



TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of the ELCA



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WELCOME - *Thank you for worshipping God with Trinity Lutheran today. So happy you are joining us from your home! Make yourself comfortable.*

You may want to eliminate distractions at home, so you are able to worship just as you would in the worship space. Or you may want to embrace the new flexibility that this kind of worship allows—sing out as if you are in the car, dance like no one is watching (well, let’s be honest, a slow sway might be more realistic), pause the recording when you need to use the restroom, skip ahead if the sermon is boring, click mute and answer a question from your child, or any number of things. And the best part of all this? You can replay the recording whenever you need “a little more Jesus”.

Keeping with our tradition of fellowship time immediately following our Sunday morning worship services, you may wish to make coffee and a small snack after this worship service, and call one or more of your Trinity friends to enjoy some fellowship and socialization. Feel free to catch up on all the family happenings, tell a few jokes, and critique the sermon.

If you are interested in learning more about Trinity Lutheran, please email the church office. If you would like a call from the pastor or to be added to our newsletter email, you can note that in your email or call the office at 763-295-2092.

A few notes on the service today—

- *Most of the service, with the exception of the message, is printed in your bulletin.*
- *The **bold** print within this bulletin indicates “all read”.*
- *Children of all ages are always welcome to worship with Trinity. There are separate children’s bulletins for your at-home printing.*
- *Adults of all ages are also always welcome to worship with Trinity. This bulletin is produced in fairly large print so all can participant fully.*
- *Thank you to Alyssa Olson for recording the worship and for all your work producing it for widespread use.*
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Preacher	Pastor Amy
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Scripture Reader	Larry Kounkel
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Singer	Karen Torbit
Singer	Steve Torbit
Recording Artist	Alyssa Olson

