



Lutheran Church & Christian School



2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

**February 25, 2024**

***Redeemed, Restored, & Rejoicing in Jesus!***

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## Mission Statement

[Who We Are]

Leading with the Gospel, we at Trinity Lutheran Church and School strive to:

**HUMBLY AND KNOWINGLY FOLLOW JESUS,  
SEEKING JOY THROUGH HIM IN WORSHIP,  
TEACHING, AND PRAYER.**



## Vision Statement

[Who We Endeavor to Be]

Leading with the Gospel, we at Trinity Lutheran Church and School endeavor to:

**LIVE [up] BY FAITH, BE KNOWN [out] BY  
CHRIST'S LOVE, and REJOICE [in] HIS  
FORGIVENESS.**

*"Redeemed and restored, we are rejoicing in Jesus!"*

## AS WE GATHER

Welcome to Lent, the forty day season (excluding Sundays) that calls the world to repentance and faith so that salvation in Christ may come. It is a season that is full of life, calling us to confession and forgiveness, prayer, celebration, hospitality, the study of God's Word, and service. Duly equipped for life in this world, we gladly make the journey. Our destination is clear – the Cross and empty Tomb. Though the season is long, remember where we are going. It is a destination that is worth the journey.

## PRELUDE

**PRE-SERVICE SONG** "The Heart of Worship" (*Words & Music by Matt Redman © 1997 Kingsway's Thankyou Music/PRS*)

When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come;  
Longing just to bring something that's of worth that will bless Your heart.

I'll bring you more than a song, for a song in itself is not what you have required.  
You search much deeper within through the way things appear;  
You're looking into my heart.

*Refrain: I'm coming back to the heart of worship, and it's all about  
You, all about You, Jesus.  
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it, when it's all about  
You, all about You, Jesus.*

King of endless worth, no one could express how much You deserve.  
Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours, ev'ry single breath.

I'll bring you more than a song, for a song in itself is not what you have required.  
You search much deeper within through the way things appear;  
You're looking into my heart.

*Refrain & repeat*

## THE BELLS CALL GOD'S PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ✠ PREPARATION ✠

### OPENING PRAYER

### INVOCATION

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made in remembrance of our Baptism.*

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: **Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND GOD'S WORD OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Congregation: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

Congregation: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

*Time for silent reflection and meditation.*

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Congregation: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Congregation: **Amen.**

## ✠ WORD ✠

### ENTRANCE PSALM *Psalm 115 (Selected verses)*

Pastor: Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

**Congregation: You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD! He is their help and their shield.**

Pastor: The LORD has remembered us; He will bless us; He will bless those who fear the LORD, both the small and the great.

**Congregation: We will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!**

### OPENING HYMN “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*LSB 686*

*For this, and all subsequent hymns, please see PowerPoint slides or the hymnal.*

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you**

Pastor: O blessed Trinity – Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who has granted us the privilege and joy of entering into Your courts with joyful confidence, bring us into a life of prayer and praise, knowing that our prayers are both heard and answered. Being led to pray, grant us faith to accept Your gracious will, that we might both glorify You and be a blessing to others; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who dwells and lives with You, Father and the Holy Spirit, together, one God, now and forever.

**Congregation: Amen.**



**OLD TESTAMENT READING**    Genesis 28:10-22        *(The promise of God to Jacob.)*

<sup>10</sup> Jacob left Beersheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup> And he came to a certain place and stayed there that night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place to sleep. <sup>12</sup> And he dreamed, and behold, there was a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven. And behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it! <sup>13</sup> And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. <sup>14</sup> Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. <sup>15</sup> Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." <sup>16</sup> Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." <sup>17</sup> And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

<sup>18</sup> So early in the morning Jacob took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. <sup>19</sup> He called the name of that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first. <sup>20</sup> Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, <sup>21</sup> so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then the LORD shall be my God, <sup>22</sup> and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house. And of all that you give me I will give a full tenth to you."

Lector:                      This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation:**        **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**                      Romans 5:1-11                      *(Peace with God through faith.)*

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE** *Hebrews 12:2*

Pastor: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfector of our faith,

**Congregation: who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** Mark 8:27-38 (*Jesus foretells of His death and resurrection.*)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

**Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup> And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup> And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup> And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” <sup>30</sup> And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

<sup>31</sup> And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

<sup>34</sup> And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? <sup>37</sup> For what can a man give in return for his soul? <sup>38</sup> For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation:** Praise to You, O Christ.

**CREED**                      **Apostles’ Creed**

*Please see PowerPoint slides or the back of the hymnal.*

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE & BLESSING**

**HYMN**    “In Holy Conversation”

*LSB 772*

**SERMON**        “Prayer as Life”

**Notes:**



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord: **LORD, HAVE MERCY.**
- Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord: **LORD, HAVE MERCY.**
- Pastor: 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 MERCY.**
- Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord: **LORD, HAVE MERCY.**
- Pastor: For Matthew and Robert, our National and District Presidents, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord: **LORD, HAVE MERCY.**
- Pastor: For Joseph, our President, and Chris, our Governor, for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord: **LORD, HAVE MERCY.**
- Pastor: For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord: **LORD, HAVE MERCY.**
- Pastor: For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord: **LORD, HAVE MERCY.**
- Pastor: For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord: **LORD, HAVE MERCY.**

*Additional petitions and praises are offered here.*

- Pastor: We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

*We share that peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ.*

**OFFERTORY** “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”

*LSB 712*

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**Congregation: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

*[Colossians 3:1]*

**Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*[Psalm 136]*

**Congregation: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### EXHORTATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: “I exhort you in Christ that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the words with which Christ presents his body and blood to us for forgiveness; that you take note of and give thanks for the boundless love that he showed us when he saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by his blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and wine, that is, his body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in his name, according to his command, and with his own words administer and receive the Testament.” *[LW 197-198]*

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

*Please see PowerPoint slides or the back of the hymnal.*

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

## PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor:                      The peace of the Lord be with you always.

