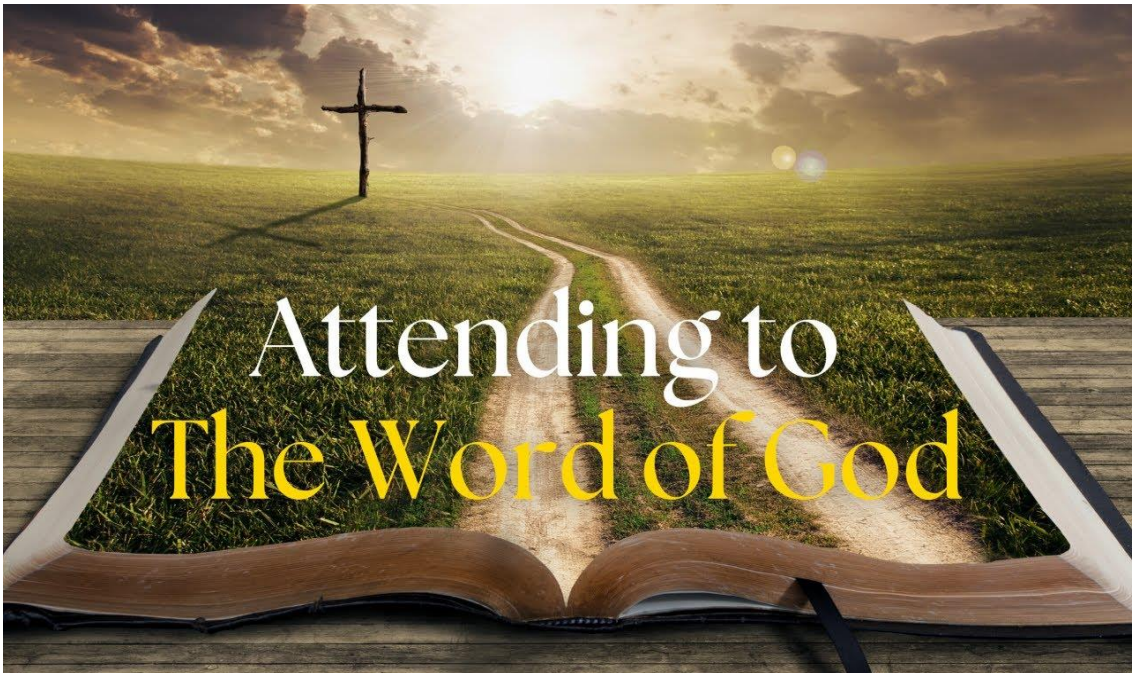




Lutheran Church & Christian School



Attending to The Word of God

5th Sunday in Lent

March 17, 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 “Word of God, Speak” (*Words & Music by Bart Mallard & Pete Kipley © 2002 Songs from The Indigo Room Simpleville MusicCurb Wordspring Music*)

*Chorus: Word of God, speak, would you fall down like rain;
 Washing my eyes to see Your majesty.
 To be still and know that You're in this place;
 Please let me stay and rest, in Your holiness. Word of God, speak.*

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 *Antiphon Psalm 119:105; Isaiah 55:11; 2 Timothy 3:16-17*

Pastor: With these words, God seeks to bless, call, and equip His people for a life of service in His name.

Congregation: "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light unto my path."

Pastor: "So is My word that goes out from My mouth," says the Lord. "It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and the purpose for which I sent it."

Congregation: "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light unto my path."

Pastor: "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the people of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Congregation: "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light unto my path."

HYMN OF RESPONSE *"Speak, O Lord" (Words & Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend © 2005 Thankyou Music)*

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy Word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us,
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness.
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.
2. Teach us, Lord full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority;
Words of power that can never fail,
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.
3. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds,
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity;
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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 Jeremiah 31:31-34 (*The New Covenant.*)

³¹ “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Hebrews 5:1-10 (*Jesus, the Great High Priest.*)

¹ For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³ Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people.

⁴ And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵ So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”;

⁶ as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸ Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹ And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰ being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR “Dona Nobis Pacem” *(Traditional Latin text. Music by Steve Kupferschmid)*

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 10:46-52 *(The Healing of Bartimaeus.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter.

Congregation: Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁶ And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸ And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹ And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.” ⁵⁰ And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.” ⁵² And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED

St. Patrick's Breastplate

Pastor:

I arise today,

Congregation:

Through a mighty strength, through the invocation of the Trinity, through belief in the threeness, through confession of the oneness, of the Creator of Creation.

Pastor:

I arise today,

Congregation:

Through the strength of Christ's birth with his baptism, through the strength of his crucifixion with his burial, through the strength of his resurrection with his ascension, through the strength of his descent for the judgment of doom.

