

Trinity Lutheran Church

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Proclaiming, Teaching and Living the Gospel of Christ!



Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 29 & 30, 2025



Welcome, children of our Heavenly Father!

I Cor.10:16 calls our eating and drinking of the sacramental bread and wine an actual sharing in the body and blood of Christ. As we share this gift of the Savior, we also seek to be faithful to the confession of the Apostles' Doctrine, which Scripture says was shared by those who received the sacrament together. For this reason, guests who desire to commune are kindly asked to speak to the pastor or an elder.



In our prayers: Evelyn Bauer, Missy Behrends (*cousin of Deb Chmielowiec*), Doris Benjamin (*mother of Jane*), Bernell Bohlmann, Lois Brenneisen, Cyndy Clapp, Benny Cruse (*grandson of Donna Ohrt*), Andrea Dewez (*friend of Sharon Dummer*), JoAnn Dickman, Violetta Donovan, Richard Hall (*nephew of Sharon Dummer*), Paul Johnson, Jeff & Jamie Jones (*friends of Kamber Johnston*), David Jubin, Tiffany Jubin (*close friends of Emma Kruse*), Gerald Kroesch, Don LaChappell, Gavin Lacy (*grand-nephew of Joe & Diane Hart*), Darcy Lind (*friend of Norma Bell*), Bonnie Matherly, Michael O'Connell (*step-father of Eric Meredith*), Donna Ohrt, Caleb Outerbridge, Adam Palmer (*son of Mary, friend of the quilting group*), Brian Plenert (*son-in-law of Don & Joanne LaChappell*), Chris Tanner (*nephew of Nancy Varboncoeur*), Willy Van Wassenhove, Jason Warpet (*cousin of Deb Chmielowiec*), Lorraine Whitwell, and Pastor Andrew Zobel.

For all those that our Savior knows are in need, and those we name privately before our Lord.

+ **ORDER OF WORSHIP—DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FOUR—LSB 203** +
+ **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** +

Hymn of Invocation: Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

LSB 421

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O Lord, keep a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- L** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

- C** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.
- C** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.
- L** The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins.
- C** Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

Introit (*Spoken responsively 1/2 verse by 1/2 verse*) Psalm 122:1–2, 6, 8; *antiphon: Isaiah 66:10a, 11a*

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;
 that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast.
 I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”
 Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!
 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
May they be secure who love you!
 For my brothers and companions’ sake
I will say, “Peace be within you!”
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
 Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;
 that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast.

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 49:8–13

⁸Thus says the LORD:

“In a time of favor I have answered you;
in a day of salvation I have helped you;
I will keep you and give you
as a covenant to the people,
to establish the land,

to apportion the desolate heritages,
⁹saying to the prisoners, ‘Come out,’
to those who are in darkness, ‘Appear.’

They shall feed along the ways;
on all bare heights shall be their pasture;
¹⁰they shall not hunger or thirst,
neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them,
for he who has pity on them will lead them,
and by springs of water will guide them.

¹¹And I will make all my mountains a road,
and my highways shall be raised up.

¹²Behold, these shall come from afar,
and behold, these from the north and from the west,
and these from the land of Syene.”

¹³Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;
break forth, O mountains, into singing!
for the LORD has comforted his people
and will have compassion on his afflicted.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual (*Saturday*)

Psalm 122:1, 7

A I was glad when they said to me,

C **“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”**

A Peace be within your walls

C **and security within your towers!**

Handbell Choir (*Sunday*): **If You But Trust in God to Guide You**

John A. Behnke

Second Reading

Acts 2:41–47

⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 6:1–15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ²And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. ³Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. ⁵Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸One of

his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

¹⁵Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: Jesus, Priceless Treasure

