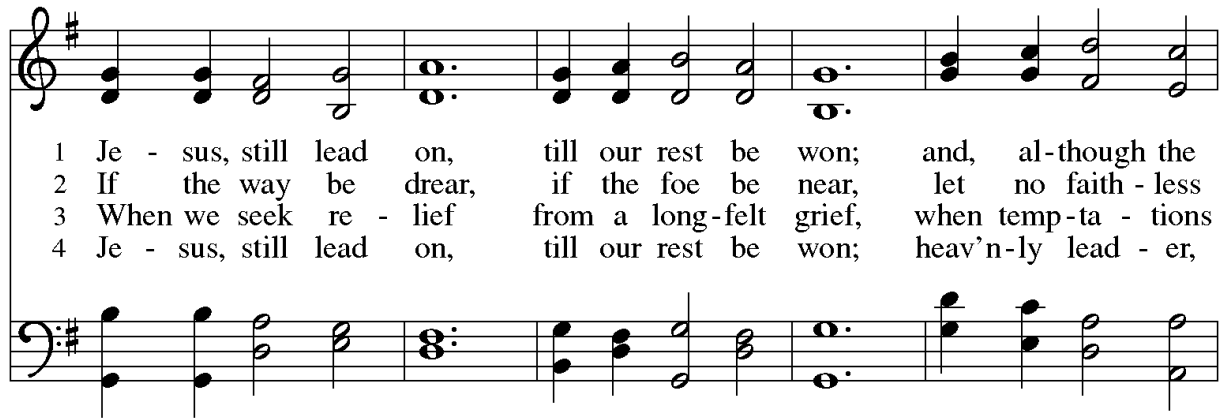
“A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ <sup>8</sup>He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE**

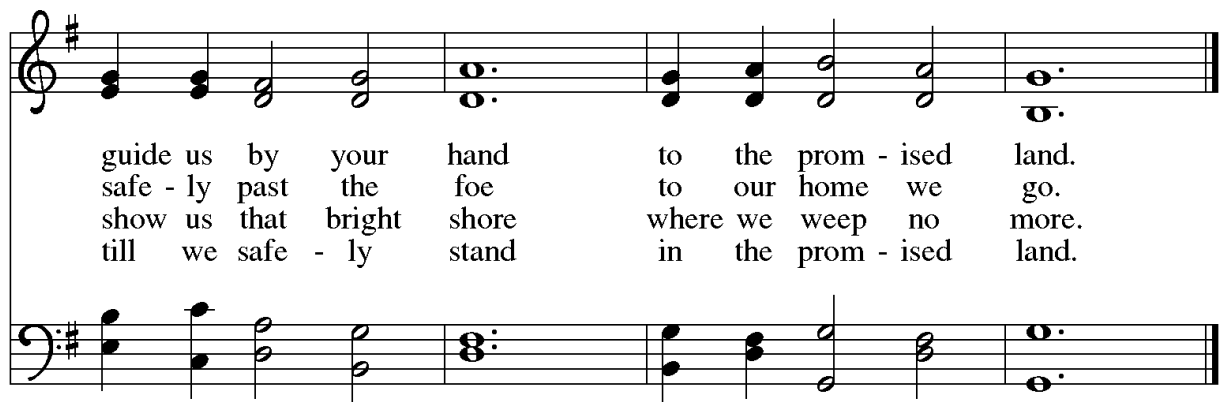




1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al-though the  
2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less  
3 When we seek re - lief from a long-felt grief, when temp-ta - tions  
4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n-ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;  
fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;  
come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;  
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.  
safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.  
show us that bright shore where we weep no more.  
till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700–1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.  
Music: SEELENBRÄUTIGAM, Adam Drese, 1620–1701



## \*PRAYERS

*After each petition...*

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

## \*LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.**

## OFFERING and MUSICAL OFFERING

Medley of Popular Hymns  
arr. Harry Walsh

Lynn Netiffee, Violinist  
Harry Walsh, Pianist

*We give our offerings out of gratefulness and attentiveness, not out of obligation.*

Tithes and Offerings may be placed in the offering plates passed by the ushers.

