



Lutheran Church & Christian School



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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 "Jesus, Friend of Sinners" (*Words & Music by Mark Hall & Matthew West © 2011 My Refuge Music | Sony/ATV Tree Publishing | External Combustion Music*)

1. Solo

*Chorus: Jesus, Friend of sinners, open our eyes to the world at the end of our pointing fingers.
Let our hearts be led by mercy.
Help us reach with open hearts and open doors.
Oh, Jesus, Friend of sinners, break our hearts for what breaks yours.*

2. Jesus, Friend of sinners, the One whose writing in the sand,
Made the righteous turn away and the stones fall from their hands.
Help us to remember we are all the least of these.
Let the mem'ry of Your mercy bring Your people to their knees.
Nobody knows what we're for only what we're against when we judge the wounded.
What if we put down our signs, crossed over the lines and loved like You did.

(Chorus)

Bridge 1: Solo

Bridge 2: You are good. You are good, and Your love endures forever. (Repeat)

(Chorus)

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, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, 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 27:1, 3–4*

Pastor: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

Congregation: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Pastor: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

Congregation: though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

Pastor: One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

Congregation: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life.

OPENING HYMN “Come unto Me, Ye Weary”

LSB 684, St. 1-2, 4

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: Gracious Father, who once came to us as a stranger and our neighbor, grant us the joy at being welcomed to Your Table, and to the feast that awaits us, so that with hearts full of love, and with open hands and doors, we might catch a glimpse of Your kingdom and the joy that awaits all who accept the invitation to dine with You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.



OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 58:6-9a (*The true fast.*)

⁶ “Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?
⁸ Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up speedily;
your righteousness shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.
⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Acts 2:42-47 (*The fellowship of believers.*)

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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 *Luke 24:28-35 (God's house is a house of prayer.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

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

²⁸ So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹ but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" ³³ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴ saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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 "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

LSB 851, St. 1-3

SERMON

Pr. Tim Knapp

Notes:

HYMN OF RESPONSE “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”

LSB 851, St. 4

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: As we mark the forty days of Lent with repentance and forgiveness, let us pray for the renewal of the Church and the restoration of the world to the life of God in Christ.

Silence for time of personal reflection.

Various petitions and praises may be offered.

Pastor: Gracious Father, please hear the prayers that flow from our lips, and sustain us with the forgiveness won by Jesus’ death and resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: 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 “Take Me In” (*Words & Music by Dave Browning © 1986 Glory Alleluia Music*)

Take me past the outer courts, and through the holy place
Past the brazen altar; Lord, I want to see Your face.
Pass me by the crowds of people, the priests who sing their praise.
I hunger and thirst for Your righteousness, but it’s only found one place.

Take me into the Holy of Holies. Take me in by the blood of the Lamb.
Take me into the Holy of Holies. Take the coal, cleanse my lips. Here I am.

✠ 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.

Congregation: Amen.

HYMN OF PREPARATION “Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)”

LSB 962

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 “God Loved the World So that He Gave”

LSB 571

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

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

Congregation: His mercy endures forever.

Pastor: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 "Son of God, Eternal Savior" *LSB 842, St. 1-2, 4*

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ATTENDANCE 3-3: 83

Families of the week: *The Budd, Bueckner and Burdett families*

Birthdays:

- 10 Mar—Sarah Dresser
- 10 Mar—Karrie Kosakowski
- 10 Mar—John Morrissey
- 16 Mar—Nick Martel

Anniversaries:

- 10 Mar—Karen and Gregg Denzler



Trinity Calendar for Mar 10-Mar 17, 2024

Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service w/Holy Communion
		<i>Spring Forward</i> →
Monday	6:00 am	Community Breakfast Cooking
Tuesday	5-6:30 pm	Men's Wings Bible Study and meal: "The Book of Proverbs: Learning to Live Wisely"
Wednesday	6:00 pm	Soup & Salad
	7:00 pm	Lenten Worship
Thursday	10:00 am	Bible Study: "Character Studies in the Old Testament"
Friday		
Saturday	8:00 am	Men of Christ Bible Study: "The Chosen: Bible Roundtable"
	1:00 pm	Memorial Service for Katy Traquair
Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service w/Holy Communion



The altar flowers this morning are given
with Blessings
By Linda Vermilyea



TLC is always looking for anyone who would enjoy serving the LORD in the service of the Congregation. We have many opportunities to serve:

- ✓ Scripture Readers
- ✓ Ushers
- ✓ AV/Sound Room Techs
- ✓ Sunday School Teachers
- ✓ Nursery Care Providers

For those interested in serving please contact Miriam Harkey at meharkey79@gmail.com, or call or text 508-813-8212. Training/review is available for those who may be prayerfully contemplating one of these opportunities to serve.

You are greatly appreciated. The gifts you bring to the service of the Lord are a blessing and a treasure.

Thank you always.



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.



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.

<u>Flowering Plants</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Cost</u>
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.

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

In Memory of:

To the Glory of God by:

In Thankfulness to God for:

Your name:

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