LSB 743

Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

**He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

After each petition

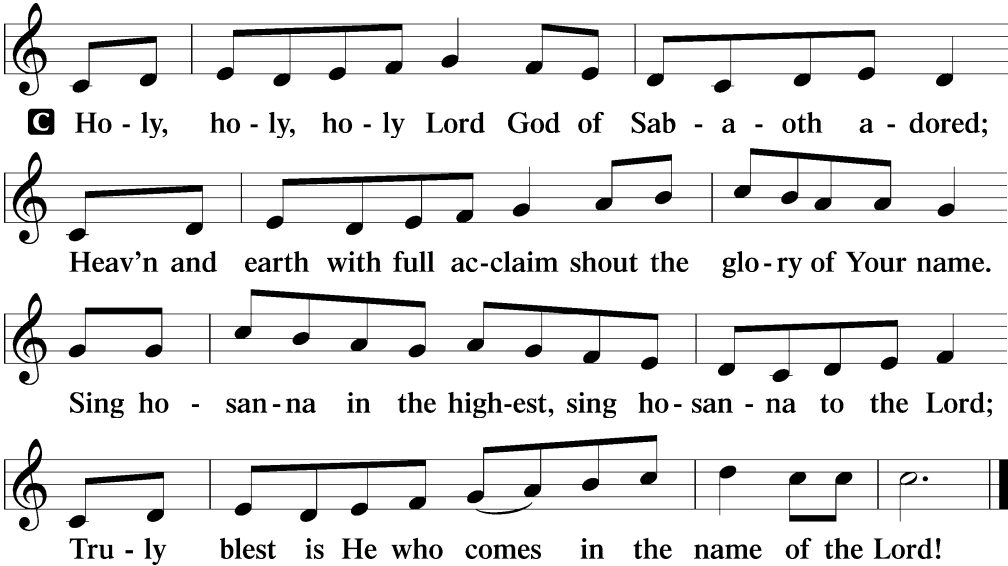
- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei



C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,

Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Sit

Distribution

- Distribution Hymn: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross** *LSB 425*
Distribution Hymn: If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee *LSB 750*
Distribution Hymn: We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died *LSB 429*

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in lead the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.
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.
- C** Amen.

Benedicamus

- A** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- P** 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.
- C** Amen.

Hymn to Depart: Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

LSB 711

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In Response to our Savior's Love

<u>Date/Weekend:</u>	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Sun.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Offerings:</u>	<u>Operating</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>All Other Funds</u>	
March 16 th	44	88	132		\$ 3,634.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 595.00	
Midweek March 19 th			51			\$ 334.00		
March 23 rd	57	108	165		\$ 5,190.00	\$ 445.00	\$ 65.00	
Midweek March 26 th			46			\$ 195.00		
Sunday School			30		\$ 13.00			
Bible Study	6	23	29					
Average amount needed weekly to meet current Operating expenses							\$ 5,800.00	
Average amount needed weekly to meet current Mission commitments							\$ 692.00	

*Complete financial reports are given at Quarterly Voters' Meetings usually held on the third Sundays of January, April, July, and October. **Please contact Diane in the church office if you need to pick up your 2025 envelopes, have offering envelopes issued or wish to be removed from the offering envelope list.***

LCMS Stewardship Ministry Stewardship Thoughts – March 30 – Lent 4

John 6:5 – “Jesus said to Philip, ‘Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?’” Why does Jesus ask Philip this question? Of course Jesus knows the answer already — He knows how He means to care for His people. The Lord provided, and He still provides. But *we* need to know this, and so Jesus gets Philip thinking about it. The knowledge that the Lord provides frees us for generosity without fear.

Announcements

Altar Flowers: While we refrain from placing flowers on the altar during Lent, we continue to celebrate the victory won for us by Jesus Christ.

Confirmands/Confirmand Parents: All information requested by Pastor Brown this past Thursday is due today. Thank you!

LWML Mites: Mite monies will be sent to the LWML at the end of March 31st. Please return your mites to either a Hannah Circle or Martha Circle member, bring to one of the meetings, or drop then in the office to add to the March Mites collections.

Trinity's Quilt Tying/Sewing Group will meet Tuesday, April 1st from 12:30-4:30pm.

The Altar Guild is taking orders for Easter Flowers, orders due this Wednesday, April 2nd. Yellow order forms with details along with a basket for your orders are available on the table in the Parish Hall. Lilies are \$19.00 each, Daffodils, Hyacinths, Mums & Tulips are \$15.00 each. **Orders with payment to Trinity Lutheran Church Altar Guild.** Questions may be directed to Jane Schaumburg or Heather Meredith.

Midweek Lenten Worship services continue Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Please join us. Pastor Brown and Pastor Wyeth of Zion, Bonfield are doing a pulpit rotation this Lenten season. This year's theme: The Seven Letters to the Seven Churches of Revelation.

