



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of the ELCA



First Sunday after Lent

Sunday, March 9, 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.

A few notes on the service today—

- *These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God’s grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God’s love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.*
- *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.*
- *Today will be Synod offering collection. All funds collected will go to the Global Disaster Relief Fund. We take a Synod offering for this cause every second Sunday.*
- *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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Organist	Danita Sticka
Scripture Reader	Amy Klatt
Vocalists	Jason Chalupnik, Amy Klatt
Worship Tech	Jason Chalupnik
Asst. Tech	Steve Stupar
Ushers	Gary Nelson, Ollie White, Barb Sipe, Bev Ubl
Greeter	Ollie White

WELCOME

*OPENING SONG

What A Fellowship, What a Joy Divine
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

ELW 744



- 1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
- 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;
- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?



what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.
I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

*Refrain*

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;



Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.



lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

***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.

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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 Deuteronomy 26:1-11

¹ When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16


- ¹ You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—
- ² **you will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my stronghold,
my God in whom I put my trust.”**
- ⁹ Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,
- ¹⁰ **no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**
- ¹¹ For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.
- ¹² **Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**
- ¹³ You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.
- ¹⁴ **I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**
- ¹⁵ They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.
- ¹⁶ **With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Return to the Lord

Setting One



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

***GOSPEL Luke 4:1-13**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.”

⁴ Jesus answered him,

“It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.

⁶ And the devil said to him,

“To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.”

⁸ Jesus answered him,

“It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him,

“If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’¹¹ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

¹² Jesus answered him,

“It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE



(The tune is familiar, the words are new – "Lord of all hopefulness")



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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PRESENTATION AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Dan & Britani, Madelyn and Josephine Jelen
Jim Baumgarten
Lana Waldron
Kelly Stephens

Holy God, we thank you for calling these new individuals into our community of faith. We praise you for the opportunity to worship together, to serve together, to witness together. Continue to bless them, and enrich their faith, so that they may grow in Christ--and Christ in them. Help us all to feel your presence and to be guided by your Spirit, in our interactions today and always. Amen.

Sisters and brothers in Christ,
do you promise to regularly seek growth in your Christian faith and life?
Response: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Christian friends, do you promise to nurture, support, and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?
Response: **We do.**

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.

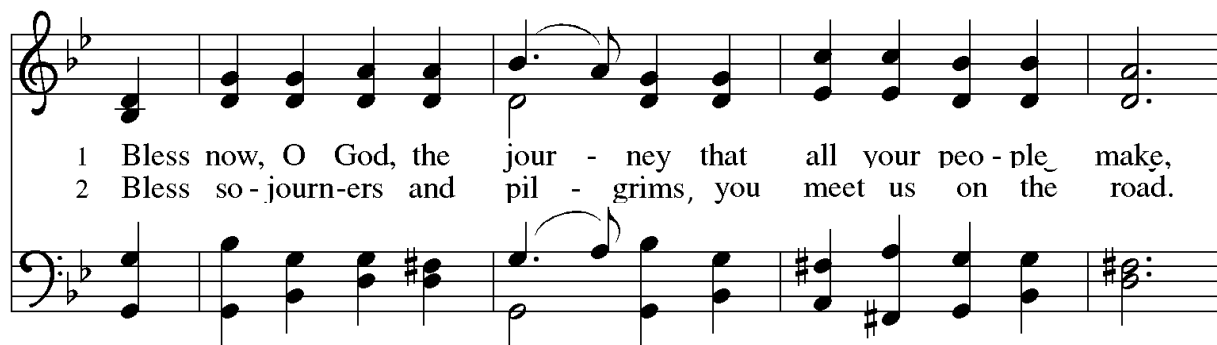
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Having made promises before God and this assembly, and professing the faith of the whole Christian church on earth, you are hereby recognized as members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Monticello, Minnesota!

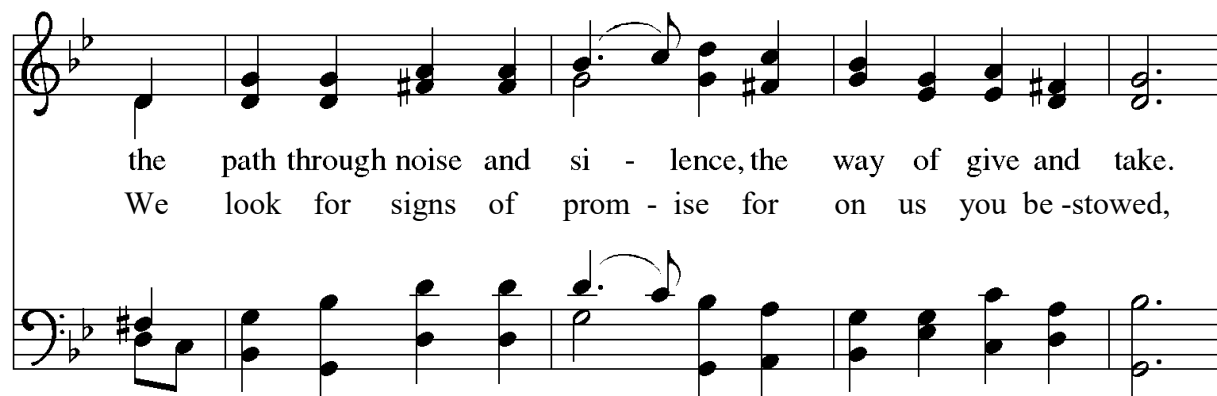
Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith.
We rejoice with you, and welcome you with open hearts.
Together we give thanks and praise to God, and proclaim the good news. Amen!