Other ways to give:

- Mail to Trinity Lutheran Church P.O. Box 776 Monticello, MN 55362
- Give online through the Trinity website—go to [www.tlcmonticello.org](http://www.tlcmonticello.org) and click the link for  
“Online Giving (onetime or weekly giving from bank acct)”
- Use your smartphone and take a pic of QRC code — one-time gift from your bank account



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*BLESSING

God our tender parent,  
God the crucified one,  
God the reconciling Spirit,  
✠ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### \*CLOSING SONG

*Light Dawn on a Weary World* (page 9)

**ELW 726**

### \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

Harry Walsh





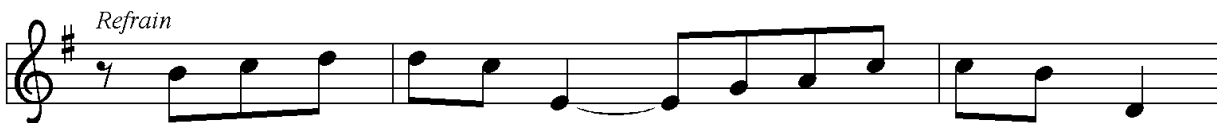
1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to  
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find  
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a  
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a  
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.  
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.  
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953  
 Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951  
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# In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- Dick Bakke
- Ellen Bjornlie
- Stewart & Kathy Brooks
- Dawn Burrows
- Colleen Commerford
- Chuck Ebert
- Erv & Mary Ehrmann
- Lonny Feldt
- Diane Frencl
- Lance Gubrub
- Cole Harn
- Judy Harn
- Jerry Harn
- Penny Hounshell
- Tammy Johnson
- Chad Kalway

- Jim & Shirley Kalway
- Jerry Kashmark
- Kathy Knudson
- Barbara Koosman
- Larry Kounkel
- Mary Kounkel
- Arlys Lund
- Marcy Malone
- Family of Audrey Murray
- Mary Nemcek
- Cindy Neuwirth
- Ki Orre
- John Peterson
- Shawn Picht
- Brad Ray
- Liz Ray

- Kathy Ray
- Steve & Linda Ray
- Helen Rettman
- John Simola
- Mike & Ann Sines
- Susan Solli
- Lucky Sopiwnik
- Milly Stephens
- Steve & Mary Swenson
- Jeffrey Town
- Selma Tuenge
- Bev Ubl
- Family of Tom Ubl
- Sue Yeazle
- Jim Yonak
- Mary Zieman



## This Week at Trinity

<b>SUNDAY 3/23</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Third Sunday after Lent</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Coffee Social/No Sunday School</b>
<b>TUESDAY 3/25</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Bible Study, Book of John in the Library with Pastor Amy
	<b>6:45pm</b>	Wine, Women, and Song
<b>WEDNESDAY 3/26</b>	<b>5:45pm</b>	Lenten Soup Supper <i>starts at 5:45pm and serving until 6:20pm</i>
	<b>6:30pm</b>	Lenten Worship Service
	<b>7:15pm</b>	Confirmation
<b>THURSDAY 3/27</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>	Ruth Circle at Sharon's – moved from last week
	<b>7:00am</b>	Property Meeting
<b>SUNDAY 3/30</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday after Lent</b>
	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Coffee Social/No Sunday School</b>

**Wine, Women, and Song\*** For the young-ish ladies. **6:45 PM at Nordic** — Tuesday, March 25



\*Wine not provided nor required, singing not expected.

**We have a Lenten challenge for you & your family!**  
**Forty Days = Forty Items Donated**

**Soup's On... Wednesdays 5:45pm**  
*Larry's in the kitchen making...*

- 3.26 Turkey Noodle/Beer Cheese
- 4.2 Irish Beef Stew/Farmhouse Ham Chowder
- 4.9 Chicken Tortilla/Tomato Basil
- 4.17 Toscana/Chicken Rice



**Upcoming Schedule for Students**

Confirmation Students reading for Lent on Wednesdays.  
 March 23 and 30, Spring Break, No Sunday School  
 April 6, Sunday School  
 April 13, Palm Sunday, Kids Sing, Egg Hunt, and Fundraising Breakfast for Youth  
 April 20, Easter, no Sunday School  
 April 27, Sunday School, First Communion  
 May 4, Sunday School  
 May 11, Mother's Day, Sunday School  
 May 18, Last Day of Sunday School

**Food Shelf - Food Drive!**

Needs: milk powder, cereal, cereal bars, oatmeal, canned fruit or vegetables with easy open top, granola bars, canned soups with easy open top, peanut butter, jelly, spreads, ketchup, mustard, chips, salsas, box cakes, frosting, muffin mix, flour, sugar, rice, beans, noodles, spaghetti noodles, spaghetti sauce, snacks,

**Use this form to order flowers. Return form & check by Palm Sunday, April 13**

**Easter Garden 2025**

An assortment of lilies and other spring flowers will adorn our worship space on Easter Sunday morning. **Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!** *Note: Plants will be donated to those in need following worship.*

If you would like to make a donation, please fill out this form and return it to the Church office along with your donation by **April 13** Your name will be listed in the bulletin, along with your dedication.

Name of Donor \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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 or  
 Given in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