## HYMN OF PREPARATION      “Beautiful Savior”

LSB 537

### DISTRIBUTION

*For those desiring to receive the LORD’S SUPPER today, please refer to the laminated card in the pew racks. Those not receiving Communion are still invited to come forward for a blessing. At the Communion rail, simply bow your head to receive a blessing.*

*At the time of Communion, please follow the direction of the ushers. For those receiving the individual cups, a non-alcoholic wine is offered in the center of each tray. Following the passing of the individual cups, the common cup is offered for those who wish to commune in that manner.*

***All who are communing*** are encouraged to review the Sacrament of the Altar on pp. 326-327, and the Questions on pp. 329-330, in the front of the hymnal.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN      “Rock of Ages”

LSB 761

### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor:                      O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.

**Congregation:          His mercy endures forever.**

Pastor:                      We give thanks, heavenly Father, that You have assured us of entrance to that feast in the heavenly Eden, where we shall sit at table with Your Son and those who have preceded us in the faith. Grant us strength for the days ahead, that we may display in our lives the new life You have bestowed on us in Your grace; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Congregation:          Amen.**

### CLOSING SENTENCES *LSB 418:4 (Spoken)*

Pastor:                      Be with us through this season, Lord, and all our earthly days,

**Congregation:          That when the final Easter dawns, we join in heaven’s praise.**

**BENEDICTION**                      *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor:                      The Lord bless you and keep you.  
                                 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
                                 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Congregation:           **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**            “Blessed Assurance”                      *The Other Song Book 16*

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
    Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
    Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
    Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*Chorus:                      This is my story, this is my song,  
                                 Praising my Savior all the day long;  
                                 This is my story, this is my song,  
                                 Praising my Savior all the day long.*

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
    Visions of rapture, now burst on my sight;  
    Angels descending, bring from above  
    Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (*Chorus*)
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
    I and my Savior are happy and blest;  
    Watching and waiting, looking above  
    Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. (*Chorus*)

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The altar flowers this morning are given  
By Rita Corey  
To the Glory of God



In February and March the LWML will be collecting empty prescription bottles with the labels and glue removed (preferably but not mandatory). Matthew 25 Ministries located in Ohio will be using them on medical mission trips for medication distribution. They must be plastic with plastic lids, childproof or not. There is a box on the purple LWML table to place them in.

Thank you to all who donated to the collection of Widow's Mites in February. \$114.80 was sent to LWML.

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Save the Date: Saturday March 9, 9:00 am



Come meet Missionaries Ben and Scarlett Tino and new baby Jaakko. The LWML along with the Saturday morning Men's Bible Study will be hosting a Meet and Greet. We invite you to a breakfast buffet and a chance to meet this young missionary family whom we support. Find out more about his Music Mission in Guatemala and what new things are happening in their lives. Everyone is invited. There will be a sign-up sheet on the Narthex Table to help us plan. Looking forward to seeing you there. Thank you.



## **Easter Flowers** **Order by March 17**



Order flowering plants now and they will be delivered to the church and set up in the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday morning.

<b><u>Flowering Plants</u></b>	<b><u>Quantity</u></b>	<b><u>Cost</u></b>
Tulips, 8" pot	_____	\$ 15.50
Tulips, 10" pots	_____	\$ 18.50
Hyacinth, 3-bulbs	_____	\$ 10.00
4" Mini Daffodils pots	_____	\$ 5.00
Easter Lilies	_____	\$ 13.50

Amount is payable when order is placed. Cash or checks accepted; make checks payable to: **Kelleher Greenhouses.**

Complete this form and leave the form in the Church Office with your cash or check. There is an envelope on the desk marked "Easter Flowers" for your order forms and payments.

Please fill in the following if you would like your flowers to be recognized in the church bulletin:

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**In Thankfulness to God for:**

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**Your name:**

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### Trinity Calendar for Feb 25-Mar 3, 2024

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service w/Holy Communion
<b>Monday</b>	6:00 am	Community Breakfast Cooking
	6-8:00 pm	Meadowview Knolls Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Tuesday</b>	5-6:30 pm	Men's Wings Bible Study and meal: "The Book of Proverbs: Learning to Live Wisely"
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:00 pm	Soup & Salad
	7:00 pm	<b>Lenten Worship</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	10:00 am	Bible Study: "Character Studies in the Old Testament"
<b>Friday</b>		
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 am	Men of Christ Bible Study: "The Chosen: Bible Roundtable"
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service w/Holy Communion

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### ATTENDANCE 2-18: 68

Families of the week: *The Beckwith, Belval and Benouski families*

### Birthdays:

- 25 Feb—Christina Gundersen
- 25 Feb—Vance McNally
- 28 Feb—Zachary Allen
- 3 Mar—Rocko LaQuerre

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