Lenten Meager Meals: Meager Meals are served during Lent before worship on Wednesdays. Meals will be served in our Parish Hall from 5:30-6:45pm. A free will offering is taken. We welcome you to join us!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Meal</u>	<u>Prepared by</u>
04/02	Taco Bar	Circle of Friends
04/09	Italian Beef	Altar Guild

Easter Egg Hunt Donations: There is a bin in the Parish Hall with bags of Easter Eggs in it. Please feel free to take a bag of eggs, fill them with *wrapped candy* and return them to Sunday School for the egg hunt. The hunt will take place Easter Sunday at approximately 9:30am, after the Festival Worship Service. Thank you in advance!

LWML Spring Rally & Collections for Phil's Friends Care Packages: The LWML Spring Rally will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church-Herscher, Saturday, April 26, 2025. We will be the host and will be serving breakfast at 8:30am that day. The Rally begins at 9:00am. All the ladies of Trinity are invited. Volunteers are needed. Please see the purple flyer invitation posted in the Parish Hall. St. Paul's member, Sarah Cherry, will be presenting the program about their involvement in creating a place to prepare and ship care packages with Phil's Friends. Phil's Friends support Cancer patients. We will be packing boxes for Phil's Friends that day. For the next few weeks we will be collecting specific items needed for this project. There are information sheets in the Parish Hall. The back side has instructions if you would like to make/donate a fleece tie-blanket (40" x 60" when completed). ***Please note: LWML was informed that all blankets must be from a pet-free/smoke-free home as these are given to cancer patients and they do not want to affect their already compromised immune system.***



This week we are collecting: Puzzle Books; Hats (knitted, crocheted, baseball, etc.); Lip Balm along with Rolled Throw Blankets, Crocheted or Fleece-tied.

Exciting News! Church Photo Directory: At the last Council meeting it was decided that a committee be formed to create a new pictorial directory. 3 Congregation members and 1 Council member have already volunteered and begun some of the planning. There is room for more members and much help will be needed. If you are interested in volunteering to join this committee, please contact Cheryl Brutlag this week, text/call 815-922-7446. Volunteers will be needed for the sign-up process for our families.



Little Lambs: Registration is now open to the community. You may pick up an application in the parish hall, church office, or from any member of preschool staff. Alternately, you may download an application to print at home from the preschool website: littlelambsherscher.org/enrollment. Spots are filled in the order complete registrations are received.



Vacation Bible School – Epic Australian Adventure – June 2-6, 2025

We are excited and already preparing for Vacation Bible School 2025! **Student and volunteer online registration is now open!** 25 Students and 5 Volunteers have already registered online! Sign up to join the fun!!!! **Go to:** vbsmate.com/trinitylutheranherscheril You may contact our 2025 VBS Director, Heather Meredith with any questions. Phone/text: 815-573-1056 or Email: hmj8706@yahoo.com



Parish Hall & Kitchen Use/Maintenance: A reminder that the tables, chairs, counters, floors etc., in the Parish Hall should be cleaned up from food and other debris after each use. Please also check the restrooms for tidiness. Thank you!

Sermon Notes

This week at Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday 03/30	8:30am	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
	9:30am	Sunday School & High School Bible Study
	9:45am	Sunday Adult Bible Study
	3:00pm	Confirmation
Monday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
Tuesday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
	12:30-4:30pm	Quilt Tying/Sewing Group
Wednesday		<i>Easter Flower Orders Due</i>
	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
	5:00pm	Children's music rehearsal
	5:30pm	Meager Meal
	5:45pm	Handbell Choir rehearsal
	7:00pm	Mid-Week Lenten Worship
	7:45pm	Adult Vocal Choir rehearsal
Thursday	8:00am	Devotion on Facebook Live
Friday		
Saturday	4:00pm	Saturday Adult Bible Study
	5:00pm	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
Sunday 04/06	8:30am	<i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>
	9:30am	Sunday School & High School Bible Study
	9:45am	Sunday Adult Bible Study
	10:30am	Board of Education Meeting
	12:00pm	Bauer Baptism Bauer Parish Hall
	3:00pm	Confirmation

Serving the Lord Today

Pastor: Rev. Eric J. Brown

Director of Music: Paul Johnson

Elder/Communion:

*Jerry Brutlag (Sat.)
Jeremy Thurston (Sun.)*

*Usher Captain: Gerald Kruse (Sat.)
Dan Shute (Sun.)*

*Altar Guild: Donnette Meyer &
Donna Sharper*

Next Week:

*Jeremy Thurston (Sat.)
Mike Bruner (Sun.)
Van Schwark (Sat.)
Bill Orr (Sun.)*

*Bonnie Matherly,
Heather Meredith &
Jane Schaumburg*