Pastor:

I arise today,

Right:

Through God's strength to pilot me:

Left:

God's might to uphold me,

Right:

God's wisdom to guide me,

Left:

God's eye to look before me,

Right:

God's word to speak for me,

Left:

God's hand to guard me,

Right:

God's way to lie before me,

Left:

God's shield to protect me,

Right:

God's host to save me,

Left:

From snares of devils.

Men:

From temptation of vices,

Women:

From everyone who shall wish me ill,

Men:

Afar and near,

Women:

Alone and in multitude.

Pastor:

Christ to shield me today,

Men:

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me.

Women:

Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me.

Left:

Christ on my right,

Right:

Christ on my left,

Left: Christ when I lie down,
Right: Christ when I sit down,

Pastor: Christ when I arise,
Men: Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me.
Women: Christ in the mouth of every woman who speaks of me,

Men: Christ in every eye that sees me,
Women: Christ in every ear that hears me.

Pastor: I arise today,
Congregation: Through a mighty strength, through the invocation of the
Trinity, through belief in the threeness, through confession of
the oneness, of the Creator of Creation.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE & BLESSING

HYMN "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens" *LSB 589, St. 1-3*

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

SERMON ("Attending God's Word")

Notes:

HYMN OF RESPONSE "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens" *LSB 589, 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 "Ancient Words" (Words & Music by Lynn DeShazo © 2001 Integrity's Hosanna! Music)

1. Solo
2. Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope
In this world where'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

*Chorus: Ancient words forever true, changing me, changing you,
We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.*

3. Holy words of our faith, handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice, O heed the faithful words of Christ. *(Chorus)*
4. Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
They resound with God's own heart, O let the ancient words impart.

(Chorus & Repeat)

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor:	The Lord be with you.	<i>2 Timothy 4:22</i>
Congregation:	And also with you.	
Pastor:	Lift up your hearts.	<i>[Colossians 3:1]</i>
Congregation:	We lift them to the Lord.	
Pastor:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	<i>[Psalm 136]</i>
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.

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

“Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying”

LSB 597

“Jesus Loves Me”

LSB 588

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

“Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing”

LSB 584

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Families of the week: *The Cakouros, Carroll and Chabott families*

Birthdays:

- 18 Mar—Jason Bueckner
- 18 Mar—Heidi Welnak
- 19 Mar—Mark Belval
- 20 Mar—Cindy Cote
- 21 Mar—Harry Winther
- 22 Mar—Jane Abert
- 24 Mar—Marlene Dabrowski



The altar flowers today
Are given by Anne Olean
In celebration of
Heidi Olean Welnak’s birthday

Trinity Calendar for Mar 17-Mar 24, 2024

Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service w/Holy Communion
		ST. PATRICK'S DAY
Monday	6:00 am	Community Breakfast Cooking
	6:30 pm	<i>Executive Team Meeting</i>
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"
Sunday	9:00 am	Adult Bible Study and Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service w/Holy Communion



Pregnancy Resource Center
of the Monadnock Region

Monday-Thursday 12-4pm
603-358-6460 call to make an appointment.
100 Washington St.
Keene, NH 03431

The Pregnancy Resource Center has been busy over the past few months attending clients and training volunteer help. Our Director Evelyn Konig has been visiting churches in our region. We ask that you join us in prayer for a new Administrative Assistant to take on some of the administrative work of the PRC. This is a paid position, four days a week. If interested, please contact Evelyn at ekonigm@gmail.com and she will provide details of the position.

Our Baby Bottle Blessing campaign will begin on Mother's Day Sunday, May 12, 2024. Details to follow.

Your prayers for the families we serve and our staff are greatly appreciated.

Trinity Christian School will be holding a yard sale in the gymnasium on Saturday, April 6. Items to donate may be dropped off at the school from 9-4 Tuesday, April 2 through Friday, April 5.

Items should be clean and in good repair.

Helpers needed! If you would like to offer your time and talents to set up, clean up, transport items before or after the sale, or be on hand during the sale, please contact the TCS office and let them know. Your service would be greatly appreciated!

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Trinity Lutheran
Church
Holy Week Services
2024



Holy Week

- **Palm Sunday, March 24, 10:30 am:** Procession of Palms, with Holy Communion
- **Maundy (Holy) Thursday, March 28, 7:00 pm:** Reflection on the Spiritual Practice of the Lord's Supper, with Holy Communion
- **Good Friday, March 29**
 - **12:00 Noon:** Reflections on the Seven Last Words of Jesus from the Cross
 - *Sanctuary open between 1 and 7 p.m. for prayer and reflection.*
 - **7:00 pm:** Tenebrae (Service of Darkness) Worship

Easter Sunday, March 31

- **6:00 am:** Sunrise Worship Service, with Holy Communion
- **7:30 am:** Easter Breakfast
- **9:00 am:** Adult Bible Class [No Sunday School]
- **10:30 am:** Worship, with Holy Communion

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