*BLESSING

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement
guide you, sustain you, and send you forth
in accordance with ✠ Christ Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



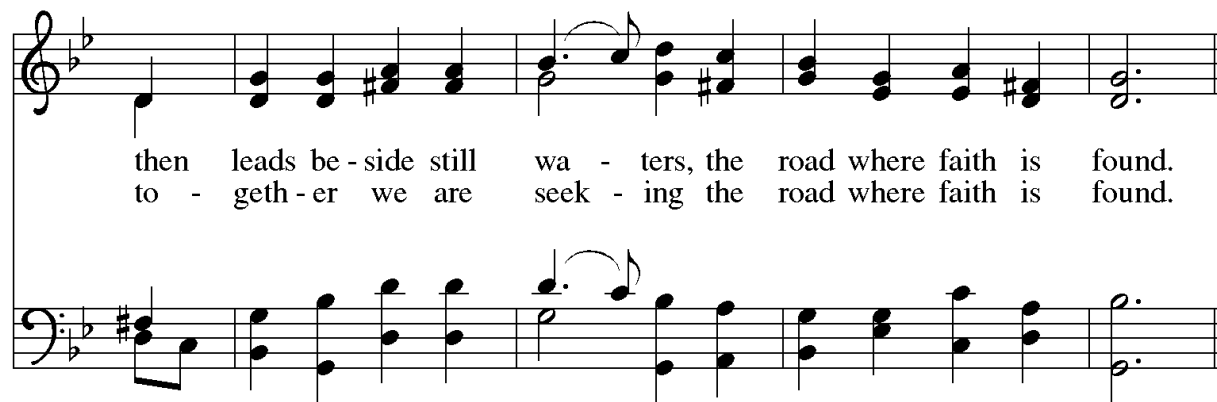
1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims, you meet us on the road.



the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
We look for signs of prom - ise for on us you be - stowed,



The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;



then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.

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***DISMISSAL**

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

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Prelude in F Major

Danita Sticka

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

- Dick Bakke
- David (private)
- 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
- Tammi Johnson
- Chad Kalway
- Jim & Shirley Kalway
- Jerry Kashmark
- Kathy Knudson
- Barbara Koosman
- Larry Kounkel
- Mary Kounkel
- 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
- Lucky Sopiwnik
- Steve & Mary Swenson
- Jeffrey Town
- Selma Tuenge
- Sue Yeazle
- Jim Yonak
- Mary Zieman



**Praise God from whom all
blessings flow**

**COME CELEBRATE & VOTE TO
APPROVE THE SALE**

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING**

TODAY, March 9, 2025 at 10:00am

Short meeting - only this one topic to be presented

**CELEBRATION French Toast, Cheese Omelets, Sausage, and more
PROVIDED BY COUNCIL AFTER MTG**



Dan & Britani Jelen, Madelyn, Josephine
and Jim Baumgarten,
also, Lana and Kelly,
to your new church family
We are happy you are here.

This Week at Trinity

SUNDAY 3/9	9:00am	First Sunday after Lent/Synod Offering/New Member Sunday #1
	10:00am	Congregational Celebration and Vote for Sale of Parsonage
	10:30am	Celebration Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
MONDAY 3/10	5:30pm	Finance Meeting
TUESDAY 3/11	10:00am	Bible Study, Book of John in the Library with Pastor Amy
	7:00pm	Trinity Church Council Meeting
WEDNESDAY 3/12	5:45pm	Lenten Soup Supper <i>starts at 5:00pm and serving until 6:20pm</i>
	6:30pm	Lenten Worship Service
	7:15pm	Confirmation
SUNDAY 3/16	9:00am	2nd Sunday after Lent WITH HANDBELLS/New Member Sunday #2
	10:00am	Coffee Social/Sunday School



Class Ring Handbell Choir
March 16, 2025
Trinity Lutheran Church
Make sure to be here!

Milk powder, cereal, cereal bars, oatmeal,
Canned fruit or vegetables with easy top,
Granola bars, canned soups with easy top,
Peanut butter, jelly, spreads, ketchup, mustard,
Chips, salsas, box cakes, frosting, muffin mix,
Flour, sugar, rice, beans, spaghetti noodles,
spaghetti sauce, mac & cheese, popcorn etc...



**Fill our
shopping carts
for the
Food Shelf Drive!**