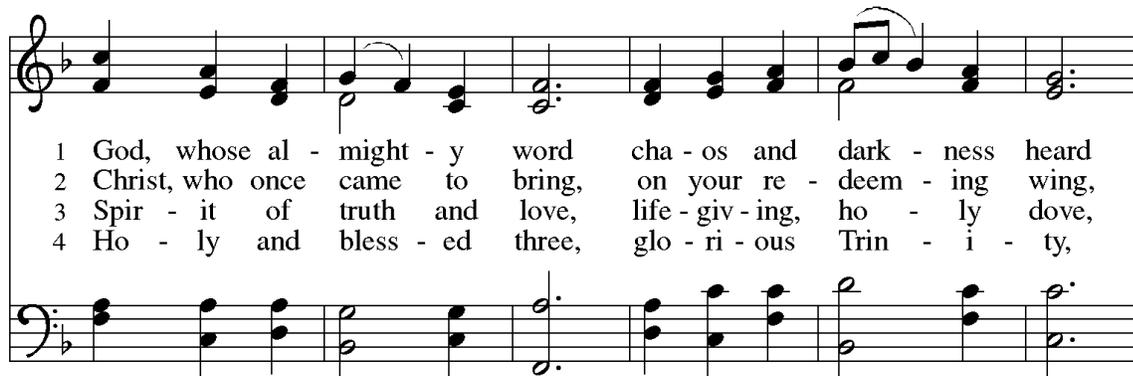
PRELUDE

WELCOME

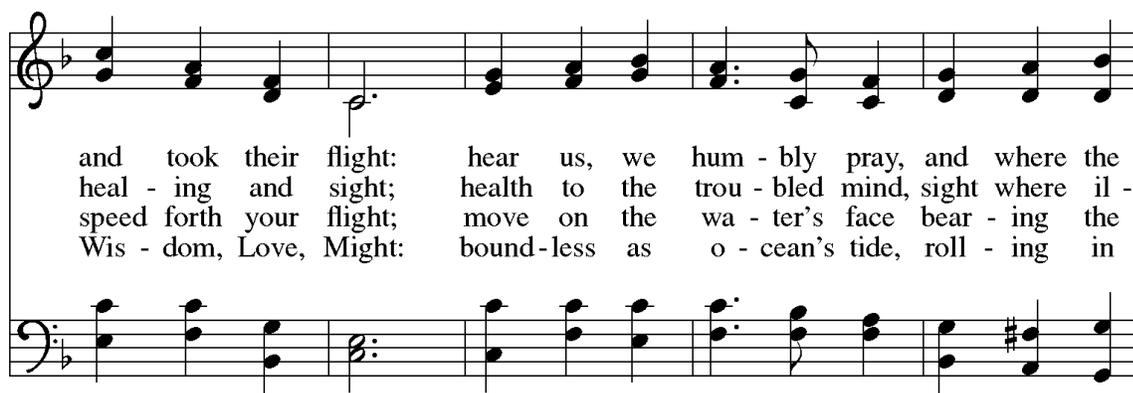
GATHERING SONG

God, Whose Almighty Word

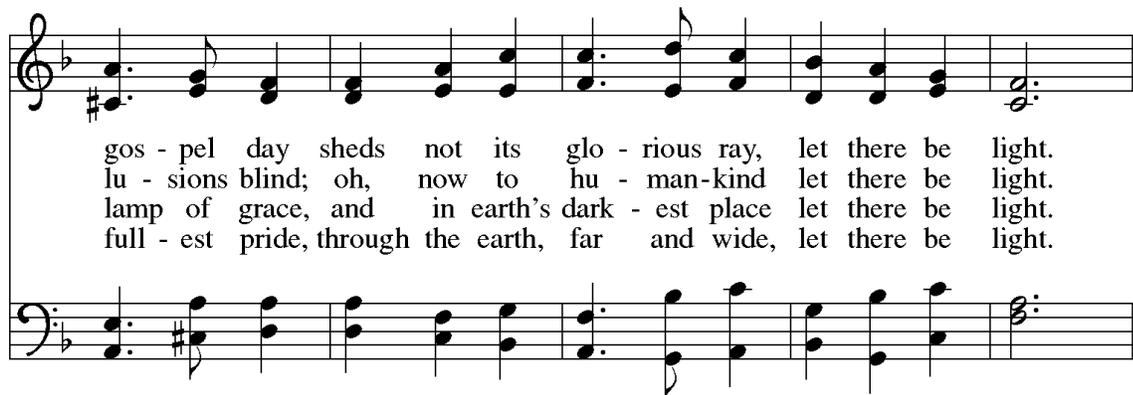
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1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man - kind let there be light.
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.
Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

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.

SONG OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and reveal yourself among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our world and our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

¹The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” ²Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’” ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” ⁵He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is now before the LORD.” ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.”

⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

SECOND READING**Ephesians 5:8-14**

⁸Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—
⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out
 what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but
 instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly;
¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes
 visible is light. Therefore it says, “Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will
 shine on you.”

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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



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



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

GOSPEL READING**John 9:1-21, 24-39**

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him,
 “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” ³Jesus answered,
 “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might
 be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is
 coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the
 world.” ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva
 and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of
 Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸The
 neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the
 man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No,
 but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” ¹⁰But they kept asking him,

GOSPEL continued...

“Then how were your eyes opened?” ¹¹He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” ¹²They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” ²⁰His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.”

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” ²⁵He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” ²⁶They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” ²⁷He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” ³⁰The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” ³⁴They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” ³⁶He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” ³⁷Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” ³⁸He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.”

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

You Are Mine

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1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,
2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,
3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
(4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.
I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
heal-ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be
shad-ows of the night, I will be your light.
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. *To stanza 2*
Come and rest in me. *To refrain*
all will know my name. *To refrain*
up, now walk and live! *To refrain*



Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I



love you and you are mine." *To stanzas 3 and 4*

4 "I

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.**

PRAYERS

After each petition...

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Offerings may be mailed, given automatically through Simply Giving (form attached), or given online through the Trinity website—go to *www.tlcmoticello.org* or

https://tithely.com/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/56813

OFFERING PRAYER

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
 Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Announcements

WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is a time when Christians are invited to *deeper faith, stronger community, and a closer connection to God*. This happens through an emphasis on a few basic faith practices: worship, prayer, generosity, self-denial, and selfless service to others, and recalling the Biblical story of Christ's suffering. Lent lasts for 40 days—not counting Sundays, which are always "little Easters". The 40 days reminds us of the flooding rains of Noah's time in Genesis 7:17-19, Israel wandering in the wilderness in Numbers 32:13, and Jesus' temptation in the desert in Matthew 4:1-11.

How might Trinity Lutheran do Lent this year?

Although the suspension of Wednesday worship this year is unusual and unexpected, Christians around the world are still walking with Jesus toward the cross, the tomb, and ultimately the resurrection. Christians at Trinity are too. So let's accentuate what we emphasize! Perhaps we use our newfound time at home to pray a few more times a day. Perhaps we use this turn of events as an act of self-denial. Perhaps we use this time of financial strain for some, as an opportunity to give an extra generous donation—to the church or to another organization helping the suffering. Perhaps those who are able, could run errands for the elderly or pick up and deliver medicine for those with chronic illnesses. How might Trinity Lutheran do Lent this year? How might you?

CHURCH CALENDAR UPDATES

All in-person worship services and activities have been suspended until further notice, in compliance with the White House, CDC, and MDH recommendations. Online worship will continue weekly as long as we are able to produce video recordings. The office will remain operational Monday through Thursday 9:00am-5:00 pm unless further official advice is offered.

Your church cares for you and is committed to offering ways to keep you connected—to God, to church, to each other. Karen and/or Pr. Amy are available for phone calls—even if you just need to talk with someone. We are here for you!

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Holy God, you have promised that where two or three are gathered, you are there. We are struggling now, feeling overwhelmed with these unwanted changes, and discouraged from even gathering in small numbers. Walk alongside us, and take away all our worries and fears. Protect my family, friends and neighbors—here and around the world—from any virus and disease. Watch over medical professionals, caregivers, and researchers. Guide decision-makers and leaders to make sound judgements for the good of many. Bring peace, joy and love in our homes and to our world. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Please pray this week for all God's children, especially those who are listed below

Nancy Axelson
June Bluhm
Amber Cruser
Gene Decker
Loyal Dudley
David Fickes
Rebecca Florek
Vern Florek

James Given
Becky Grabski
David Grimes
Brian Groff
Lance Gubrud
Debbie Hale
Jack Hansen
Merilee Heuchert

Denny Holker
Tammi Johnson
Buddy Kalpin
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All of Trinity Lutheran

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Where there is hope,
there is faith.
Where there is faith,
miracles happen.