

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026

WELCOME TO TRINITY We are glad to have you worship with us today!

We ask visitors who wish to participate in Holy Communion to visit with the Pastor or an Elder before the service. Thank you.

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SUNDAY DIVINE SERVICE 9:00 A.M.

BIBLE STUDY & SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:20 A.M.

SERMON: *Because God Said So!*

Text: Romans 5:1-8

SERMON HYMN: 693 O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace

SERVING TODAY: Elder: Jeff Koch

Altar Guild: Sharon Tyler

Schedule: **Wednesday, Mar 11th**, Catechism 5:30 pm. Lent Service at 6:30 pm.

Altar Flowers: Are not used in Lent.

Our Prayer Requests:

† Tina Cantrell, daughter of Larry and Diane Cross, receiving treatment for cancer

† Bruce Rutz, brother of Sue Coon, undergoing cancer treatments.

† Marilyn Van Zee, sister of Dennis Smith, for healing.

† Mary Haglaud, cancer, friend of Dennis Smith.

† Linda Marquardt for the trials and tribulations she faces with her MS.

If you have Thrivent, remember to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars.

KCCI/Channel 8: Watch for Services and Activities Cancellations on Channel 8 or you can check the KCCI Webpage <https://www.kcci.com/weather/closings>

Building Healthy Families: “Don’t worry, be happy!...” Remember this catchy little tune from the 80’s? God gives us this same message in His Word – repeatedly! – but it’s so much easier to say “don’t worry” than it is to not worry. Are you (or is someone you know) a worrier? You don’t have to be! Lutheran Family Service counselors who share your Lutheran, Christian faith are available in-person or via confidential telehealth link to your home through computer, tablet, or phone. These caring people are experienced at helping people with worry and many other challenges. Imagine a life with less worry – and know it’s possible. Call us – it’s why we’re here! Learn more at www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**

A Life Thought in the Church Year for March 8 (Lent 3): The world tells us to avoid suffering at all costs, even justifying murder (abortion, suicide, assisted suicide) on the grounds that death can be used to avoid further suffering. However, St. Paul reminds us that instead of trying to avoid suffering through death, we “can rejoice in our sufferings” (Romans 5:3), knowing that God uses our suffering to increase our hope in Him and bring us to everlasting glory. Therefore, when suffering comes, “let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker (Psalm 95:6), entrusting ourselves into the hands of the One who “died for us” (Romans 5:8).

Scripture: Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.” — Joel 2:13b

Stewardship Sentence:

As we return to the Lord this season, we also dedicate our time, talents, gifts, and resources to His service, reflecting His love and mercy to the world, as we become the hearts, hands, and feet of Jesus.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS: Daniel Ory, Patty Durand, & Joe Funaro

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES:

Giving Report 02/25/2026: Lent: \$205.00 Mission: \$0.00

Giving Report 03/01/2026: General: \$3540.00 Mission: \$0.00

Attendance 02/25/2026: 22

Attendance 03/01/2026: 39

Divine Service

(Setting Three)

Opening Hymn..... p. **761**

Confession & Absolution

Confession/Absolution..... p. 184-5

Service of the Word

Introit.....Insert

Patri.....p. 186

Kyrie.....p. 186

Salutation.....p. 189

Collect.....Insert

OT Reading.....Insert

Gradual.....Insert

Epistle.....Insert

Alleluia.....p. 190

Holy Gospel.....Insert

Children’s Message

Nicene Creed.....p. 191

Hymn of the Day..... p. **693**

Sermon

Offertory.....p. 192-3

Offering

Prayer of the Church (*stand*)

Service of the Sacrament

Preface.....p. 194

Sanctus.....p. 195

Lord’s Prayer.....p. 196

Words of Our Lord.....p. 197

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei.....p. 198

Distribution Hymn..... p. **642**

Distribution Hymn.....p.

Nunc Dimittis..... p. 199-200

Collect.....p. 201

Salutation/Benedicamus

Benediction.....p. 202

Closing Hymn..... p. **842**